



**Annual ICAO ESAF-  
WACAF/AFCAC coordination  
meeting with Regional Aviation  
Organizations and Partners,**

**Nairobi, Kenya  
9 - 10 December 2025**





## Summary of Key Achievements - 2025

- Safety and Air Navigation Services
- Air Transport
- Security and Facilitation
- Environmental Protection



# SAFETY & TECHNICAL SERVICES - 2025 Outcomes

62.2%

EI Africa

1.01% ▲

- ❑ AFCAC coordinated 11 AFI CIS technical assistance missions to 6 States in collaboration with ICAO ESAF/ WACAF and RSOOs;
- ❑ Convened 3rd TWG to develop Infrastructure bankable projects in line with the 60 Gaps identified in the 2023 Infrastructure Gap Analysis in Africa. 30 projects prioritized under 5 pipelines, being finalized
- ❑ All capacity building activities were carried out in collaboration with our international partners and 720 participants received training



3 SSC States

Zimbabwe – 16 procedures designed, 76% Satisfactory, resolution of deficiencies in progress  
Liberia – Procedures designed and approved, installation of VOR facility is in progress.

Increasing risk of SSCs in Air Navigation Calibration of Equipment

60 identified Infrastructure Gaps attributed to aging equipment at Airports, ANSPs and Airlines 30 prioritized projects being finalized.

Low level of accident data sharing among member States and RSOOs

## Technical Assistance Missions and Outcomes – 2025

- ❑ Zimbabwe – 2 missions to support: SSC resolution; audit preparation; technical guidance finalized.

Collaborators:- Funded by AfDB and supported by ICAO ESAF and SASO

- ❑ Congo – 1 mission: follow-up and assist State to implement its Correction Action Plan from ICAO ROST missions

Collaborators:- Funded by EASA and supported by ICAO WACAF and ASSA-AC

- ❑ South Sudan – 1 mission: Initiate Phase II - Support SSCAA to establish a functional and sustainable organizational framework.

Collaborators:- Funded by EASA and supported by ICAO ESAF and CASSOA.

- ❑ Sierra Leone – 2 missions: AOC certification (Phases 1–3); strengthened OPS oversight.

Collaborators:- Funded by EASA and supported by ICAO WACAF and BAGASOO

- ❑ Eswatini – 3 missions: CE1–CE5 assistance; updated procedures & inspector training, AOC recertification.

Collaborators:- Funded by AfDB and supported by ICAO ESAF and SASO.

- ❑ Guinea-Bissau – 2 missions: Implemented CAPs; audit preparation (ROST follow-up).

Collaborators:- Funded by AfDB and supported by ICAO WACAF and URSAC

- ❑ 11 missions
- ❑ 6 Member States

# Intra-African Connectivity



## 2022 Target

Increase Intra-African Connectivity from 14.5% to 30% in 5 years - Direct City Pairs + 5th Freedom

## 2025 Achievements

**Over 3M**

Passengers Carried  
on the newly established routes

**113**

Routes Launched  
Including 19 Fifth Freedom routes

**23%**

Current Connectivity  
Up from 14.5% in 2022





# SAATM Joint Prioritised Action Plan

## 2022 Target 2

Increase Economic Contribution of Aviation & Promote Visa Openness

**\$2.8B**

Annual Trade Value

The estimated annual trade value enabled by reduced transit times and improved cargo connections

**8,200**

Jobs Created

Direct employment and indirect employment opportunities are generated across the aviation, hospitality, and service sectors

**35%**

Tourism Growth

Projected Tourism growth and increase in cross-border leisure travel within newly connected regions over the next two years



# Regulatory Harmonisation & Operationalisation

## DSM Framework Inaugurated

Administrative Council established. A functional mechanism for resolving aviation disputes now provides States and operators with legal certainty and boosts investor confidence in the liberalised market.

market.

## YD Under Review

Progress on modernising the legal framework to align with international best practices (fundamental for resolving existing BASA restrictions and fully liberalising the market).

## BASAs Aligned

63 Bilateral Air Services Agreements aligned across ICAN conferences (2022-2024), plus five new BASAs initiated in Brazzaville.

Multiple ASAs were aligned during the ICAN2025 Event. Compilation is ongoing

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## Key Studies & Research

- Updated study on aviation's socio-economic benefits finalised and to be disseminated across Africa (2025).
- AFCAC Developed YD Compliant ASA Template
- Development of the African Template Economic Regulation – To be further reviewed
- Study on competition in the African aviation market – Enhanced competitive landscape
- Study on Air Cargo Services and Liberalisation of Trade Routes to Support SAATM and AfCFTA

## AVIATION SECURITY & FACILITATION - 2025 Outcomes

### Strengthen States' Regulatory Oversight Mechanisms

AfDB-funded technical assistance supported Lesotho, Zambia, Namibia, and the Central African Republic in strengthening aviation security programmes, improving NCASP/NCAQCP frameworks, establishing certification systems, and enhancing capacities in corrective action planning, threat assessment, risk management, and regulatory oversight.



