Air Connectivity between Africa and Central America/Caribbean



Accra, Ghana



The African Union has approved the following definition of the African Diaspora: "The African Diaspora consists of peoples of African origin living outside the continent, irrespective of their citizenship and nationality and who are willing to contribute to the development of the continent and the building of the African Union."

The Global African Diaspora Summit took place on 25 May 2012 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa under the theme "Towards the Realisation of a United and Integrated Africa and its Diaspora". The goal of the meeting was to explore concrete ways and means of harnessing the abundant human and material resources in Africa and beyond, to advance the Socio-economic development of the Continent, in close and sustainable partnership with the African Diaspora.



The Global Diaspora Summit was the culmination of a worldwide dialogue process among Africans on the continent and the Diaspora on the content, programs and plan of action for the AU's Diaspora program. The outcome of the various consultations were consolidated by three African Diaspora Ministerial Conferences between 2007 and 2012 into a Draft Declaration to be considered by the Summit.

Non-Member States of the Union included Argentina, The Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, U.S.A., Uruguay and Venezuela outside Africa. The opening session was attended by, as an Eminent person from the African Diaspora, the Right Honorable Samuel Hinds, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guyana on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM),



The Global Diaspora Summit concluded with the adoption of the historic Declaration, including its Programme of Action, Implementation mechanism and flagship or legacy projects. (see attachment) In the area of economic cooperation, we commit to the following

- Take concrete measures that would promote and sustain linkages between AU and the Diaspora in the following priority areas: trade and investment, science and technology, travel and tourism, communication and transportation infrastructure, energy, information and communication technology and cultural industries;
- a) Agree to establish multi-stakeholder working groups comprising the AU, CARICOM and representative from the Diaspora in the following priority areas: Economic Cooperation (including infrastructure, sea and air links, trade and investment, and travel and tourism);





Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO) of the African Union Commission completed high-level discussions with representatives of the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) and the Caribbean Pan African Network (CPAN) on critical areas to strengthen the relationship between the African Union and the African Diaspora community in the Caribbean, in Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago on 5 December 2015. The High-level Caribbean diplomatic officials, including Dr. Edward Carrington, former Secretary-General of CARICOM and Ambassador Patrick Edwards, former Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago to the African Union, pledged to implement the Declaration of Sandton



Peter Tosh: African

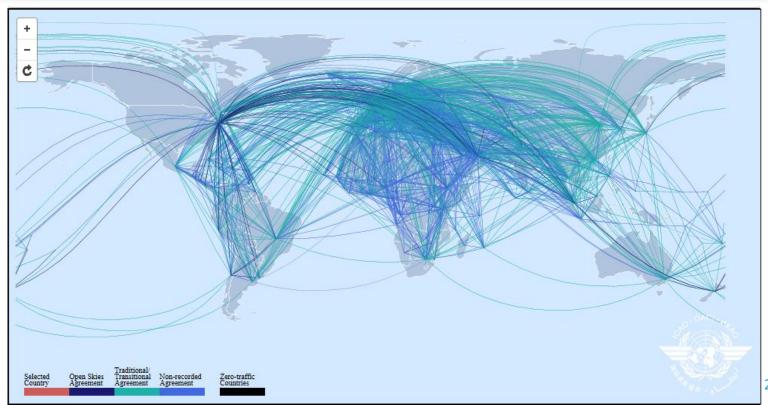
No matter where you come from, as long as you are a black man, you're an African

No matter your nationality as well as your identity, you're an African





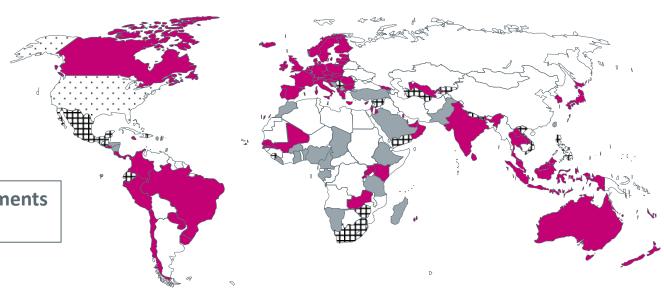






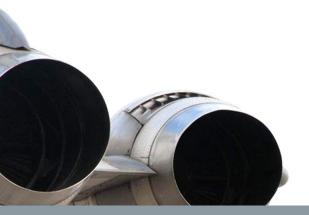
- States which signed open skies agreements with both the US and third countries
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- States which signed open skies agreements with the third countries only

