

Special Meeting of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Member States  
28 March 2017

<b>Monday, 27 March 2017</b>	
<b>1300 -1800</b>	<b>Registration</b> for all Events
<b>Day 1 – Tuesday, 28 March 2017</b>	
<b>Special Meeting of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Member States</b>	
<b>0730-0830</b>	<b>Registration</b> to the Special Meeting of ECOWAS Member States
<b>0900-1030</b>	<b>Special Meeting of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Member States – Session Dedicated to Air Transport Activities in the ECOWAS Region (Part 1)</b> Under the Chairmanship of the Director General, Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA)
	This special meeting will consider the regulatory framework of the ECOWAS region and challenges hampering air connectivity. Participants will share experiences and best practices, with a view to developing strategies and practical solutions for the development of air transport in the ECOWAS region. This initiative complements on-going efforts by the ECOWAS Commission, other regional organizations and development institutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Welcome address by Mr. Abdulai Alhassan</b>, Deputy Director General, Finance and Administration, Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA)</li> <li>- <b>Keynote address by Dr. Paul-Antoine Marie Ganemtoré</b>, Project Director Air Transport, ECOWAS Commission</li> <li>- <b>Goodwill message by Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu</b>, President of the Council, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)</li> </ul>
	Presentations by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dr. Paul-Antoine Marie Ganemtoré</b>, Project Director Air Transport, ECOWAS Commission</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Silué Sinaly</b>, Director General, ANAC Côte d'Ivoire</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Iyabo Sosina</b>, Secretary General, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)</li> </ul>
	<b>Panel of Experts Discussion on “Improving Flight Connections in the Region”</b>
	<b>Moderator: Cpt. Edward Boyo</b> , Managing Director, Overland Airways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Col. Dokisime Gnama Latta</b>, Director General, ANAC Togo &amp; Chair, First ICAO Meeting on Air Cargo Development in Africa (2014)</li> <li>- <b>Dr. Paul-Antoine Marie Ganemtoré</b>, Project Director Air Transport, ECOWAS Commission</li> <li>- <b>Dr. Samson Fatokun</b>, Area Manager, South West Africa, International Air Transport Association (IATA)</li> <li>- <b>Cpt. Samuel Thompson</b>, Chief Operating Officer, Africa World Airlines</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Nick Fadugba</b>, CEO, African Aviation Services (AAS)*</li> </ul>
<b>1030-1100</b>	Coffee Break
<b>1100-1230</b>	<b>Special Meeting of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Member States – Session Dedicated to Air Transport Activities in the ECOWAS Region (Part 2)</b>
	<b>Open interactive forum on “Improving Flight Connections in the Region”</b>
	<b>Moderator: Mr. Simon Allotey</b> , Director General, GCAA
	Adoption of draft resolution
	<b>Closing</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Vote of Thanks</b></li> <li>- <b>Closing remarks</b></li> </ul>
<b>1230-1330</b>	Lunch

In parallel: Registration to the Second ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa

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### Objectives

The Second ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa builds upon the Declaration on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa, adopted in Antananarivo, Madagascar, on 27 March 2015 (the “Antananarivo Declaration”). Through this strategic document, participants from 34 States, international organizations and aviation stakeholders, decided to take action for the sustainable development of air transport in Africa in several key areas including: liberalization of market access and air carrier ownership and control; cooperation throughout the air transport value chain; consumer protection; fair competition; security & facilitation; funding for infrastructure and intermodal integration; support to remote or peripheral destinations; taxes and user charges; capacity-building for qualified personnel; support to the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM); fleet modernization; and adherence to international instruments.

This Meeting will also provide participants with an opportunity to learn about the outcome of the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly with respect to the economic development of air transport, and to map out priorities and concrete actions for air transport development in the Continent.

Day 1 – Tuesday, 28 March 2017	
Second ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa	
<b>1330-1420</b>	<p><b>Opening Ceremony of the Second ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Simon Allotey</b>, Director General, GCAA</li> <li>- <b>Mr. James Andrianalisoa</b>, Director General, Aviation Civile de Madagascar (ACM) &amp; Chair, First ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa (2015)</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Iyabo Sosina</b>, Secretary General, AFCAC</li> <li>- <b>Dr. John Tambi</b>, Senior Transport Advisor to the CEO &amp; PICI Coordinator, New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Mercy Awori</b>, Chairperson of the Air Transport Committee, ICAO</li> <li>- <b>Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu</b>, President of the Council, ICAO</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Cecilia Abena Dapaah</b>, Honourable Minister for Aviation, Ghana</li> </ul>
<b>1420-1545</b>	<p><b>Session 1 – Regulatory Framework of Air Transport: Update on ICAO’s 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly and the United Nations Efforts Towards Sustainable Development</b></p> <p>A briefing will be provided to participants on the outcome of the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly (26 September-7 October 2016, Montréal, Canada), in all key areas and activities pertaining to the economic development of air transport. Participants will also be briefed on ICAO activities to forge partnerships for the development of the aviation sector, by placing air transport at the heart of national development strategies, with a view to enhancing necessary financing.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Mercy Awori, Chairperson of the Air Transport Committee, ICAO</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Catherine Hoffman</b>, Director Economic Regulations and Business Development, GCAA</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Tefera Mekonnen</b>, Director of Air Transport, AFCAC</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Boubacar Djibo</b>, Director Air Transport Bureau, ICAO</li> </ul>
<b>1545-1615</b>	Coffee Break

