

# Airports preparedness for the Airport Collaborative Decision Making (ACDM) Implementation

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**What is ACDM**

**Why we need ACDM?**

**Who should Implement it?**

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A- CDM expert with experience in:

- ATC Operations
- A-CDM program establishment
- A-CDM program implementation



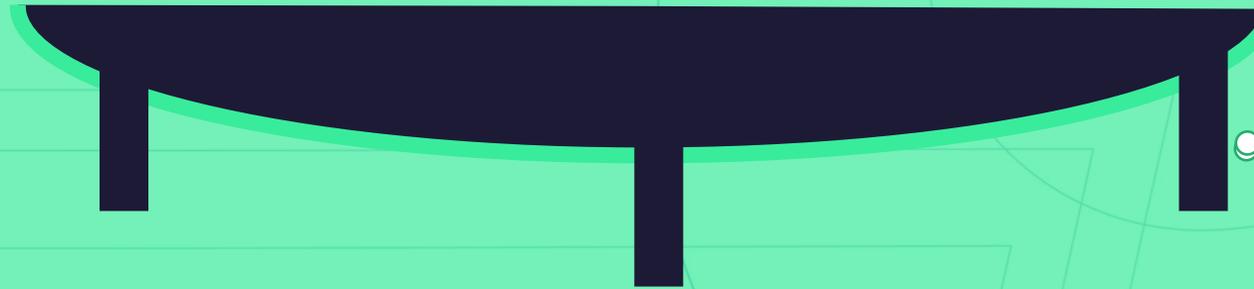
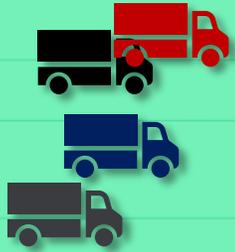
# What is A-CDM

# We've all seen this before.....

Gate 22

Gate 23

Gate 24



I am going to  
be late.....

# What are the indicators?



No optimal use of infrastructure



Not using all available data



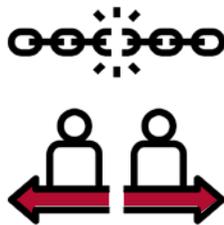
Being reactive rather than proactive



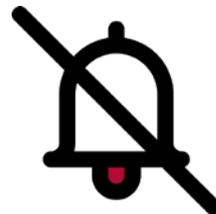
Keeping our operations to ourselves



We have a blaming culture



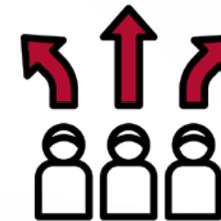
Information & organization silos



Incomplete situational awareness



Buffering of planning



Lack of procedures among partners

# What are the indicators?



- How often do aircraft arrive, and then have to hold on the taxiway/apron waiting for their gate to be available?
- Result:
  - Taxiway/apron congestion
  - Wasted fuel burn
  - CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

# What are the indicators?



Incomplete  
situational awareness

- GHA ground crews do not know when aircraft will actually arrive or depart the parking location?
- Result:
  - Sub-optimal planning for resources such as
    - GSE
    - Staff
    - Staff scheduling

# What are the indicators?



Buffering of  
planning

- Airlines do not know how long a sector will take as they must plan expecting delays-
- Result:
  - Airlines include buffers in their schedule to accommodate delay- Buffers increase fuel usage
  - ATC expects taxiway congestion during peaks – traffic is spaced to accommodate the delay- Buffers increase fuel usage
  - GHA expect that aircraft may arrive early or depart late- resources are planned around the longer time- Buffers increase resource requirement

# Who knows the plan?

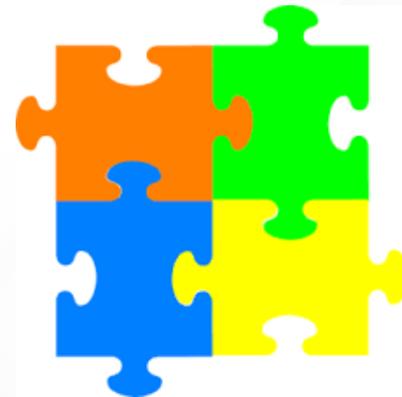
- Airport & ATC do not know when an aircraft is ready for pushback
  - Ground handler & Airline know
- Airlines do not know when aircraft will receive start up clearance
  - ATC know
- Airport & GHA know ETA only when aircraft is close to the stand
  - Airline & ATC know well in advance



# But together there is a complete picture...

Situational awareness

Sample Situations	Airlines	ATC	Ground handler	Airport
Aircraft is ready for pushback	Know	Do not know	Know	Do not know
Aircraft receive start up clearance	Do not know	Know	Do not know	Do not know
Aircraft Estimated Time Arrival (ETA)	Do not know	Know	Do not know	Do not know
Parking Stand	Do not know	Do not know	Do not know	Know



# No common language

Do we have a common language?

