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Air Transport Facilitation Kenya Experience

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National Air Transport Facilitation Programme

Established as a per the requirement of ICAO Annex 9

1. National Air Transport Facilitation Committee
2. Airport Facilitation Committee

*East African Consultative Meeting on Facilitation of Air Transport

*AFI SECFAL (Working Group Being Established)



Terms of Reference of National Air Transport Facilitation Committee

1. To encourage enhanced processes and procedures and proactively support development of innovative strategies to address facilitation issues in the air transport industry and civil aviation environment.
2. Hold Regular meetings
3. Carry out set functions



Functions of the NATFC

- Developing and reviewing of policies relating to clearance formalities applied to international air transport services;
- Ensuring the development and implementation of the National Air Transport Facilitation Programme;
- Ensuring that passengers, cargo and mail are cleared through airports in line with ICAO Standards and best international practices;
- Considering recommendations made by Airport Facilitation Committees and, in turn, convey resolutions to Airport Facilitation Committees for implementation;
- Reviewing the standards and recommended practices in Annex 9
- Keeping departments, agencies and other concerned organisations informed of significant relevant facilitation developments in the field of civil aviation and seeking their consideration or making recommendations to them regarding issues related to facilitation as appropriate;



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- Encouraging the use of new technologies and integrating mechanisms to facilitate the smooth movement of aircraft, passengers and cargo into and out of the country;
- Carrying out periodic inspection tours of airports to assess facilitation matters;
- Recommending the review and control of travel documents as per ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices;
- Coordinating the development and amendment to facilitation regulations as appropriate;
- Making recommendations for the harmonization of standards on documentation related to passengers, cargo and mail with those of neighbouring states;
- Exploring the possibility of converging control processes of border agencies to achieve “one-stop” inspection;
- Recommending amendments to relevant regulations to permit the use of selective inspections or other risk management techniques;



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- Recommending the development of national policies with regard to provision of services to persons with special needs;
- Establishing interrelations and liaison with similar agencies in other States within the region and organizing regional consultative meetings on facilitation matters;
- Overseeing and providing guidance on functions of the Airport Facilitation Committees;
- Providing information and guidelines on the facilitation matters and situation within the country;
- Coordinating with the National Civil Aviation Security Committee
- Committee on security-related elements of facilitation.



National Air Transport Facilitation Committee Members

- Ministry responsible for Civil Aviation (Chair and Secretariat)
- Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (Carries out airport inspections)
- Secretariat to the National Civil Aviation Security Committee
- Kenya Airports Authority
- Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)
- Department of Veterinary Services
- Kenya Revenue Authority (Customs and Border Control)
- Department of Immigration Services



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- Kenya Airports Police Unit
- Formation Criminal Investigation Directorate
- Frontier Control
- Ministry responsible for Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Protocol Directorate)
- Ministry responsible for Public Health (Ports Health Services)
- Kenya Tourism Board
- Ground Handling Agencies
- Airline Operators



East African Consultative Meeting on Facilitation of Air Transport

Consists of members of the NATFC from:

- Kenya
- Uganda
- Tanzania
- Rwanda
- Burundi

E.A.C. Secretarial participates



East African Consultative Meeting on Facilitation of Air Transport Function

- Meets twice annually on a rotational basis among the 5 states
- Forum for FAL issues to be raised and explore ways of addressing/resolving them
- Promote sharing of information and best practices related to facilitation issues
- Useful platform for informing stakeholders of relevant development at EAC level and global level in FAL issues



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- Provide forum where changes in recommended practices to FAL issues can be discussed and debated
- Visit airports in the Region to check on compliance with Annex 9 SARPs and recommend improvements
- Urge cooperation among all concerned organizations and agencies to improve control processes & service procedures at airports



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EAC FAL PRIORITY AREAS

- Efficient clearance of non-scheduled international flights;
- Harmonization of flight charges/fees for ad-hoc operations;
- Travel documents (e-passports);
- Pilferage;
- Inadmissible passengers/ deportees;
- Handling of disease outbreaks and pandemics at regional airports;
- Drug trafficking and sustainable protection of airports from terrorism;
- Issuance of machine readable crew member certificates



EAC FAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- More efficient border control and security systems;
- Coordinated policies for the prevention of communicable diseases;
- Sharing of intelligence among partner States on drug trafficking and other criminal activities at regional airports to enhance detection and institution of proactive measures.
- *Currently some EAC states are accepting National Identity Cards as travel documents



EAC FAL CHALLENGES

- Individual Country priorities leading to delays in implementation of recommendations of the EAC-FAL
- Inability for the CAA to oversight other non-aviation agencies.
- Lack participation from all concerned agencies.



EAC FAL WAY FORWARD

- Incorporation of the EAC FAL Meetings into the EAC Calendar of events
- Develop Common EAC FAL Regulations
- Establish EAC FAL sub-committee under the EAC Secretarial



Nairobi ICAO TRIP Regional Seminar (10 to 12 November 2015)

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