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Current Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa

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Background

- ❖ The aviation industry lies at the centre of domestic and international transportation and plays a vital role in supporting the African economic development and global competitiveness.

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- ❖ Significant increase in passenger numbers as well as the amount of air-cargo uplifts from Africa to the rest of the world.
 - ✓ Increase in infrastructure space at airports
 - ✓ Stringent passenger security requirements
 - ✓ approaches to passenger screening to cope with increased throughput.



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- ❖ In the context of enhanced security measures since 9/11, and subsequent attempted attacks by terrorists, the need for ongoing vigilance has meant that the length and intensity of passenger security checks in airports have grown.
- ❖ attempted terrorist attack using smuggled bomb materials hidden inside printers in October 2010, improving the technologies in cargo screening has become a more important priority.



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- ❖ This has resulted in a significant increase in the costs of security measures for airports, subsequent changes in the economic model of airport operations and a need to balance the needs of security, facilitation efficiency and effectiveness.

PARTNERSHIP

African states have partnered with;

- ❖ other member States for the improvement of aviation security -establishment of regional bodies- EAC, SADC, ECOWAS, AFCAC

- ❖ EAC Level - Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA)
 - CASSOA AVSEC Regulation
 - CASSOA TGMs



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- ❖ Joint AVSEC/Legal working group to review and harmonize the EAC Model Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations with amendments in Annex 17- Security.
- ❖ Stakeholders - IATA –the Secure Freight Programme-to promote the implementation of global air cargo supply chain security standards and programs around the world.

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- ❖ Other bodies EU-Project on the improvement of aviation security in Africa (Kenya, Rwanda, Seychelles, Mauritius, Uganda)
- ❖ TSA- Safe Skies for Africa, MANPADS trainings and provision of kits for assessments of PLAs.
- ❖ UK DfT- Mentorship programs for airports, provision of training and ETD machines



Further collaboration/cooperation

- ❖ Harmonization (mutual recognition of equivalent measures)
- ❖ Coordination with respect to legal and operational matters
- ❖ Sharing of information
- ❖ Assistance to States unable to respond to audit findings
- ❖ Capacity building
- ❖ Regional seminars and workshops



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- ❖ Develop technology and procedures that address both existing and emerging threats
- ❖ Implement a risk-based security process that will enhance security and facilitation.
- ❖ Consistent implementation of SARPs
- ❖ Innovative concepts such as one-stop security



Challenges...

- ❖ Implementation of security standards through effective security management at our vast porous borders.
- ❖ Borders with war torn conflict countries
- ❖ Compliance with facilitation standards for border-crossing, including those related to machine readable travel documents

Challenges...

- ❖ The insider threat.
- ❖ Threats posed by Liquids, Aerosols and Gels explosives.
- ❖ The use of aircraft as a weapon of mass destruction
- ❖ Terrorism-Al-Shaabab, Al-gaeda, Boko Haram.
- ❖ The need to implement security management systems(SeMS)
- ❖ The need to implement MRTDs-(e-passports and e-visas)



AVSEC strategy/Way forward

- ❖ The protection of airport infrastructure - through enhanced (and intelligent) surveillance systems, the use of biometric tools to protect secure areas.
- ❖ Improved detection equipment for cargo, passenger and baggage screening – automated explosives trace detection equipment



AVSEC strategy/Way forward

- ❖ Air Traffic Management and operational Security – improvements in air traffic management security.
- ❖ Updating of legal instruments to cover new and emerging threats
- ❖ Combating MANPADS through implementation of mitigation strategies.
- ❖ Enhance Cyber Security on aviation systems

AVSEC strategy/Way forward

- ❖ Enhancing the existing supply chain system by addressing any gaps for better security and facilitation of freight;
- ❖ Periodic background checks on staff
- ❖ Certification of training staff
- ❖ Information sharing and secure information systems on passenger records.



AVSEC strategy/Way forward

- ❖ Biometrics-identification/ authentication of staff and passengers
- ❖ Security measures to counter new and emerging threats
- ❖ Human factors and security culture
- ❖ Optimum balance between AVSEC measures and facilitation



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