



# AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION

## *Africa's Voice at ATConf/7*

The AFCAC Air Transport Convention & Expo will serve as a Continental Platform for Developing, Coordinating and Unified African Inputs for ICAO's 7th Air Transport Conference

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# Three Continental Anchors



## *AU Agenda 2063*

Integration, mobility, trade & competitiveness require practical connectivity

## *SAATM*

Africa's chosen instrument to liberalise intra-African air transport, with AFCAC as Executing Agency.

SAATM- AU Theme of the year 2027

## *Delivery Realism*

Shifting from declarations to execution – accessibility, connectivity, affordability, policy harmonisation, investment & data



# Africa's Air Transport Development Pillars



1

## *Accessibility*

SAATM as a recognised pathway – translate permissions into launched routes. Visas, API/PNR, frictionless borders – a competitiveness issue, not admin detail

2

## *Connectivity*

Development of new routes and Cargo Corridors

3

## *Affordability*

Transparent, cost-related charges – high fees suppress demand & distort route economics

4

## *Sustainability*

Financial and Environmental Sustainability Opportunities

5

## *Safety & Security*

Standards, Equipment, and Oversight



# SETTING THE SCENE



## *ATCON7 Agenda Item 1: Make Aviation Towards 2050 Inclusive*

The post-ATConf/6 era has delivered recovery and innovation, but not equal connectivity. Aviation towards 2050 must close – not widen – Africa's connectivity gaps.

### ***Key African Message***

SAATM is Africa's continental response to fragmented markets, restrictive bilateral arrangements, and limited intra-African connectivity. Its full implementation is central to the continent's position at ATConf/7.

### ***Four Dimensions of Inclusion***

01

#### ***Developments***

Recognising Africa's recovery trajectory and market evolution.

02

#### ***Investment***

Mobilising finance for airports, ANS, and digital systems.

03

#### ***Regulation***

Enabling liberalisation through credible, fair frameworks.

04

#### ***Innovation***

Ensuring new technologies serve African implementation.



# Invitation



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# African Air Transport Convention & Expo 2026

Hôtel 2 Février, Lomé, Togo - 15 – 19 June 2026

"One African Sky: Connectivity and Sustainable Air Transport Development" - high-impact, multi-stakeholder continental platform



500+

Participants  
Expected

7

Thematic  
Areas

5

Days of  
Engagement

All

African States  
Targeted

## EVENT COMPONENTS

● High-Level Opening Ceremony

● Technical Sessions & Workshops

● B2B / B2G / G2G Meetings

● Networking Events

● Ministerial Panels

● Exhibition Showcase

● Technical Tours



# Seven thematic areas driving Africa's aviation transformation

- to generate clear outcomes, including key challenges, policy recommendations, and action points.



**1** SAATM & Route Development

**2** Seamless Mobility & Facilitation

**3** Affordable Travel & Fair Competition

**4** Air Cargo & AfCFTA Corridors

**5** Infrastructure & Investment

**6** Innovation, Technology & Human Capital

**7** Sustainability & Climate Resilience

All of these align and will dovetail into the ATCON7 Agenda



# Expected Outcomes



## Lomé Ministerial Declaration on SAATM

High-level political commitment to accelerated SAATM implementation, endorsed by Ministers of Transport



## Liberalization & Route Development Priorities

Agreed priority actions to deepen liberalization, develop intra-African routes, and expand connectivity



## Endorsed Continental TFC Framework

Formal endorsement of the Policy Framework to reduce taxes, fees and charges on air transport



## Air Cargo Corridor Recommendations

Consensus on corridor-based route and cargo development aligned with AfCFTA value chain priorities



## Visa Openness & Facilitation Commitments

Strengthened political commitments on passport-free travel, e-visa, API/PNR and air transport facilitation



## Innovation & Human Capital Roadmap

Shared continental understanding of priority technology, skill and innovation investment areas for African aviation



## Aviation Financing & Infrastructure Direction

Strategic guidance on financing priorities, infrastructure projects, financial commitments, and MoUs signed at the event

ASAs Aligned with Yamoussoukro Decision

SAF / LCAF Framework Actions



# Support Expected from Member States



## Endorse as Flagship Platform

Champion the Convention & Expo as the leading continental aviation platform within your mandates and networks



## High-Level Advocacy & Outreach

Support advocacy to Ministers, RECs, and strategic partners to secure strong political ownership



## Mobilize Ministerial Participation

Assist in securing senior official and ministerial-level representation from your respective States and regions



## Disseminate Invitations & Promotions

Support the circulation of invitation letters, promotional materials, and event communications to key stakeholders



## B2B / B2G / G2G Meetings

Arrange structured bilateral meetings for deals, MoUs, ASA negotiations, and partnerships



## Promote the Exhibition & Sponsorship

Exhibit, and encourage entities in your networks to participate as exhibitors or sponsors — showcase innovations and investment opportunities



## Encourage State & Industry Participation

Engage airlines, airports, and industry players to actively participate in all event components



## DG CAA's Participation

DGs are invited to participate in the Convention with concrete inputs that will inform the Africa Position Paper for ATConf/7



# Agenda Item 2: Investment Is the Delivery Foundation



## INFRASTRUCTURE, HUMAN CAPITAL, PARTNERSHIPS

Aviation projects must sit inside national development and investment plans, explicitly linked to trade, tourism, logistics, AfCFTA value chains, and industrial policy. Without a bankable pipeline, connectivity ambitions remain aspirational.