**Limitation:** Current coverage limited to SAATM States. Non-SAATM States with SSeCs and low EI remain unsupported due to funding

# AVIATION SECURITY & FACILITATION - 2025 Outcomes

## Strengthen States' Regulatory Oversight Mechanisms

AFCAC strengthened collaboration with regional and international partners—including ECAC, ACAO, IATA, and CAAS—by co-organizing key capacity-building activities across 2025. Through interregional seminars on security privatization, one-stop security, innovation, and cybersecurity, as well as joint programmes such as the AFCAC-CAAS Aviation Security Management training and the AFCAC-IATA Best Practices Exchange on API/PNR, AFCAC promoted knowledge-sharing, advanced technical competencies, and fostered greater cooperation among Member States, industry, and partners to enhance aviation security and facilitation across the continent.

120+

Participants

At Riyadh One-Stop Security Seminar from 53 States and industry partners

179

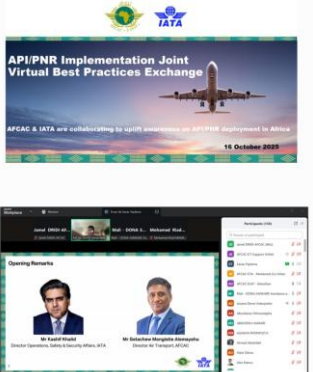
Active Delegates

Joined virtual API/PNR Best Practices Exchange

18

Member States

Participated in Security Management Programme in Johannesburg



## AVIATION SECURITY & FACILITATION - 2025 Outcomes

# Advancing Passenger Facilitation and Data Systems

In support of ICAO Annex 9 security-related objectives, AFCAC significantly advanced Member States' capacities in passenger data management, border control systems, and facilitation measures throughout 2025.



### ICAO FALC 2025

Promoted African perspectives on facilitation, human trafficking prevention, and biometric systems at Doha conference whilst coordinating preparations for ICAO Assembly



### API/PNR Virtual Exchange

Nigeria, Morocco, and Kenya shared implementation experiences with 179 participants, advancing harmonised deployment and cost recovery mechanisms



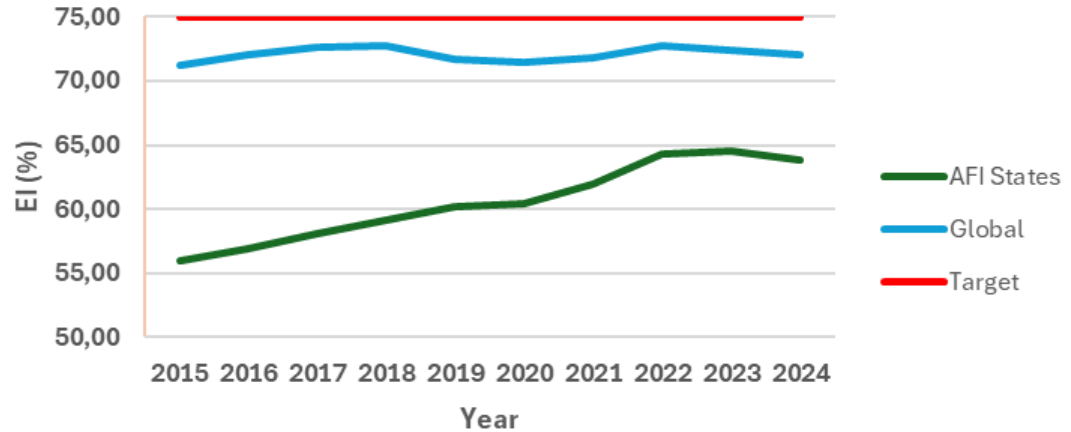
### API/PNR Roundtable: Nov, Addis Ababa

44 participants from 14 States engaged in substantive discussions on implementation progress, legal frameworks, and interoperability at Ethiopian Aviation University

These engagements enhanced collaboration on Advance Passenger Information (API), Passenger Name Record (PNR), Public Key Directory (PKD), and automated border control systems, supporting Africa's transition toward smarter, more secure, and passenger-friendly facilitation environments.

# Status of Aviation Security and Facilitation Implementation in Africa

EI TRENDS: AFI vs Global



**GASeP Aspirational Goal:**

To achieve and maintain a strong global aviation security system that is underpinned by full and effective implementation of ICAO aviation security Standards in all Member States.

### GASeP Milestones

By 2027, 65% of States reach or surpass 75% EI

By 2030, 80% of States reach or surpass 75% EI

By 2033, 100% of States reach or surpass 75% EI

28%

## Critical Element Deficiencies

The most significant gaps in African States' aviation security systems concern four Critical Elements, with average EI rates around 58%, highlighting persistent structural and operational challenges.

**CE-4: Personnel Qualification and Training**

Insufficient numbers of certified personnel and inadequate training programmes limit frontline security effectiveness across the continent.

**CE-5: Provision of Technical Guidance**

States struggle to provide adequate technical guidance, instructions, and oversight tools to regulated entities and security personnel.

