



**Combined Fourth Meeting of Arabian Sea/Indian Ocean ATS Coordination Group (ASIOACG/8) and Indian Ocean Strategic Partnership to Reduce Emissions (INSPIRE/4) –**

**Melbourne, Australia 25<sup>th</sup> November – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**Agenda Item 9: [Update from ANSP on various initiatives]**

**Airport-Collaborative Decision Making in India**

(Presented by Airports Authority of India)

**SUMMARY**

Airports Authority of India has implemented **Airport-Collaborative Decision Making** IGI Airport, New Delhi. The A-CDM for Delhi has been termed Delhi Airport-CDM (DA-CDM). At Bangalore International Airport the A-CDM is being finalized. At CSI Airport Mumbai, A-CDM is under development.

**Relevant Strategic Objectives:**

*C: Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport – Foster harmonized and economically viable development of international civil aviation that does not unduly harm the environment*

**Global Plan Initiatives:**

- GPI-6 Air traffic flow management
- GPI-9 Situational awareness
- GPI-13 Aerodrome design and management
- GPI-14 Runway operations
- GPI-16 Decision support systems and alerting systems

**Aviation System Block Upgrade**

- B0-80 Improved Airport Operations through CDM

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Delhi Airport - Collaborative Decision Making (DA-CDM) undertaken at IGI Airport is a joint programme among all airport partners –
- a) Air Navigation Service Provider (ATC)
  - b) Airline Operators (AO)
  - c) Delhi International Airport Pvt. Limited (DIAL)
  - d) Ground Handlers (GH)

e) Support services (CISF, Customs and Immigration, Air Force Movement Liaison Unit, etc.)

f) Air Traffic Flow Management Unit (ATFMU) [in the near future].

- 1.2 The Mumbai Airport- Collaborative Decision Making is being developed entirely in house by ATC Team of Mumbai airport. Beta version of the Mumbai A-CDM is under trial. Information is available to all airport users from industry including airlines, airport operator and Movement Liaison Unit of Indian Air Force to achieve situational awareness among all stake holders. Today in its first phase, the system works as a stand-alone system. In the subsequent phases, the Mumbai A-CDM will be integrated with ATM automation system and airport Operational Control Centre.
- 1.3 At Bangalore International Airport A-CDM is likely to commence with effect from January 2014. At Kolkata airport also, implementation of A-CDM underway.

## 2 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 All the partners work in close collaboration to ensure the successful operation of DA-CDM. IGI Airport New Delhi is the first Airport in India to have successfully implemented **Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM)**. It has been developed completely in-house by ATC Delhi teamed with IT department of M/s Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) IT. DA-CDM has been implemented on 5th June 2013. The primary objective of DA-CDM is to facilitate the sharing of operational data for a better informed, well planned and transparent decision making to ensure more precise overall operational processes. It leads to an optimized utilization of resources; an efficient turn round process and everyone has a common awareness of the situation.
- 2.2 The efficiency of the Air Transport System is highly dependent on traffic predictability. DA-CDM effectively enhances predictability (this reduces buffer times for resource planning and flight times), overall efficiency and punctuality by linking and sharing of accurate and timely information amongst Airlines, Airport Operator, ATC, etc.
- 2.3 DA-CDM Cell has been established in AOCC to operate on 24x7 basis for day-to-day issues. Steering Committee of DA-CDM meets every month to discuss tactic and future strategic planning and its implementation.
- 2.4 All the time parameter acronyms have standard length of four characters like TOBT, TSAT, TTOT and have the same meaning for all the DA-CDM partners. These terms are in line with Eurocontrol A-CDM Manual.
- 2.5 The business rules for the airlines, ground handlers have been kept as simple as possible and easy to follow. For further details on business rules and other information AIP Supplement No 21/2013 is attached.
- 2.6 A long of period of rigorous trials have preceded the implementation of DA-CDM. The business rules for TOBT, TSAT and TTOT etc were primarily developed by ATC Delhi and the IT platform was developed by DIAL teamed with ATC Delhi. All other stake holders were taken on board the project to participate and contribute during developmental phases of DA-CDM.

2.7 The DA-CDM was formally launched on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013, followed by publication of AIP Supplement No. 21/2013 and DGCA Air Transport Circular 2 of 2013. Effective 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013, the slot cancellation for the non-compliant flights have also started.

2.8 Effective Winter 2013, the Fog-CDM cell of ATC Delhi has been integrated with DA-CDM to achieve harmony of slot allocation during post-fog departure periods.

