



## ICAO and NEPAD to enhance cooperation in aid of African aviation development, modernization objectives

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**Montréal, 10 May 2018** – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development Planning and Coordinating Agency (NEPAD) have forged a new agreement to enhance the contribution of civil aviation to the social and economic development of the African Continent, and to promote related aviation infrastructure development and capacity-building in aid of sustainable air transport for Africa and Africans.

“Working cooperatively is, and has always been, fundamental to the aviation sector,” stressed ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu. “This new framework with NEPAD will allow us to effectively address the development and modernization of quality aviation infrastructure in Africa, consistent with ICAO’s global and Africa regional planning and commensurate with the exponential traffic growth forecast here.”

The new ICAO/NEPAD Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will formalize and deepen the cooperation between these two organizations, contributing to the implementation of the Declaration and Framework for a Plan of Action for Development of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa, which was adopted at the third ICAO World Aviation Forum (Abuja, Nigeria in November 2017).

Both organizations will now be working more closely together in facilitating the movement of persons and goods in Africa, mobilizing resources for aviation infrastructure development, implementing NEPAD’s “MoveAfrica” initiative for the aviation sector, developing e-commerce, and training and retaining next generation aviation professionals and promoting gender equity on the continent.

“This collaboration will provide added value for both organizations and improve aviation infrastructure development in Africa,” said NEPAD CEO Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki. “It will help strengthen NEPAD’s understanding of the aviation sector, and importantly help us to ensure the inclusion of aviation projects in the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).”



ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu (left) and NEPAD CEO Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki (right) formalized a new agreement this week aimed at enhancing ICAO-NEPAD cooperation. The new collaboration between the two agencies is aimed at encouraging greater numbers of national aviation infrastructure and modernization projects on the continent being included under the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).

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### About ICAO

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, amongst many other priorities. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 192 Member States.

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