**CE-6: Certification and Approval Obligations**

Weak certification processes for security equipment, personnel, and procedures undermine compliance with ICAO standards.

**CE-7: Quality Control**

Limited quality control mechanisms prevent effective monitoring of security system performance and corrective action implementation.

### STATUS OF SSECS IN AFRICA

State 1	Airport Operations
State 2	Airport Operations
State 3	Airport Operations (1), Cargo, Catering and Mail Security (1)
State 4	Airport Operations (2); Passenger and Baggage Security (2); Cargo, Catering and Mail Security
State 5	Airport Operations and Passenger and Baggage Security
State 6	Airport Operations (1), Passenger and Baggage Security (1), Cargo Catering and Mail Security (1)

# Data Systems Implementation Lags Behind Behind

API, iAPI, and PNR Systems Remain Limited

## API Systems

9 States operational:

Egypt, Kenya, Mali,  
Namibia, Nigeria,  
Rwanda, South Africa,  
South Sudan, Uganda

## iAPI Systems

2 States operational:

Rwanda, South Africa

## PNR Systems

3 States operational:

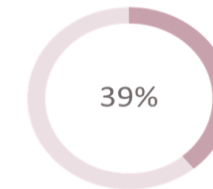
Egypt, Kenya, Mali

Progress hindered by regulatory gaps, inadequate legal frameworks, technical limitations, database interoperability issues, and substantial infrastructure investment requirements. AFCAC and IATA intensified support in 2025 through joint webinars and roundtables to accelerate adoption.



## Public Key Directory Participation

**Only 21 African States (39% of the continent)** have joined the ICAO PKD, falling significantly short of the aspirational 50% target by 2023.



PKD Membership Rate  
21 out of 54 African States participate

Slow uptake attributable to financial constraints requiring investments in e-passport infrastructure, secure certificate management systems, and technical training. Many States risk falling behind international standards for traveller identification and document authentication.



# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTIVITY OVERVIEW 2025

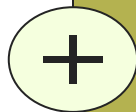
## AFCAC Continental Initiatives for Environmental Protection

### Support to States in implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices and Policies (ANNEX 16)



#### SAF & LCAF

Advance the sustainable growth of African Civil Aviation by catalyzing the deployment of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs)



#### SAP

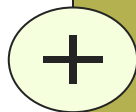
Promote the development and or review of State Action Plans for CO2 mitigation in Africa.



#### CORSIA

Promote CORSIA Implementation in Africa States

- Set up at least 2 additional CORSIA Verifiers in 2025.
- Set up at least one CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units Program



#### CAPACITY BUILDING

Enhance technical and human capacities of African experts

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - 2025 Status/Strategic Outcomes



## Continental Policy Direction for SAF/LCAF

- ❑ AU Executive Council and Summit adoption of the Continental Strategy for SAF/LCAF. Creates a unified continental mandate for African States.
- ❑ 5 States moved to establish national SAF committees.



## Capacity Enhancement and States Technical Support

- ❑ Delivered 6 major capacity-building programmes strengthening 100+ experts from 30 African States on SAF deployment, CORSIA implementation, and Annex 16 domestication.



## Strategic Partnerships

- ❑ Enhanced strategic partnerships to support African SAF projects, unlocking pathways and pipelines for investment in collaboration with the EU, AU and MDRs like EIB, EBRD, WB, AfDB.



## Global Influence

- ❑ Successfully advocated for Africa's voice at the ICAO Assembly, integrating African priorities into global aviation policy.
- ❑ Achieved unified African position at CAEP/13 steering group meeting.



# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - Joint Activities conducted in 2025



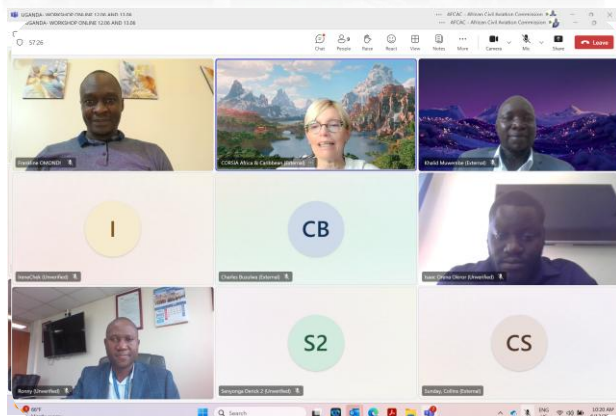
**CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units. Nairobi, Kenya. 7-8 April 2025.**



**CORSIA Technical Workshop and Training for African Stakeholders. 13-15 January 2025 in Dakar, Senegal.**



**Technical Assistance to Benin on CORSIA Implementation. 19-21 August 2025 in Cotonou**



**CORSIA assistance to Uganda on CORSIA Oversight. 12 - 13 June 2025**



**CORSIA Regional Workshop  
Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire 25-26 June 2025**



**Technical Working Group for Annex 16 Regulations.**

**26 - 28 August 2025. Harare, Zimbabwe**





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