**2.9 LIMITATIONS**

2.9.1 General Aviation flights and military flights are being encouraged and sensitized to join DA-CDM to input TOBTs.

2.9.2 Many slots are consumed by helicopter movements. Slots used by helicopters have to be adjusted by ATC.

2.9.3 Actual and suspected bird hits require Runway inspection which results in a waste of 3-4 slots per event.

2.9.4 While AMAN is functional, DMAN is being procured and would be coupled with AMAN and integrated with A-SMGCS for better recording of time stamps.

2.9.5 CTOT is not yet taken into account. With ATFM in place soon, CTOT would also be considered.

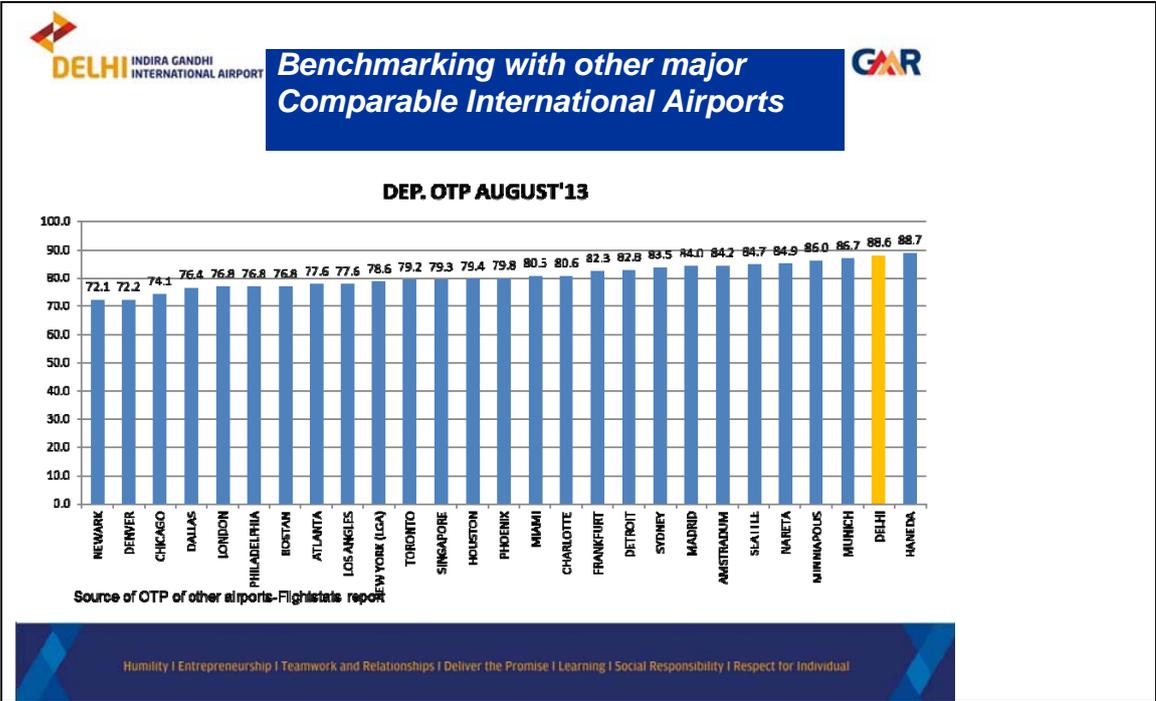
2.9.6 Redundancy in the provision of broadband connections from different operators is being worked out to reduce connection downtime at ATC.

2.9.7 Sometimes partners fill imprecise timings. Day-to-day issues are resolved by DA-CDM Cell which has been opened in AOCC with 24x7 including ATC.

**2.10 BENEFITS**

2.10.1 The On-Time-Performance (OTP) of airlines at Delhi airport has improved tremendously. The following graphs highlight the success of DA-CDM





And duly recognized by media also




## The Washington Post

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The world's most reliable major airports are in Japan and its least reliable are in China, according to a new study on flight departure times by the company FlightStats. The report looked at dozens of the world's highest-traffic airports, examining thousands of flights from each during the month of June to see how frequently they left on time. The more likely a flight from that airport was to leave on time, the better the airport could be said to perform.....

..... One interesting case is New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International. It's big, moving about as much traffic as Newark or London Gatwick, but managed a higher on-time score than both: an impressive 84.28 percent. Only 1 percent of New Delhi departures were cancelled. India is often described as having poor infrastructure compared to the West, while China's infrastructure is often praised as a big success story. Broadly speaking, that might be true, but Indira Gandhi International is a nice counterfactual, proof that sometimes Indian infrastructure can outperform much of the world's.

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### 3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

#### 3.1 The meeting is invited to Note

- a) the implementation of DA-CDM at IGI airport which could serve as a model for ASIOACG ANSPs and other airports in APAC region.
- b) discuss the limitations and possible solutions.

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