- What is estimated time arrival (ETA)?
  - ATC Area Control Center: arrival time on Terminal Control Area entry
  - ATC Tower Control: landing time on runway
  - Ground handler / Airport / Airline: arrival time on stand
- What is estimated time departure (ETD)?
  - ATC Tower Control: take off time
  - Ground handler / Airport / Airline : pushback from stand

# Missing and/or inaccurate Information

- Changes to Estimated Off-Block Time (EOBT) in flight plan are not updated by Airlines, despite knowledge of delay
- Taxi time calculated based on standard taxi times
- Many flights plan the same EOBT even though capacity cannot accommodate this
- Take off time unpredictable due to large holding queue

# What could we do?

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What if we shared and planned together?

- **Airport** could resolve gate conflicts in advance, improve passenger experience
- **Ground handlers** could deploy resources more efficiently
- **ATC** could determine departure sequence earlier.
  - Traffic congestion can be managed in a better way.
  - aircraft holding at stand instead of taxiway, save fuel.
- **Pilot** would know in advance when to start engines
- **Airline OCC** could plan for un-forecast fleet impacts earlier

# Airport CDM is a way to resolve operational inefficiencies

## A-CDM will improve...

Situational awareness



Operational predictability

Stakeholder Decision making



Infrastructure use

Resources use



# Summary

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- All stakeholders are confronted with operational inefficiencies.
- Working in a silo environment can result in sub-optimal decision making.
- There is a need and benefit to collaborate and achieve optimal decision making, and optimal use of resources
- A-CDM provides mitigation and allows operational stakeholders to work in a more efficient way

# What is A-CDM

# Putting it simply

**Right information**



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**Right People**



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**Right time**



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**Right Decision**



# Putting it simply

**When all this comes  
Together.....**



# Putting it simply

So, what is the Airport-CDM concept?

Aims to

- Improve the overall efficiency of airports
- Focus on turn around process



# Simple architecture

Landing time (ALDT)

In-block time (AIBT)

Target Off-block Time (TOBT)

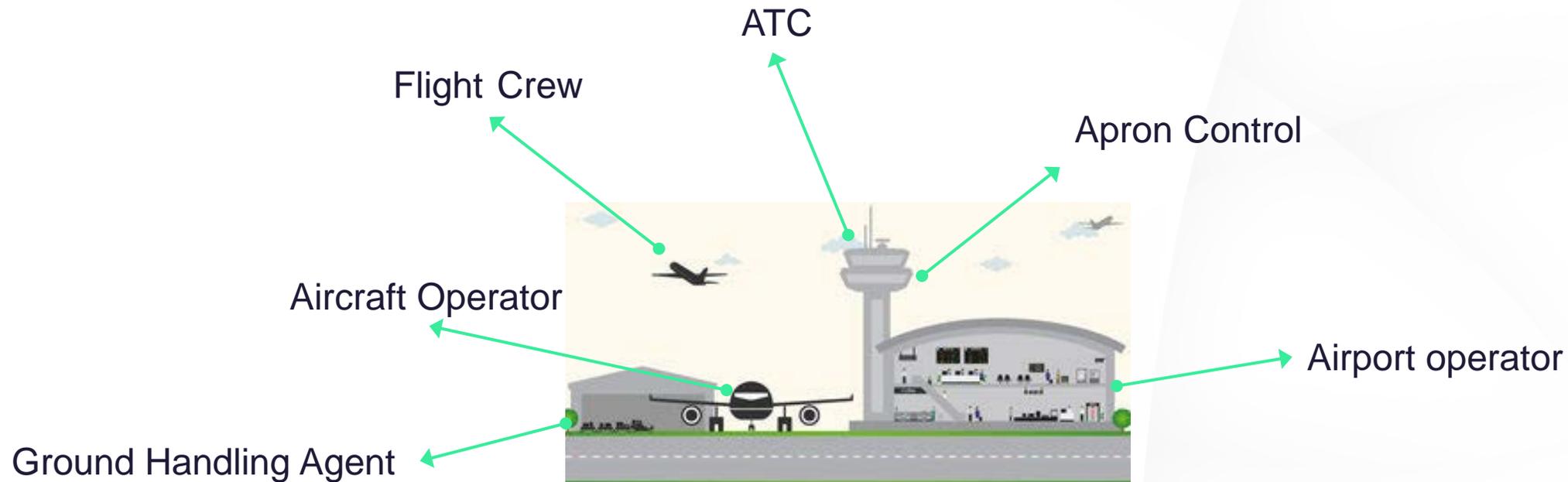
Target Start Approval Time (TSAT)



# Airport-CDM Partners

Every one must participate.