Over 400 Open Skies Agreements involving 146 States





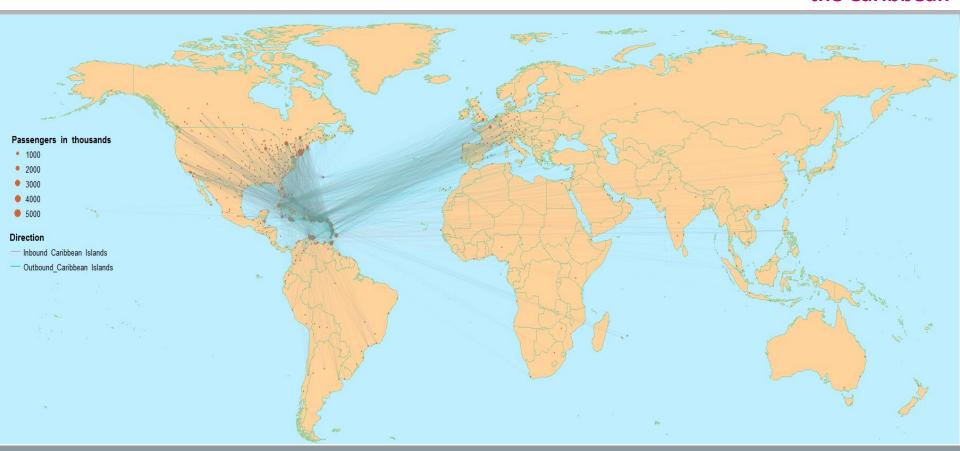
Preliminary Results of Air Connectivity of Caribbean Islands





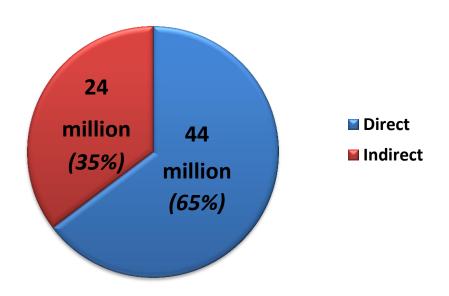
ICAO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Origin and Destinations city-pairs to/from the Caribbean





Caribbean Islands Passengers in 2015 (in millions)



67.95 million passengers travelled to/from the Caribbean Islands

Passenger traffic from/to Caribbean Islands

Traffic Originating from Caribbean Islands

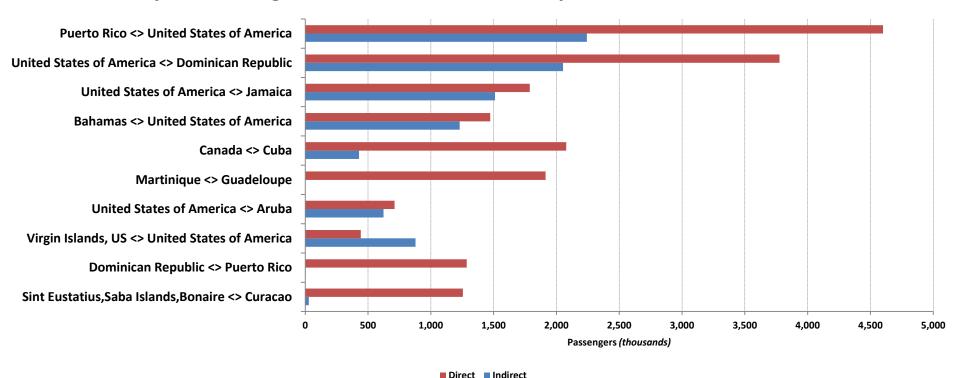
Destination	Total	% of Traffic Originating from Caribbean Islands	Direct	Indirect
North America	17,122,111	50.3%	10,406,027	6,716,084
Caribbean Islands	8,798,375	25.9%	7,552,429	1,245,946
Europe	4,643,696	13.6%	2,380,787	2,262,909
Latin America(Excluding Caribbean Islands)	3,161,400	9.3%	1,637,245	1,524,155
Asia/Pacific	155,153	0.5%	215	154,938
Africa	87,624	0.3%	1,357	86,267
Middle East	60,478	0.2%	0	60,478