*Infrastructure*

Airports, air navigation services, cargo facilities, and digital systems – all requiring sustained capital commitment and long-term planning frameworks.



*Finance*

Project preparation, public-private partnerships, blended finance instruments, and sustained investor confidence are essential to unlock viable aviation investment.



*Skills*

Regulators, planners, economists, NGAP participants, and women in aviation all represent strategic investments in Africa's long-term sector capacity.



The outcome: a bankable pipeline of aviation projects that attract international finance and deliver measurable connectivity gains across African corridors.

# Agenda Item 3: Strong Rules Make Liberalisation Credible



## REGULATORY AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS

### ***Market Access***

Operational permissions issued through predictable, transparent, and non-discriminatory processes that support intra-African connectivity.

### ***Consumer Protection***

Passenger rights, emergency planning, transparency, and public confidence are prerequisites for demand growth and route sustainability.

### ***Fair Competition***

Clear rules against anti-competitive conduct, including predatory pricing and market foreclosure, enforced by capable regulatory bodies.

### ***Levies, Taxes & Charges***

Transparency, stakeholder consultation, cost-relatedness, and proportionality – not a weakening of infrastructure financing, but a stop to levies becoming barriers to connectivity.



Modern economic regulation, fair competition rules, consumer protection, accessible dispute resolution, and disciplined treatment of levies are the foundation upon which durable liberalisation is built.

# Agenda Item 4: Innovation Must Enable, Not Exclude



Digitalisation, AI, data ecosystems, and cleaner aviation energies should accelerate African implementation – not create new compliance barriers.



## *Data*

Route planning, safety oversight, market intelligence – data ecosystems must be open, interoperable, and accessible to African regulators and operators.



## *Digital Systems*

Passenger processing, cyber resilience, and interoperability across African borders require coordinated investment and harmonised standards.



## *Cleaner Energy*

Africa supports climate action. SAF and LCAF readiness, infrastructure investment, and a fair transition pathway must avoid pricing developing regions out of growth.



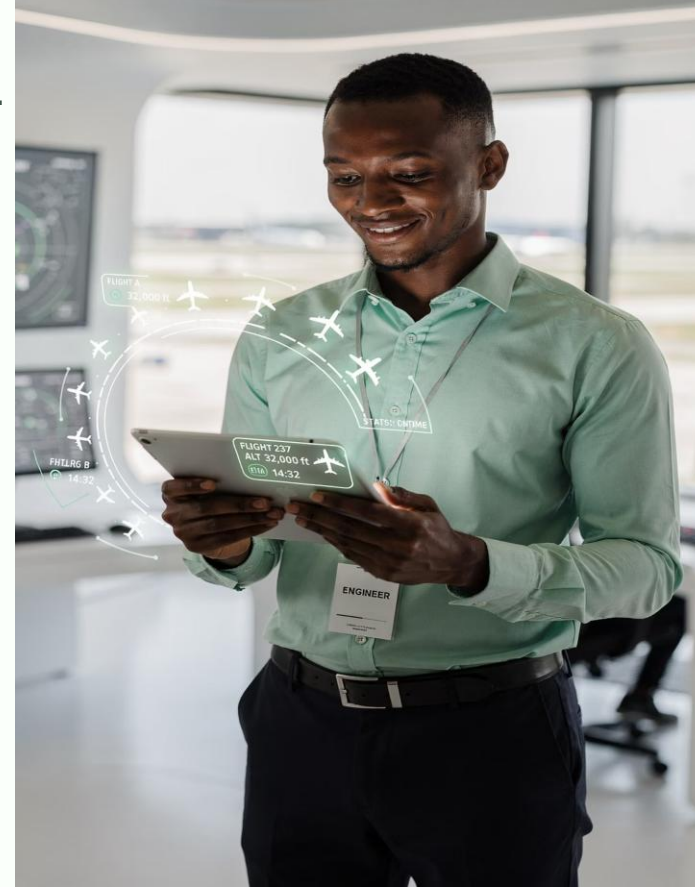
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PHASED