Cultural change



# Other users

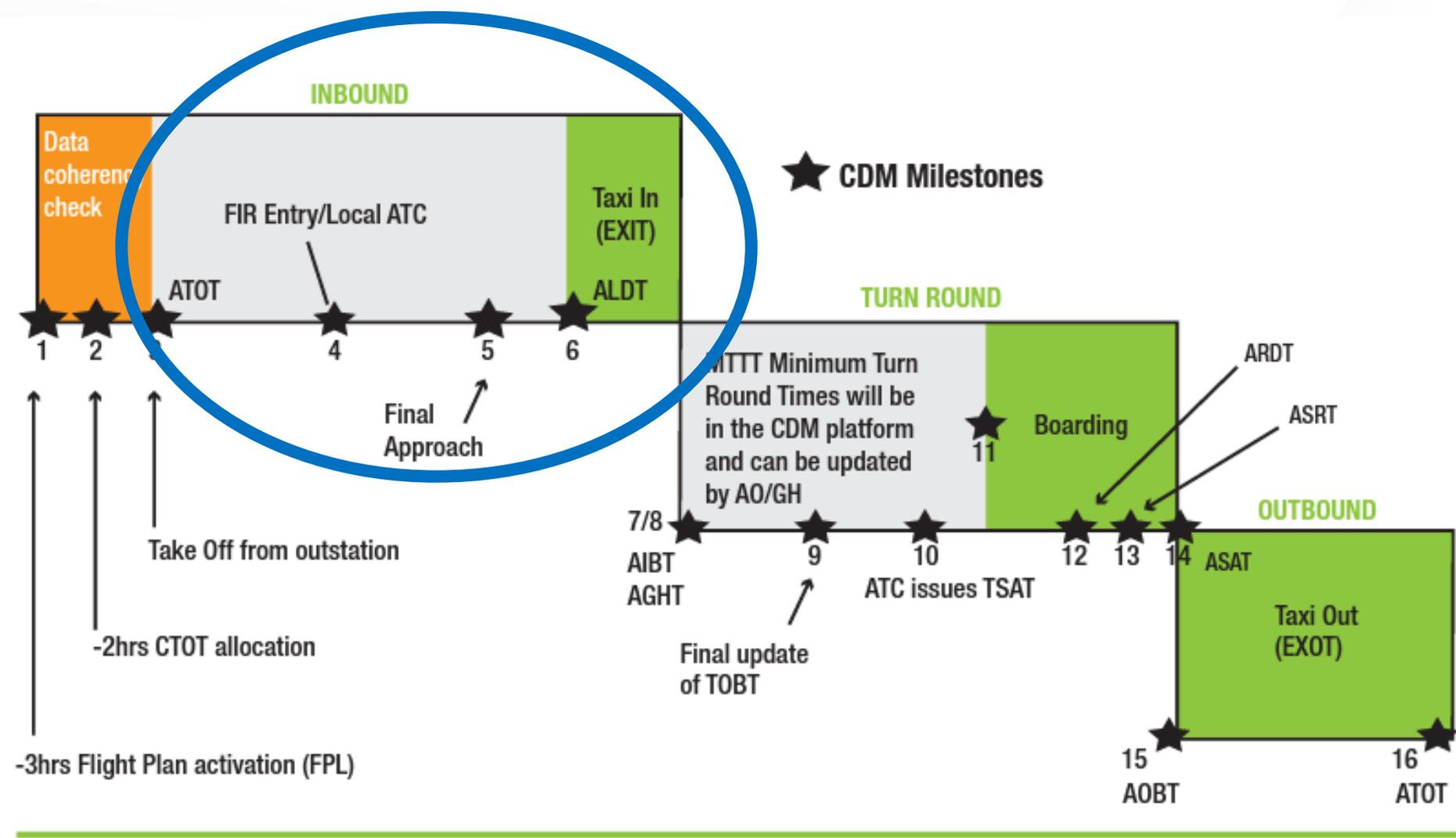
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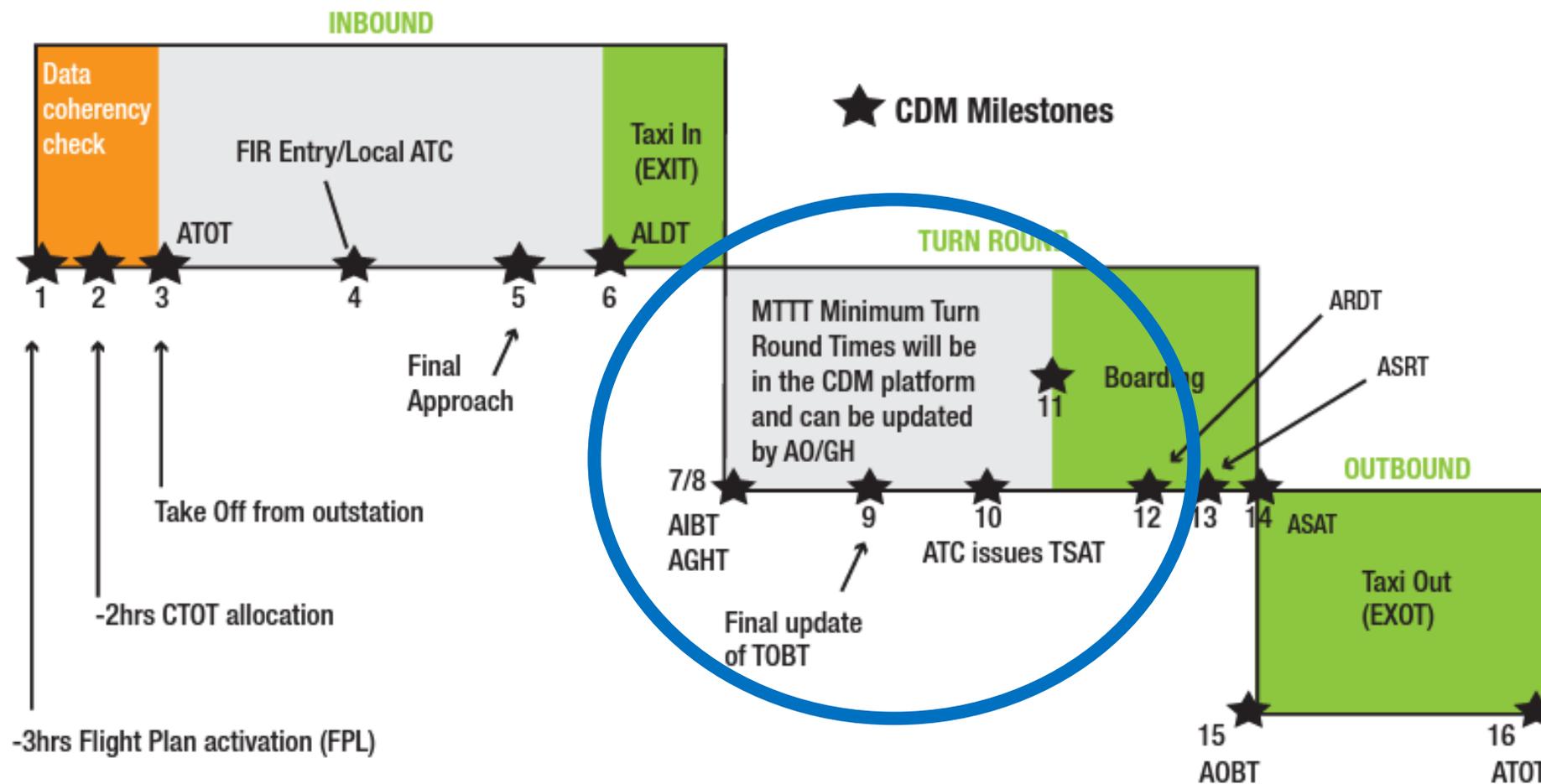
