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Subject: Constitutive Assembly of the Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO) (Abuja, Nigeria, 10-12 April 2013)

Action required: Notify the names of your representatives not later than **19 March 2013**

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that as part of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan), ICAO in cooperation with the AATO Interim Council is organizing the Constitutive Assembly of the Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO) in Abuja, Nigeria, from 10 to 12 April 2013 at the kind invitation of the Government of Nigeria.

The establishment of AATO had been identified as one of the major pillars of the framework for harmonization of aviation training in Africa as adopted by the 3rd Pan-African Aviation Training Coordination Conference held in Cape Town, South Africa (27-29 July 2011). The AATO Constitutive Assembly is expected to bring together African aviation training institutions, individual professionals and other organizations with an interest in aviation training in Africa. The highlight of the Assembly will be the signing of the Constitution by the founding members including the election of its Council.

The theme of the Assembly will be ***“Committed to the provision and sustainability of aviation training excellence in Africa”***

The Assembly will also draw participants from States' Civil Aviation Administrations, Air Navigation Services Providers, Airlines, Airports Operators, Ground Handling Services, Maintenance Organizations, Regional and International Organizations. The meeting will be conducted in English and French.

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You are kindly invited to participate in the Assembly and to indicate your intention to attend by completing and forwarding the attached registration form as early as possible, but not later than **19 March 2013**. A separate form should be completed for each participant.

Please also log on to the AFI Plan website at <http://www.icao.int/safety/afiplan/Pages/default.aspx> for the Assembly documentation and additional up-to-date information on the event.

States Authorities are requested to encourage aviation training institutions under their jurisdiction to participate in this highly important Assembly.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Meshesha Belayneh
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Eastern and Southern African Office

Enclosures:

- A. Registration Form
- B. Provisional Agenda



ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS (AATO)

CONSTITUTIVE ASSEMBLY

ABUJA, NIGERIA, 10-12 APRIL 2013

Provisional Agenda

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| Agenda Item 1 | Background of AATO – Pillars of the framework for harmonization of aviation training in Africa |
| Agenda Item 2 | Milestones towards the establishment of AATO |
| Agenda Item 3 | Presentation by Industry Stakeholders and Partners |
| Agenda Item 4 | Presentation and Adoption of AATO Constitution |
| Agenda Item 5 | Election of the Council (Restricted to AATO Members only) |

THEME OF THE ASSEMBLY

“Committed to the provision and sustainability of aviation training excellence in Africa”