Traffic Destined to Central Caribbean Islands

Origin	Total	% of Traffic Destined to Caribbean Islands	Direct	Indirect
North America	17,215,865	50.7%	10,257,305	6,958,560
Caribbean Islands	8,798,375	25.9%	7,552,429	1,245,946
Europe	4,252,425	12.5%	2,549,722	1,702,703
Latin America(Excluding Caribbean Islands)	3,204,467	9.4%	1,619,912	1,584,555
Asia/Pacific	257,452	0.8%	0	257,452
Africa	124,575	0.4%	2,258	122,317
Middle East	71,079	0.2%	0	71,079

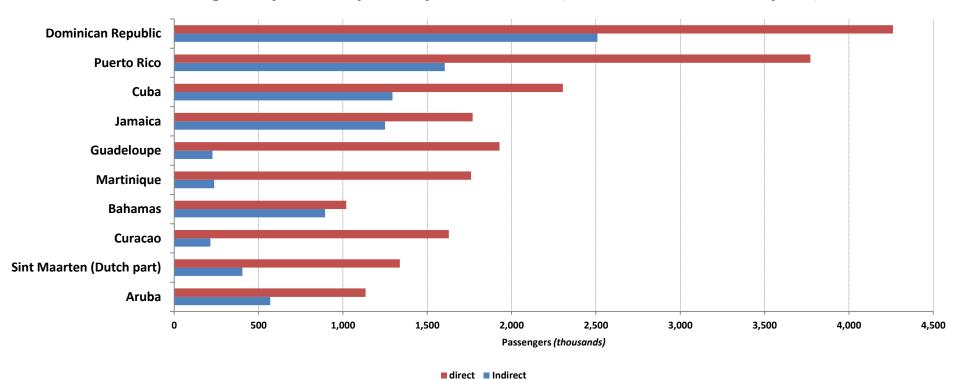


Top 10 Passenger Routes in 2015 with the split of direct/indirect traffic



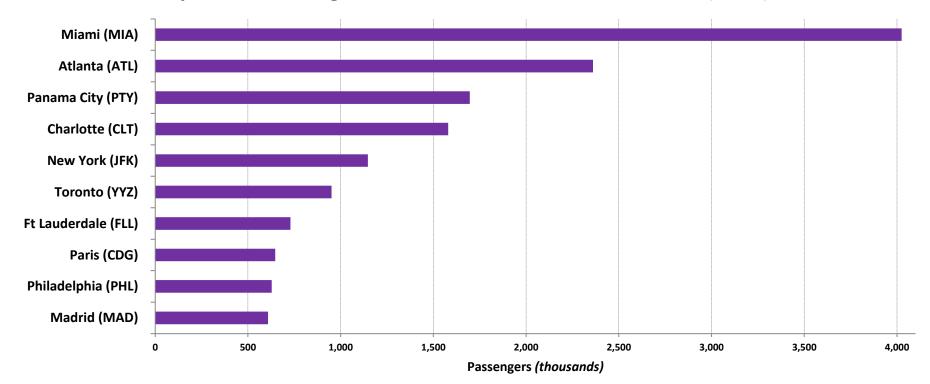


Passengers by Country of Departure 2015 (Caribbean Islands Top 10)



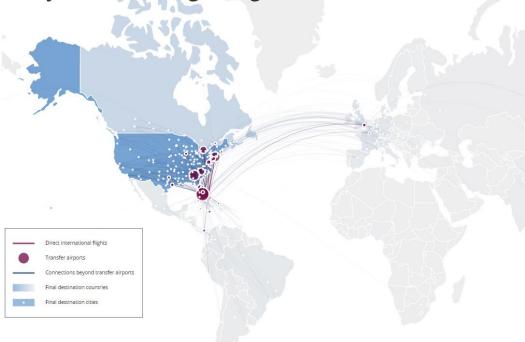


Top 10 Connecting Hubs to/from the Caribbean Islands (2015)





Major air traffic originating from The Bahamas in 2015



- 103 direct nonstop routes from The Bahamas
- 2,907 O&D city pairs with 773 different connections



Air Connectivity in Small Island States in the Caribbean

Tourism in Small Islands States

Importance of tourism to Small Island States

Tourism is one of the few activities for which their location, natural and cultural resources, are a strong competitive advantage for Small Island States.