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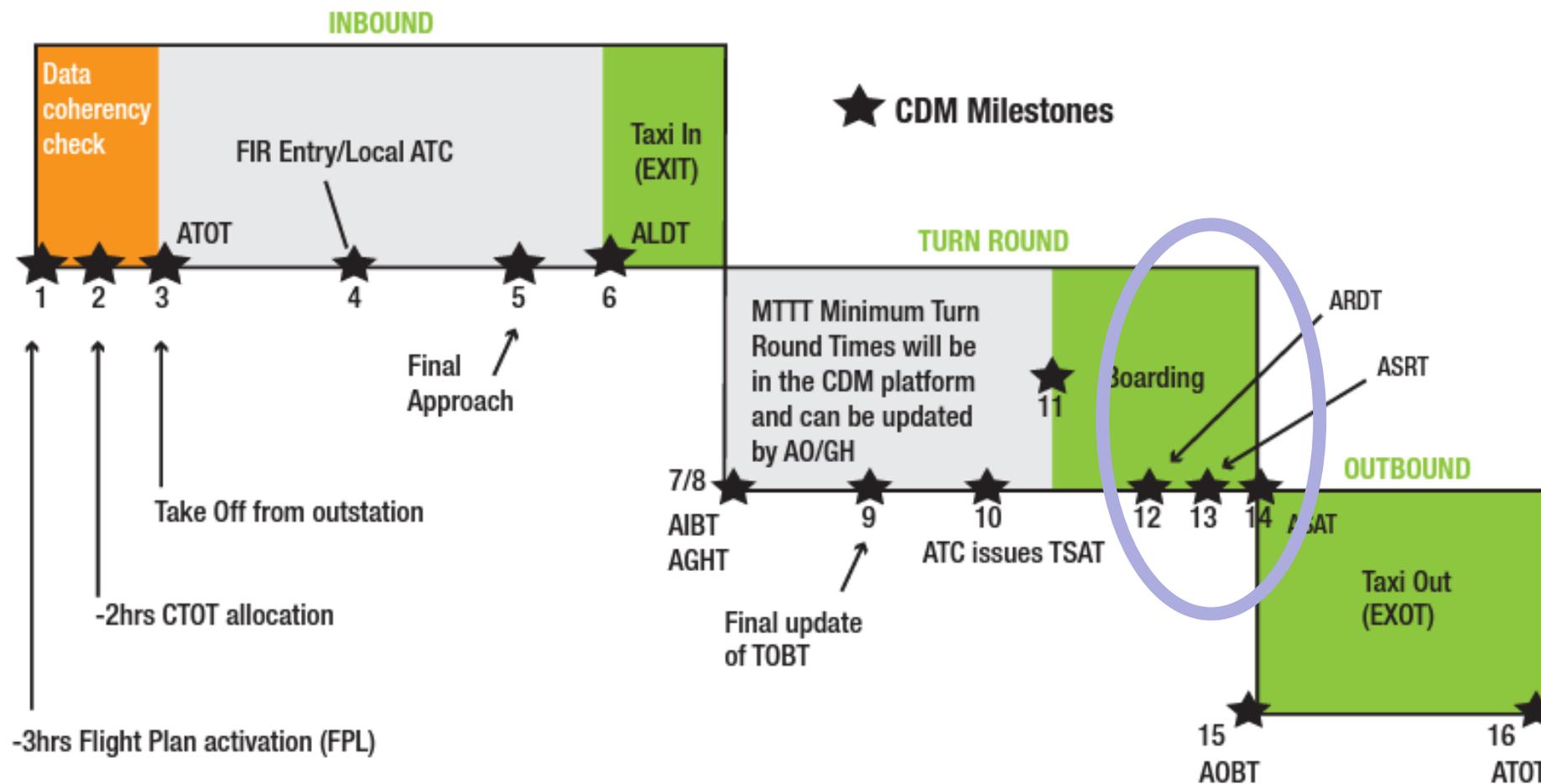
# Milestone approach ANSP/ATC



