

SECOND ICAO MEETING ON AIR CARGO DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

27 to 29 June 2017, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



The Second ICAO Meeting on Air Cargo Development in Africa builds upon the Declaration on the Development of Air Cargo in Africa, adopted in Lomé, Togo, on 7 August 2014 (the “Lomé Declaration”). Through this strategic document, participants from 22 States, international organizations and aviation stakeholders, decided to take action for the sustainable development of air cargo in Africa in several key areas including: liberalization of market access and air carrier ownership and control; cooperation throughout the cargo supply chain; security and facilitation; funding for infrastructure and intermodal integration; support to remote or peripheral destinations; taxes and user charges; capacity-building for qualified personnel; fleet modernization; and adherence to international instruments.

This Second Meeting will allow policy-makers, air transport regulators, representatives from the aviation industry and other stakeholders, to review progress towards implementation of the Lomé Declaration, identify challenges and opportunities, and agree on a Roadmap for priority actions, building on the decisions of the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly. It will also contribute to the cooperative activities between ICAO, the World Customs Organization (WCO) and The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA).

Programme*

Day 1 – Tuesday, 27 June 2017	
0900-1030	Opening Ceremony
1030-1100	Coffee Break
1100-1200	<p>Session 1 – Briefing on the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly & Global Challenges for Air Cargo</p> <p>Topics: The ICAO Assembly is the Organization’s sovereign body, meeting at least once every three years, where 191 States establish the worldwide policy of aviation and air transport. What are the main outcomes of the 39th Session of the Assembly (Sept.-Oct. 2016) with respect to the economic development of air cargo? What are the benefits of a multilateral approach for the liberalization of air cargo? What are the operational and regulatory challenges facing the air cargo industry? How to facilitate electronic submission of data on goods and electronic air waybills?</p>
1200-1400	Lunch
1400-1515	<p>Session 2 – African Continental Approach and Challenges</p> <p>Topics: In 2012, the 18th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union adopted a decision to establish a Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) by an indicative date of 2017. How can States expand intra-African trade and enhance border-crossing procedures through the implementation of the CFTA? How to enhance synergies between trade liberalization and facilitation to maximize the benefits of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM)? What are the prospects offered by the Bali agreement on trade facilitation? What are the opportunities offered by e-commerce for youth, women, as well as small and medium</p>

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	enterprises in Africa? How will the “eTrade for All” Initiative and the “Single Window” concept help e-commerce in Africa?
1515-1545	Coffee break
1545-1700	<p>Session 3 – Funding and Financing of Air Cargo Infrastructure and Mobile Equipment</p> <p>Topics: 24 African airports will be saturated by 2020, and of the over 50 projects under the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), only 3 projects are dedicated to civil aviation. How can PIDA support the development of “hard infrastructure” for air cargo? How can the <i>MoveAfrica</i> Initiative of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) benefit air cargo through the development of “soft infrastructure” such as cross-border transport laws, border crossing regulations as well as organizational systems and resources? How can African States and operators benefit from foreign economic cooperation platforms? What are the benefits of the Cape Town Convention for the acquisition and leasing of new and used mobile equipment, including more modern, fuel-efficient aircraft?</p>
Day 2 – Wednesday, 28 June 2017	
0830-0900	Transport to Addis Ababa Bole Air Cargo Facilities
0900-1030	Visit and Inauguration of Addis Ababa Bole Air Cargo Facilities
1030-1200	Side Visit to be organized by Ethiopia
1200-1400	Transport back to the venue and lunch
1400-1515	<p>Session 4 – Stimulating Demand and New Opportunities for Air Cargo in Africa</p> <p>Topics: How to optimize traffic flows through cargo hub airports in Africa to generate sufficient demand between African sub-regions, in particular for the benefit of Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)? What are the opportunities for African States resulting from China’s “One Belt One Road” initiative? What are the challenges of establishing efficient multimodal transport corridors, such as the Djibouti-Addis Multimodal Transport Corridor? How can the air cargo value chain serve the requirements of pharmaceutical air shipments, including the need for dedicated cooling infrastructure, which are critical in supporting humanitarian activities?</p>
1515-1545	Coffee Break
1545-1700	<p>Session 5 – Regulatory and Industry Initiatives in Support of Air Cargo</p> <p>Topics: The air cargo supply chain is a combined set of interconnected parties, locations, procedures and information exchanges enabling cargo to move from origin to destination by air. How can air cargo benefit from the development of airport cities, Aerotropolis, Megatropolis and airport community systems? What is the implementation status of Regulated Agent and Known Consignor programmes in Africa? How can regulators and operators address wildlife trafficking issues? What kind of innovation and technology can enhance air cargo connectivity and accessibility?</p>
Day 3 – Thursday, 29 June 2017	
0900-1015	<p>Session 6 – Implementation of Lomé Declaration and the Way Forward</p> <p>Topics: Building on the feedback from the State Air Transport Action Plan System (SATAPS), an online ICAO database showing the implementation status of the Lomé Declaration and Action Plan, participants will agree on priority actions for the next 2 years (2017-2019). How to better</p>

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	showcase to decision-makers the economic benefits of air cargo in Africa? How can ICAO further facilitate cooperation between all air cargo stakeholders to ensure that air cargo sector in Africa grows in an efficient, coordinated and sustainable way?
1015-1045	Coffee Break
1045-1145	Review of Meeting outcome Handover of the Chairmanship of the <i>Air Cargo Development in Africa Initiative</i>
1145-1200	Closing remarks
1200-1400	Lunch

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