Significant tourism growth in Small Island States

The number of international tourists visiting Small Island States destinations increased from 28 million in 2000 to 41 million in 2013.

Air connectivity is critical to fostering tourism growth

A critical contributor to the economy of Small Island States

Tourism accounts for over one quarter of the GDP in at least seven Small Island States and represents 9% of the overall exports (US\$ 61 billion).

Source: UNWTO, ICAO

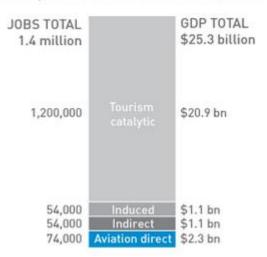
Air Connectivity in the Caribbean





Jobs and GDP generated by Air Transport in Small Islands in 2014

Total jobs and GDP generated by air transport in Small Island States, 2014



Direct, indirect, induced and tourism economic contribution of the aviation sector

1.4 million

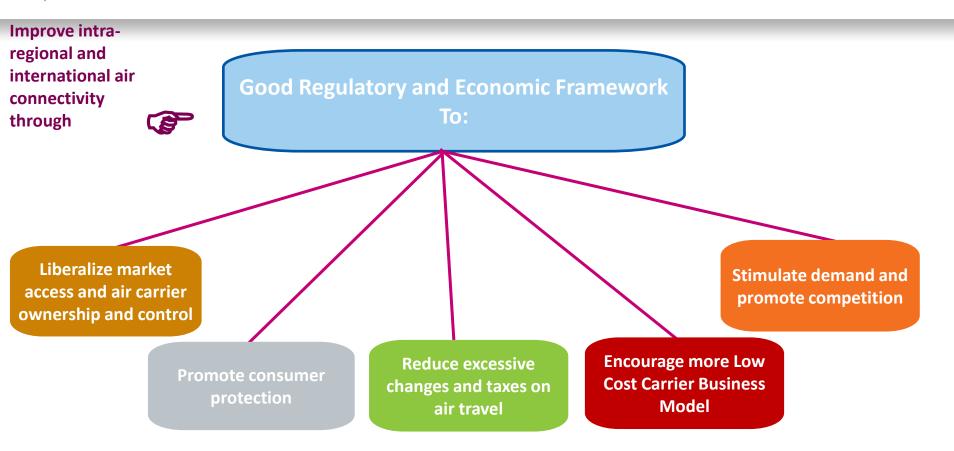
Jobs supported by aviation in small islands

\$25.3 billion

<u>economic impact</u> of aviation in small islands

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Air Connectivity in Small Islands States



Source: UNWTO, ICAO

Market Intelligence Data Transfer (MIDT)

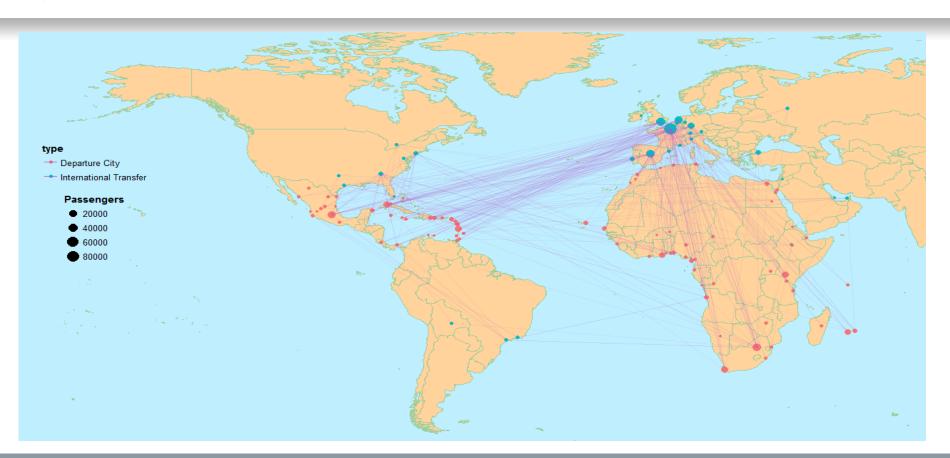
MIDT contains data of the global distributions system (GDS) supplemented with the direct sales of air carriers, and is available at the level of the air carrier and airport-pair and can be queried to determine the true origin-destination (OD) of passengers and the movement of direct and connecting traffic through various airport nodes