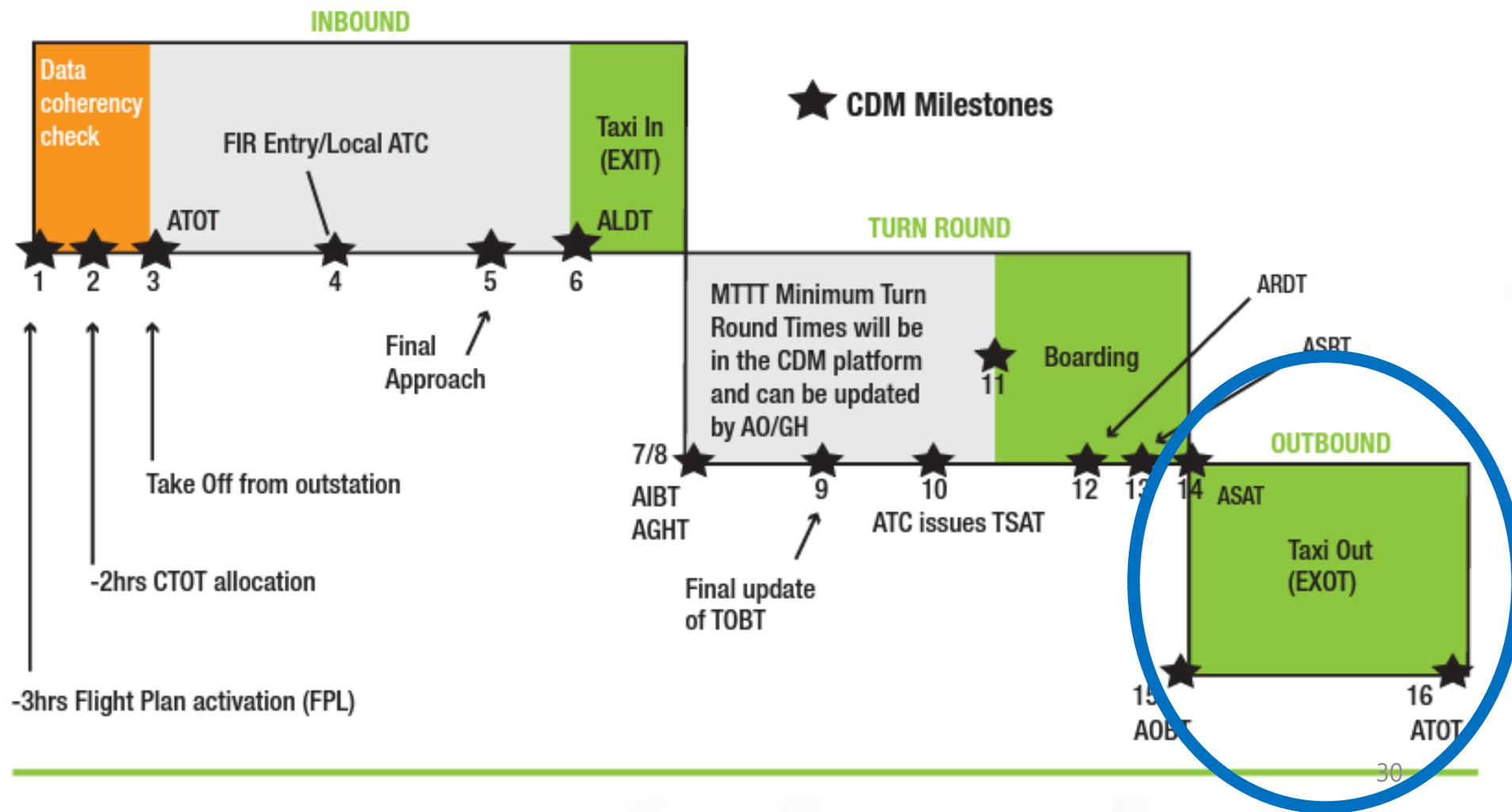
# Milestone approach Ground Handling



# Milestone approach Airline



# Milestone approach ANSP/ATC



# Combination of Business Rules and Technology



# Why we need ACDM?

# Ground Handler benefits

- Predictability of operations
- Resources management
- Minimise impact of delays
- Optimise turn-round time
- Improve staff engagement



# Aircraft operator benefits

- Improve predictability of operations and meet OTP
- Improve airline resources
- Minimise impact of delays
- Optimise turn-round time
- Improve staff involvement



# Airport operator benefits

- Optimise infrastructure usage
- Improve public information data quality
- Reduce and remove late stand and gate changes
- Meet airport slot obligations
- Improve operational staff involvement
- Reduce emissions at the airport