DEVELOPMENT-COMPATIBLE



# Measuring Success



*Routes*  
Launched

*Costs*  
Reduced

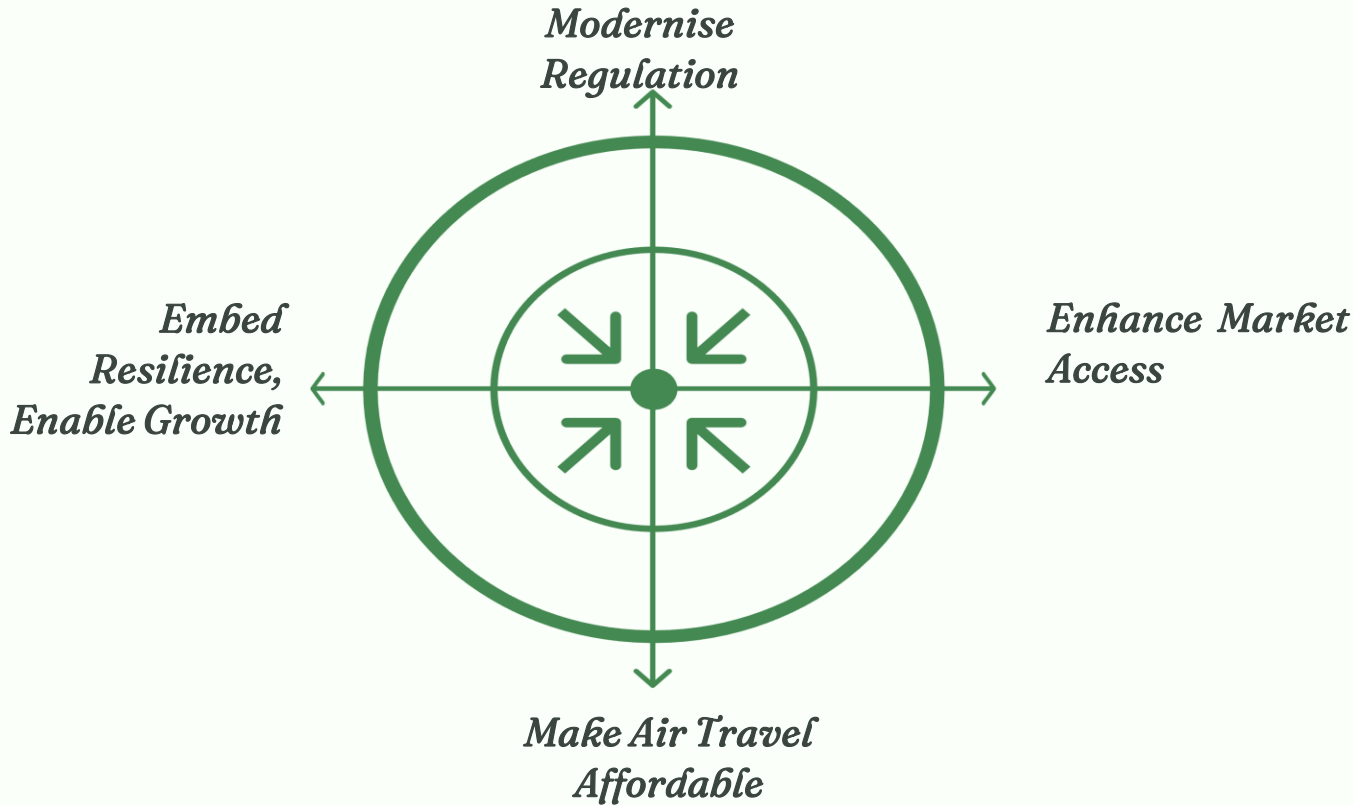
*Corridors*  
Enabled

*Projects*  
Financed

*"Africa will measure success by routes launched, costs reduced, corridors enabled, and projects financed."*



# *What Africa Wants ATConf/7 to Deliver*



“Implementation realism” – global policy must convert commitments into actual routes, lower costs, better passenger outcomes, and bankable projects.



# Concrete Asks of ICAO & Partners



## → *Outcome Language*

Development-compatible liberalisation & affordability in ATConf/7 conclusions

## → *AFI Coordination*

Structured support for common positions & working papers

## → *Implementation Toolkits*

Templates & checklists AFI States can apply immediately

## → *Capacity Building*

Data-driven regulation, competition frameworks & cargo corridor development



# *AFCAC / ATCONF/7 PREPARATORY WEBINAR*



*Africa wants a global air transport framework that rewards reform and makes connectivity real.*

## *Connectivity Is Infrastructure for Integration*

Aviation is not a luxury – it is the circulatory system of African integration. Every route launched, every corridor opened, and every institution strengthened brings the continent closer to the vision of SAATM and AfCFTA.

## *The Practical Ask*

- Support regional liberalisation and SAATM implementation
- Lower the structural cost of connectivity
- Mobilise investment through bankable pipelines
- Strengthen institutions and regulatory capacity
- Ensure innovation and sustainability enable African growth

# Headline Messages



“SAATM is Africa's implementation vehicle. ATConf/7 should help the vehicle move faster.”



 **SERGE FLORENT DZOTA**

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# Exhibition & Sponsorship Opportunities | AFCAC Expo 2026

## WHY SPONSOR OR EXHIBIT?

### Direct Access to Decision-Makers

Aviation ministers, CAA DGs, airline & airport CEOs

### Continental Brand Positioning

Visibility across all African Union Member States

### B2B & B2G Partnerships

Structured meetings with regulators, operators & investors

### Showcase Innovation to 500+ professionals

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