^{*} Original MITD provided for ICAO through OAG

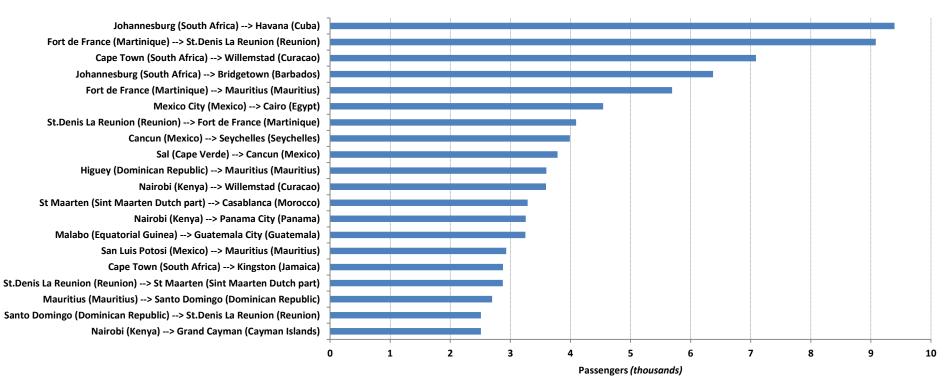


UNITING AVIATION Central America/Caribbean – Africa traffic flows 2015



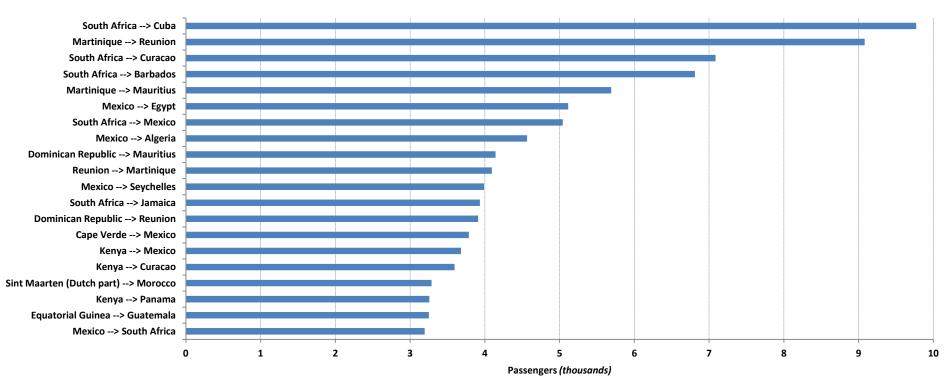
UNITING AVIATION Central America/Caribbean – Africa Traffic in 2015

Top 20 City Pairs One Way Traffic



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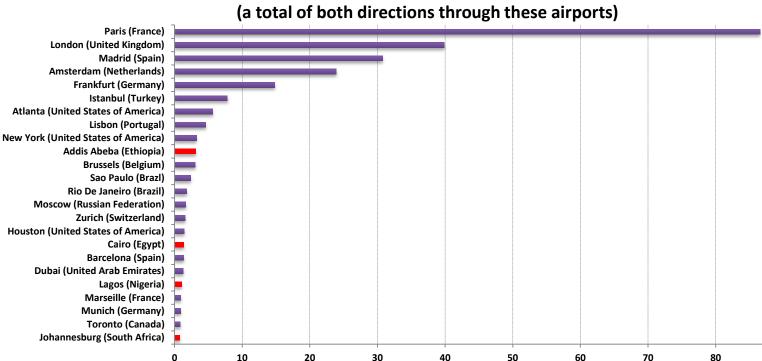
Top 20 Country Pairs One Way Traffic