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# Network benefits

## Network Operations

- Balance Demand and Capacity

## ANSP's

- Runway Throughput
- Less queuing
- Improve staff involvement



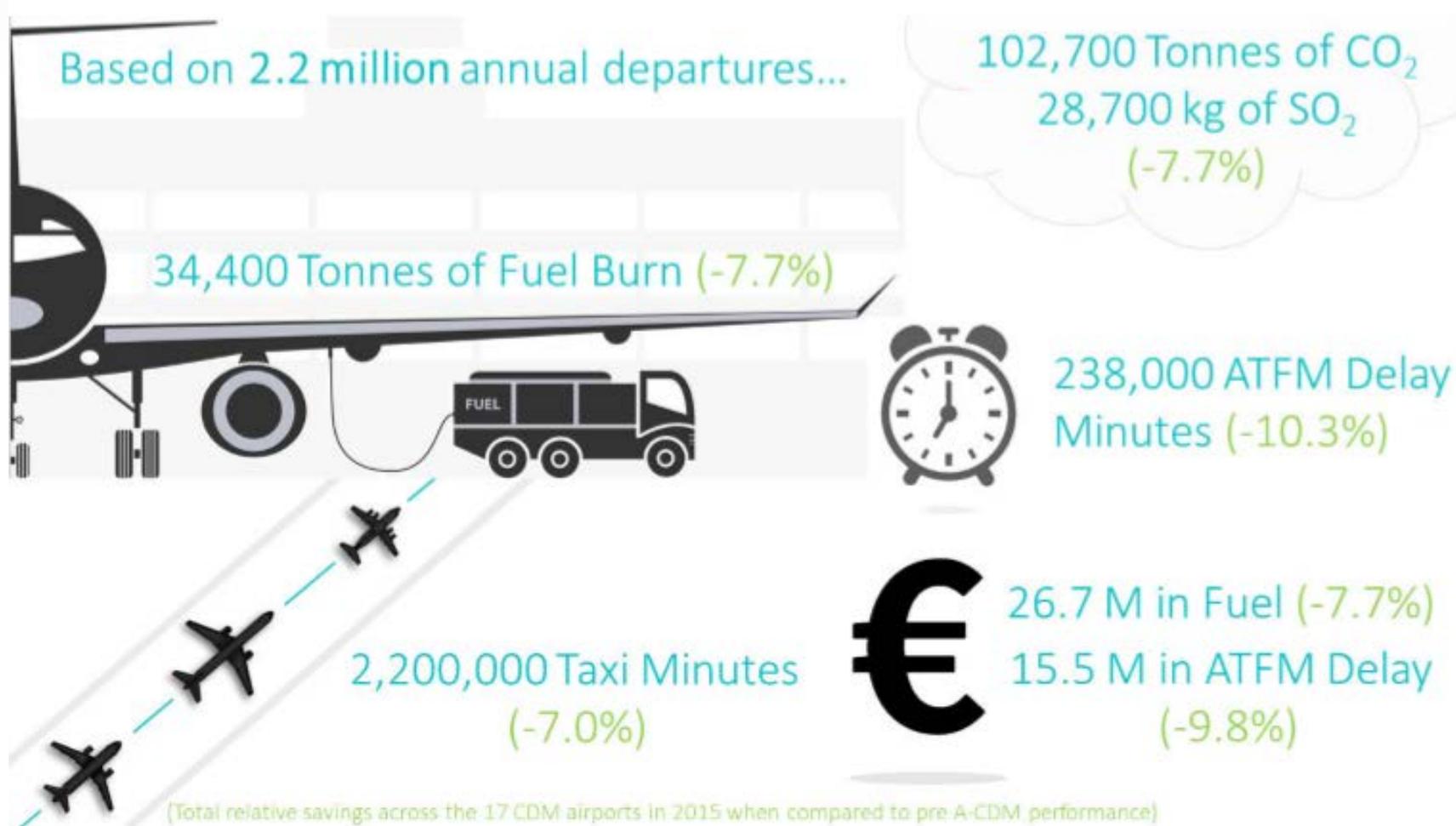
# Passenger benefits

A better customer experience

- Predictability
- Less delay



# Benefits in figures



Source - Eurocontrol

# Who should Implement it?

# When should A-CDM be implemented?

The ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan recommends:

## **ACDM-B0/1 - Airport CDM Information Sharing (ACIS)**

The primary purpose of this element is to generate common situational awareness, which will foster improved decision making within aerodromes, by sharing relevant surface operations data among the local stakeholders involved in aerodrome operations.