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1615-1800	<p><b>Session 2 – Implementation Status of the <i>Antananarivo Declaration</i></b></p> <p>Led by the Chairperson of the First ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa (25-27 March 2015 Antananarivo, Madagascar), this session will provide a status of the implementation of the Antananarivo Declaration, and will describe how the ICAO State Air Transport Action Plan System (SATAPS) can assist States.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. James Andrianalisoa, Director General, Aviation Civile de Madagascar (ACM) &amp; Chair, First ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa (2015)</p> <p><b>Speakers</b> (African Directors General of civil aviation (DGCA's), Representing States having provided inputs to the SATAPS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Frédéric Malaud, Air Transport Development Manager, ICAO</li> <li>- Mr. Octávio Pinheiro de Oliveira, Deputy Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Cabo Verde</li> <li>- Mr. Roméo Boris Makaya Batchi, Air Transport Director, Agence Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (ANAC), Congo</li> <li>- Mr. Gilbert Faure, Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Seychelles</li> <li>- Col. Dokisime Gnama Latta, DGCA Togo &amp; Chair, First ICAO Meeting on Air Cargo Development in Africa (2014)</li> </ul>
1800-2000	<p><b>Welcome Cocktail at Kempinski Hotel</b></p>
<p><b>Day 2 – Wednesday, 29 March 2017</b></p> <p><b>Second ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa</b></p>	
0900-1030	<p><b>Session 3 – Developing a Long-Term Vision for Sustainable Air Transport in Africa</b></p> <p>How can States sustain the continuous liberalization of air transport in Africa, and accelerate the implementation of the African Union (AU) <i>Agenda 2063</i> on the creation of a Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) through the Yamoussoukro Decision? What experiences can be shared from other regions? How can operators take advantage of opportunities such as code sharing and alliances? How to deal with aviation relations with third parties in the liberalization process?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Iyabo Sosina, Secretary General, AFCAC</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Simon Allotey, Director General, GCAA</li> <li>- Mr. Shinji Matsui, Representative of Japan on the Council of ICAO</li> <li>- Mr. Christian Folly-Kossi, President and CEO, International Consulting and Advisory Services (ICAS)</li> <li>- Dr. John Tambi, Senior Transport Advisor to the CEO &amp; PICI Coordinator, NEPAD</li> <li>- Mr. Elhadji Ayaha Ahmed, Director General, Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC), Niger</li> <li>- Mr. Kofi Henaku, CEO, Legal and Allied Ltd., Ghana</li> </ul>
1030-1100	<p>Coffee Break</p>
1100-1230	<p><b>Session 4 – Stimulating Demand for Air Transport in Africa</b></p> <p>How to generate sufficient demand for direct air services between African sub-regions, especially between the East-West coasts? How to optimize traffic flows through hub airports in Africa? What regulatory schemes can be used or developed to assure essential air services to Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)? How can air carriers join forces to increase traffic (Vanilla Alliance) and take advantage of profitable market segments?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Gilbert Faure, Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Seychelles</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Tunde Oyekola, Board Member, Airports Council International-Africa (ACI-Africa) and Representative, ACI World Governing Board</li> <li>- Dr. Elijah Chingosho, Secretary General, AFRAA</li> <li>- Ms. Cornelia Wilson-Hunter, Senior Advisor, The Wicks Group</li> <li>- Mr. Ousmane Oubandawaki, Advisor, Indian Ocean African Air (IOAA)</li> <li>- Ms. Adefunke Adeyemi, Regional Head, Member &amp; External Relations Africa &amp; Middle</li> </ul>