African hubs in red

UNITING AVIATION Central America/Caribbean – Africa Major Traffic in 2015

Major Hubs between Africa and Central America/Caribbean



Passengers (thousands)

E-commerce Activities in Africa, CARICOM and Jamaica

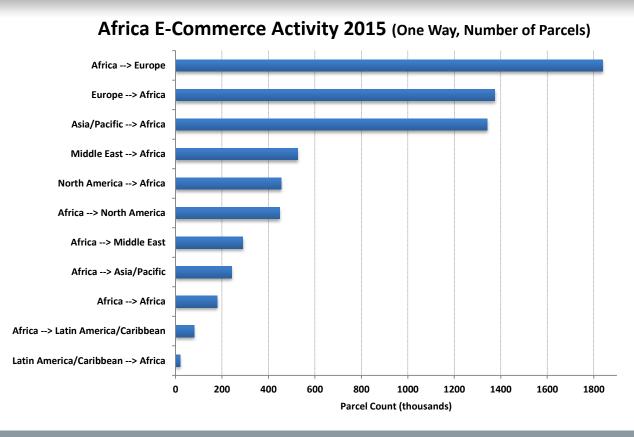


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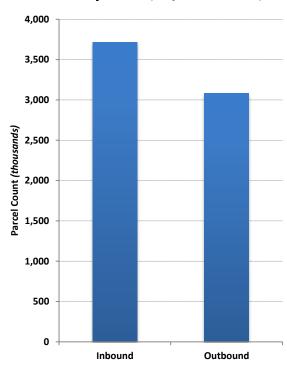
Electronic commerce (e-commerce) refers to "the production, advertising, sale and distribution of products via telecommunications networks" (World Trade Organization, WTO)

Electronic shopping (e-shopping) refers to "the advertising, sales, payment and delivery of products and services via the Internet, covering the whole supply chain from the seller to the buyer" (Universal Postal Union, UPU)

Africa E-commerce Activity in 2015

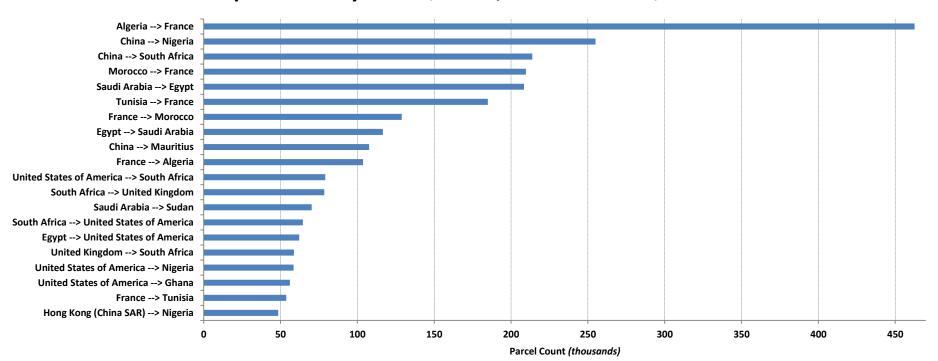


Africa Overall E-commerce Activity 2015 (Departure basis)

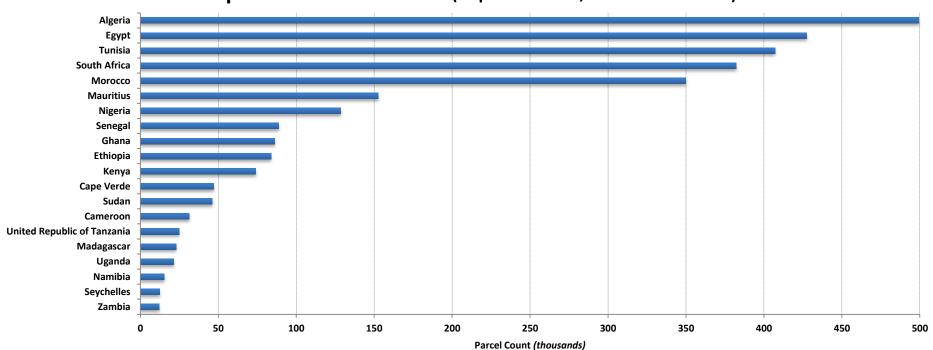




Africa E-Commerce Activity Top 20 Country-Pairs (One Way, Number of Parcels)