## **ACDM-B0/2 - Integration with ATM Network function**

This element enriches A-CDM operations with enhanced arrival information from the ATM network and, at the same time, benefits network operations by sharing more accurate departure information.

# Who should implement ACDM?

## Conduct Research

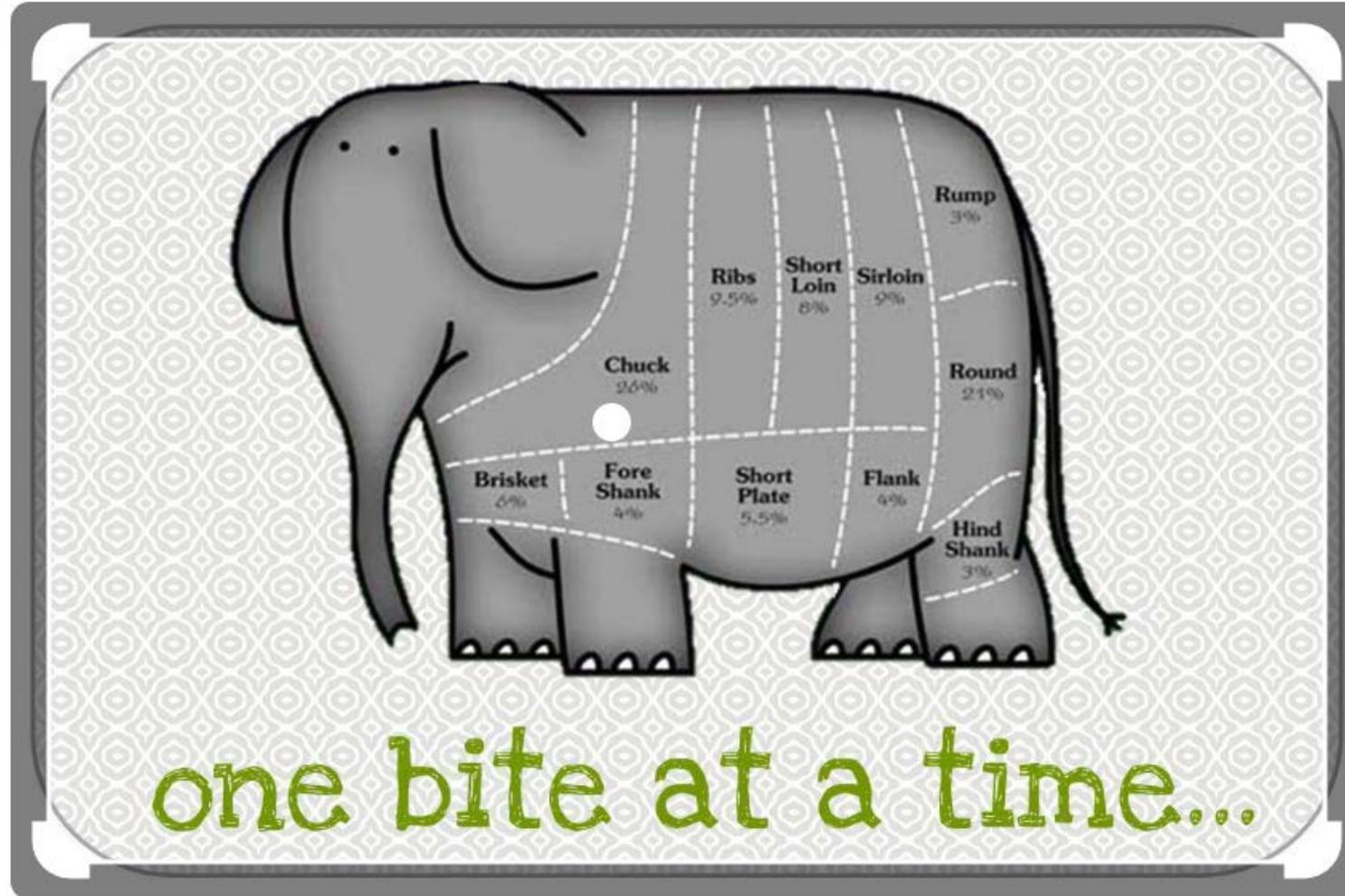
- Obtain a copy of the Eurocontrol A-CDM implementation Manual and read it from cover to cover
- Consult with organisations who have already implemented ACDM
- Read guidance material
  - [ACI Manual Airport Collaborative Decision-Making and Total Airport Management Handbook](#)
  - [ACDM Key Performance Measures](#)
  - [CANSO Guide to ACDM ATFM integration](#)
  - [ACDM Optimisation](#)

