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Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa

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INTRODUCTION



- ▶ It is an honour for AFRAA to participate in this important conference
- ▶ AFRAA is an industry body which represents the interests of African carriers.



CRITICAL NATURE OF AIR TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY IN AFRICA

- ▶ Air transport is the most efficient and effective means of transport for people and high value low volume goods for the vast African continent
- ▶ Connectivity is critical for African growth and development, supporting some 6.9 million jobs and US\$80.5 billion in economic activity, according to ATAG.
- ▶ Of the 6.9 million jobs supported across the African continent, 428,000 are within the industry itself and the rest are supported as part of the industry's supply chain and the significant role air transport plays in the tourism sector.





LIBERALISING AFRICAN AIR TRANSPORT



- ▶ The African aviation industry is lagging behind the rest of the world in its lack of full liberalisation which has been a major stumbling block to the development of African aviation
- ▶ The liberalisation process received a major boost early 2015 when African HOS declared their solemn commitment to fully liberalise and open their skies by Jan 2017
- ▶ Connecting Africa through aviation is critical to integration, intra-Africa trade, tourism, economic growth & development





SAFETY IS KEY



- ▶ Global safety standards are critical for the growth & development of African aviation
- ▶ AFRAA urges all airlines to adopt IOSA as stipulated by the Abuja Declaration of 2012
- ▶ All stakeholders need to play their part to ensure global safety standards including states ensuring stringent safety oversight.





NEED TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE



- ▶ Aviation infrastructure needs to match that of our competitors worldwide to attract passengers to comfortable, convenient and attractive hubs
- ▶ The infrastructure needs to cope with the growing airline industry
- ▶ Attracting high volumes of passengers & freight help generate revenues for infrastructure investment.
- ▶ Such hubs should be able to attract private capital to complement public investment





NEED TO REDUCE HIGH INDUSTRY COSTS



AUGUST 2015

Location	Abbrev.	USC/USG
Khartoum	KRT	511.59
Gaborone/Botswana	GBE	490.24
Juba/Sudan	JUB	435.49
Lilongwe/Malawi	LLW	432.40
Blantyre/Malawi	BLZ	410.46
Luanda/Angola	LAD	410.02
Ndola/Zambia	NLA	396.53
Pointe Noire/Rep. of Congo	PNR	378.43
Brazzaville/Rep. of Congo	BZV	378.43
Hargeisa/Somalia	HGA	364.02
Lubumbashi/DRC	FBM	333.03
Kigali/Rwanda	KGL	329.76
Goma/DRC	GOM	327.79
N'Djamena/Tchad	NDJ	317.15
Lusaka/Zambia	LUN	315.61
Bujumbura/Burundi	BJM	305.49



PROTECTING AFRICA'S RICH BIO-DIVERSITY



- ▶ A major challenge facing the African continent is the illegal poaching & trade in wildlife and wildlife products
- ▶ The thriving bio-diversity across Africa forms the backbone of the tourism sector performance
- ▶ All stakeholders need to collaboratively take measures that facilitate sustainable management of our natural resources for posterity
- ▶ Loss of bio-diversity threatens the entire ecosystem & negatively affects sustainable local livelihoods.



FACILITATING TRAVEL

- ▶ A single African air transport market would be meaningless unless non-physical barriers to travel are relaxed or eliminated
- ▶ Visa requirements in many states are significantly undermining intra-Africa travel
- ▶ Cumbersome customs clearance processes are deterring the development of air freight
- ▶ States that have not done so are urged to ratify the Montreal Convention of 1999 to, among other things, facilitate cost-effective e-freight.





NEED FOR PEACE



- ▶ Among the factors negatively affecting the air transport and tourism industries were some tragic incidents on the continent in 2014–2015
- ▶ These included terrorist attacks in Nairobi and Garissa in Kenya, Boko Haram terrorist attacks and abductions of Chibok girls in Nigeria and terrorist attacks at Port El Kantaoui in Tunisia
- ▶ This highlights the need for peace to facilitate the development of transport and tourism.



Peace



CONCLUSION



- ▶ Sustainable development of air transport in Africa requires that the industry be fully liberalised
- ▶ Industry costs need to be brought down to global standards through adhering to ICAO stipulations
- ▶ There is need to remove constraints to the development of the industry such as monopolies and visa requirements