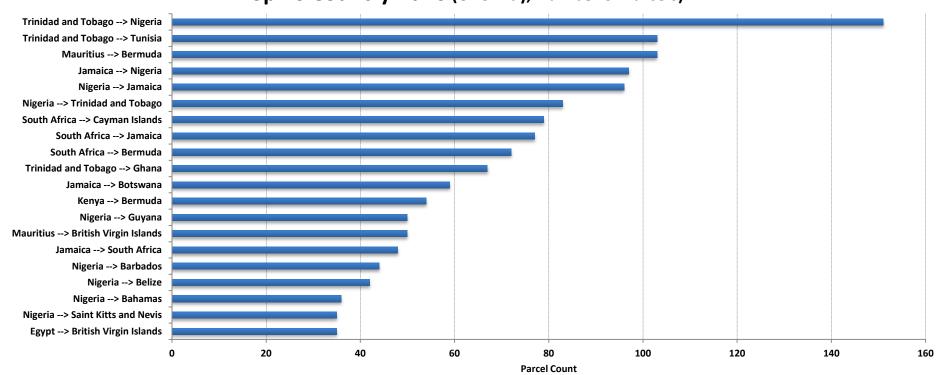






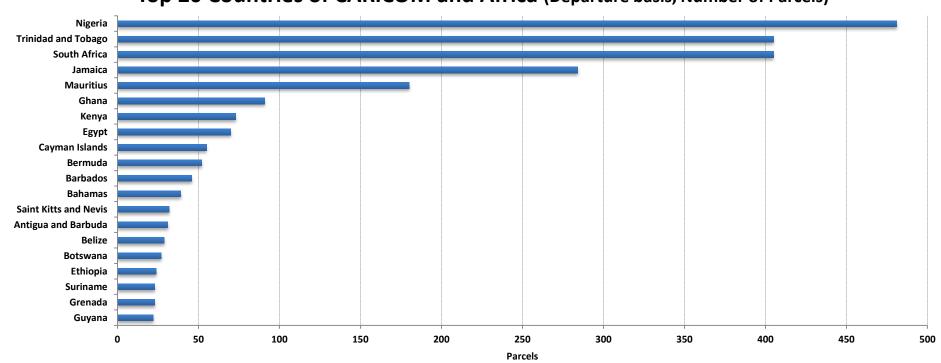
CARICOM-Africa E-commerce Activity in 2015





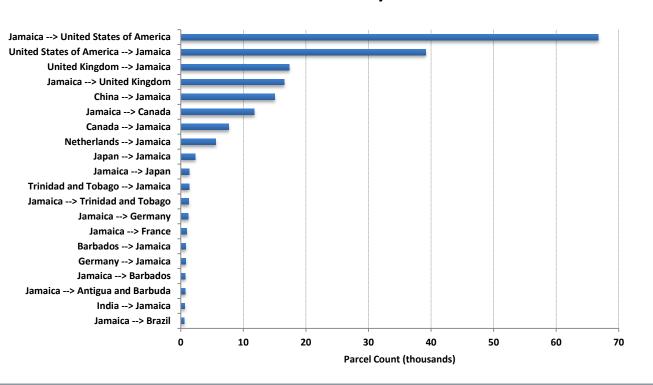
CARICOM-Africa E-commerce Activity in 2015

CARICOM-Africa E-commerce Activity Top 20 Countries of CARICOM and Africa (Departure basis, Number of Parcels)



Jamaica E-commerce Activity in 2015

Jamaica E-Commerce Activity (One Way, Number of Parcels)



Jamaica Overall E-commerce Activity 2015 (Departure basis)