# Who should implement ACDM?

Understand the motivation of each of your stakeholders,

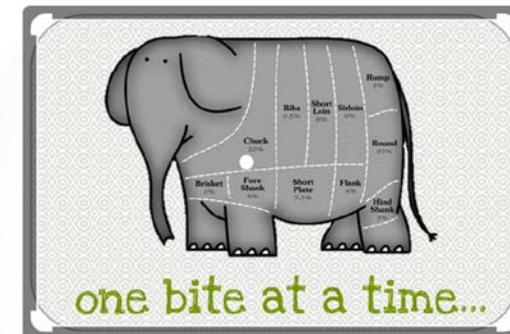
- Consider the best model for your situation
  - ANSP lead initiative
  - Airport led initiative

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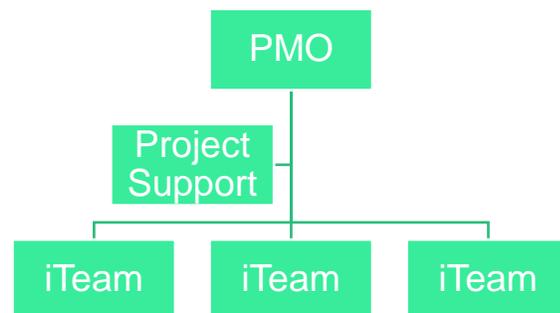
- Initiate the program
- Conduct a feasibility study
  - Conduct a Gap Analysis
  - Develop a Cost Benefit Analysis
  - Make a Business Case
- Prepare for implementation
- Procure systems
- Implement procedures and systems
- Review operation



# First Steps Workshop

Now that you have a plan and business case for ACDM...

- Sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with all Stakeholders
- Create a Program Management Office

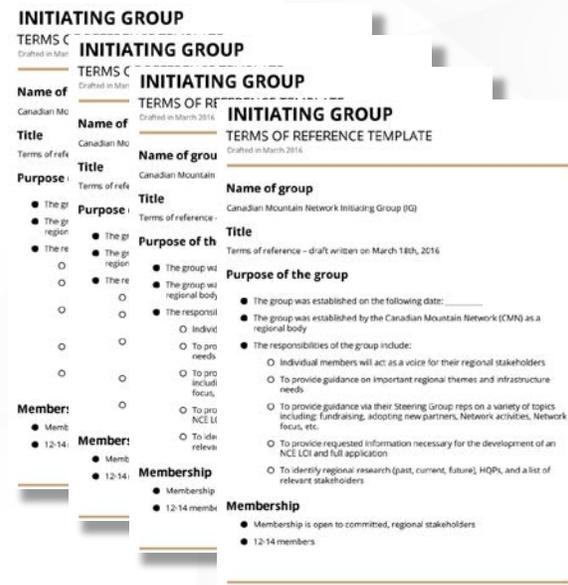


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Establish a Governance model

- Develop the Terms of Reference (TORs) for supporting workgroups.
  - Steering Board
  - Project Implementation Team
  - Performance Team
  - Change Management Team



# Summary

Planning, establishing buy-in and good education processes for both Management and Operations staff at all stakeholder organisations will provide the best results

ACDM is not a technology system  
It is a Cultural Change

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**THANK YOU**