



Media Statement

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ATNS Airspace Infringement Workshop at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport

Mbombela, Mpumalanga Province – Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS) proudly concluded its series of Airspace Infringement Awareness Campaigns (AIAC) with a highly successful workshop at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport (KMIA). This event marked the final engagement of the 2024/2025 Financial Year, reinforcing ATNS' commitment to enhancing airspace safety and situational awareness.

The workshop featured a meet-and-greet session with KMIA management, followed by an interactive afternoon workshop with the Nelspruit general aviation community. This platform allowed pilots, air traffic controllers, and industry representatives to voice their concerns and propose solutions. A key issue raised was the procedural approach operation at KMIA, which has been causing delays. In response, the AIAC team announced the implementation of surveillance approach services, a development welcomed with enthusiasm by all stakeholders.

This intensive workshop aligns with ATNS' safety promotion strategy, addressing the operational and regulatory challenges posed by airspace infringements. By engaging with general aviation and drone pilots, ATNS strengthens industry collaboration and enhances compliance within controlled airspace. These campaigns are integral to ATNS' mandate of improving airspace safety and situational awareness, and they support ongoing efforts to integrate emerging aviation technologies, such as drones, into airspace management.

The workshop also provided valuable data to inform future airspace safety initiatives. In the third quarter of the past Financial Year, the AIAC team engaged with airspace users at Grand Central, Rand, and Wonderboom Airports, discussing various safety-related topics, including Controller-Pilot Relations, Communication and Information Accessibility, Radio Frequency issues, and updates on Instrument Flight Procedures (IFPs).

ATNS remains dedicated to fostering a safer and more efficient airspace environment through continuous engagement and collaboration with all aviation stakeholders.

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