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	East, IATA
1230-1330	Lunch
1330-1530	<b>Session 5 – Airport and Air Navigation Services Economics and Management</b>
	<p>How can States engage the private sector and development assistance institutions for aviation infrastructure development? How can non-economically viable airports be supported without introducing market distortions? What are the methodologies used to evaluate the return on investments, associated risks and uncertainty in making an investment decision? How can African States benefit from economic cooperation platforms for the development of quality infrastructure?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Boni Dibate, Regional Director Africa, Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Tunde Oyekola, Board Member, ACI-Africa and Representative, ACI World Governing Board</li> <li>- Mr. Mohamed Moussa, Director General, Agence pour la sécurité de la navigation aérienne en Afrique et à Madagascar (ASECNA)</li> <li>- Mr. Gilles Darriau, Director General, AERIA</li> <li>- Mr. Youcef Safir, Director General, Etablissement National de la Navigation Aérienne, Algeria</li> <li>- Rev. Dr. John Okwesie Arthur, Deputy Managing Director, Finance &amp; General Services, Ghana Airports Company</li> <li>- Mr. Alhassan Andani, Managing Director, Stanbic Bank Ghana</li> </ul>
1530-1600	Coffee Break
1600-1730	<b>Session 6 – Optimizing the Air Transport Operating Environment</b>
	<p>What are the challenges encountered by States in adhering to ICAO’s policies on charges and taxation? What tools (e.g. robust metrics) may be used to evaluate and show to decision-makers the impacts of excessive levies on aviation growth? Which examples exist of successful business cases alleviating obligations to incorporate airline subsidiaries? How can ICAO keep facilitating dialogue, exchange of information and meaningful advocacy through a permanent consultation platform on taxation, as recommended by the Antananarivo Declaration?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Raphael Kuuchi, Vice President for Africa, IATA</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Benoit Cosse, Tax Manager Air France, Air France/KLM Group</li> <li>- Mr. Tunde Oyekola, Board Member, ACI-Africa and Representative, ACI World Governing Board</li> <li>- Cpt. Edward Boyo, Managing Director, Overland Airways</li> <li>- Dr. John Tambi, Senior Transport Advisor to the CEO &amp; PICI Coordinator, NEPAD</li> <li>- Mr. Tefera Mekonnen, Director of Air Transport, AFCAC</li> </ul>
	Free Evening

**Day 3 – Thursday, 30 March 2017**

**Second ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa**

<b>0830-1000</b>	<b>Session 7 – Maximizing Benefits from Air Transport and Tourism</b>
	<p>How can air travellers and operators benefit from convergent consumer protection regimes? How can States implement the ICAO/World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Medellin Statement on Tourism and Air Transport for Development? How can tourism be used for the development of air transport in Africa, building on the momentum of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development in 2017? What are the challenges encountered by tourism stakeholders in reflecting tourism business interests in national and regional air transport policies?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Boubacar Djibo, Director Air Transport Bureau, ICAO</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Olivia Opoku Adomah, Chief Economic Planning Officer and Director charge of Research, Statistics and Information, Ministry of Tourism, Arts &amp; Culture, Ghana</li> <li>- Dr. Elijah Chingosho, Secretary General, AFRAA</li> <li>- Mr. Raphael Kuuchi, Vice President for Africa, IATA</li> <li>- Mr. Ekow Sampson, Ag. Deputy Director of Operations, Ghana Tourism Authority</li> </ul>
<b>1000-1030</b>	Coffee Break
<b>1030-1500</b>	<b>Special Event: Promoting Air Links Between African States and the Diaspora</b> (please see following page for details)
1200-1300	Lunch
<b>1500-1530</b>	<b>Consideration of Outcome of the Second ICAO Meeting on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa</b> <b>Closing Ceremony</b>
1530-1600	Press Conference
	Free Evening

**Special Event: Promoting Air Links Between African States and the Diaspora**  
**The Framework of the African Union’s Declaration of the Global African Diaspora Summit**  
**30 March 2017**

Day 3 – Thursday, 30 March 2017	
Special Event: Promoting Air Links Between African States and the Diaspora	
1030-1200	<p><b>Special Event: Promoting Air Links Between African States and the Diaspora in the Framework of the African Union’s “Declaration of the Global African Diaspora Summit” (Part 1)</b></p> <p>Under the Chairmanship of the Director General, Ghana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) and the Director General of Civil Aviation of a State of the CARICOM Region</p>
	<p>A special meeting will be held on promoting tourism and air links between African States and the Diaspora, especially in the Caribbean States, though conclusion or revision of bilateral air services agreements. The meeting will build on the African Union’s “Declaration of the Global African Diaspora Summit” and will aim at identifying practical strategies and concrete actions for the development of air links, tourism, trade and investment.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Welcome address by Mr. Simon Allotey</b>, Director General, GCAA</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Interactive Discussion (Part 1)</b></p>
	<p><b>Background Information Presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Boubacar Djibo</b>, Director Air Transport Bureau, ICAO</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Nari Williams-Singh</b>, Director General, Jamaica Civil Aviation</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dr. Paul-Antoine Marie Ganemtoré</b>, Project Director Air Transport, ECOWAS Commission</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Peter Amaleboba</b>, Legal Advisor, AFCAC</li> <li>- <b>Dr. John Tambi</b>, Senior Transport Advisor to the CEO &amp; PICI Coordinator, NEPAD</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Tunde Oyekola</b>, Board Member, ACI-Africa and Representative, ACI World Governing Board</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Roncevert (Ronce) Almond</b>, Partner, The Wicks Group</li> </ul>
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1420	<p><b>Special Event: Promoting Air Links Between African States and the Diaspora in the Framework of the African Union’s “Declaration of the Global African Diaspora Summit” (Part 2)</b></p>
	<p><b>Interactive Discussion (Part 2)</b></p>
1420-1430	<b>Summary of Discussions</b>
1430-1500	Coffee Break
Day 4 – Friday, 31 March 2017	
	<p><b>Visit of participants to Cape Coast, Ghana</b></p>