

## AAI bags the top International IHS Janes ATC Award 2014 and achieves a hat-trick .

AAI won the prestigious IHS JANES ATC AWARD 2014 Award for its collaborative program in establishing the Arabian Sea-Indian Ocean UPR Geographic Zone through ASIOACG under the Service Provision category in Madrid, Spain on 3<sup>rd</sup> march 2014, adding to its Jane's ATC Award in 2012 and the twin ATC Global Awards in 2013 & thereby completing a unique hat-trick.



{From left to right: Thabani Mthiyane, CEO of ATNS South Africa Margaret Staib, CEO Airservices Australia and V Somasundaram, Board Member ANS, Airports Authority of India. (IHS Jane's/Patrick Allen)}

The member Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) of the Arabian Sea Indian Ocean ATS Coordination Group (ASIOACG), working with the airline industry, have established a User Preferred Route (UPR) Geographic Zone leading to safety, efficiency and environmental benefits. The Arabian Sea-Indian Ocean UPR Geographic Zone was launched in October 2013 with trials in mid-2013 indicating a potential annual CO<sub>2</sub> savings of 10,000 tonnes. ASIOACG comprises the ANSPs of Australia, India, Kenya, Madagascar, the Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

**In addition, Airports Authority of India was also shortlisted for its nomination - Operational efficiency improvements in high-density airspace around Mumbai and Delhi along with Eurocontrol, Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) - Shared ATS System & Nav Canada - Windsor-Toronto-Montreal WTM project.**