



AATO INTERIM COUNCIL

Address by the AATO Interim Council, Chairperson

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**To the Constitutive Assembly of the
Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO)
(Abuja, Nigeria, 10-12 April 2013)**

Honourable Senator Ike Ekweremadu, Deputy Senate President, Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Honourable Princess Stella Adaeze Oduah OON, Honourable Minister of Aviation, Minister of Aviation, Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Capt. (Mrs.) Chinyere O. Kalu MFR, Rector / Chief Executive, Nigerian College of Aviation Technology;

Mr. Mam Sait Jallow, ICAO Western and Central Africa Regional Director;

Mr. Meshesha Belayneh, ICAO Eastern and Southern African Regional Director;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. It is my pleasure on behalf of the Interim Council to welcome you all to the first Constitutive Assembly of the Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO).
2. Two years ago the Training Expert Working Group (TWEG) recognised that an association of African Aviation Approved Training Organizations (AATOs) would be an ideal vehicle to drive the process of harmonization and standardization of aviation training in Africa, and this was recommended to the 3rd Pan-African Training Coordination Conference in Durban, South Africa, July 2011
3. Subsequently last year the AATO was launched during the Consultative Assembly held in Nairobi 2- 4 April 2012, an Interim Council was constituted and assigned the task to develop the framework for establishment of functions of the AATO.
4. Today the occasion marks the achievement of one of the Interim Councils' mandate * To conduct the formal constitutive assembly leading to the signature of the Constitution by the founding members.
5. The Interim Council has also achieved its other mandates and I assure you that the AATO Constitution will be signed during this Assembly.

6. Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to thank you on behalf of the AATO Interim Council for giving us the opportunity to contribute to a milestone on route to the realization of the Pan African dream of harmonizing and standardising aviation training in the continent.

7. Once again Welcome and we hope to benefit from your professional contributions to the Assembly.

Thank you, Ashante Sana.