



Evolving ICAO's Regional Support



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Air Transportation in Africa

- Africa occupies a huge land mass with 54 countries
- It has:
 - ✓ A large and growing population (over One billion).
 - ✓ Growing Per Capita and Disposable Income.
 - ✓ Growing middle class and high demand for air transport.
 - ✓ A forecasted Growth Rate of 5.7% between now and 2032 compared to a world average of 4.7%
- Air Transport remains a vital tool and holds great potential as a catalyst for economic growth and development in Africa.



Air Transportation in Africa

Africa accounts for about 4% of world traffic despite the lack of alternative transport and harsh terrain, so there is room for significant improvement.

- ▶ Total accident rate is decreasing but still high compared to world average.
- ▶ Operational issues associated with non-compliance and lack of political will to address safety related issues is still prevalent.
- ▶ However, the future of aviation in Africa is positive and bright and it is an investment paradise for investors



Six (6) Strategic Objectives of AFCAC

- **AIR TRANSPORT:** To foster sustainable development of air transport in Africa
- **SAFETY:** To enhance civil aviation safety in Africa.
- **SECURITY:** To enhance civil aviation security in Africa.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** To enhance environmental protection in Africa.
- **HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING:** To ensure sustainable human resources development for African aviation.
- **RULE OF LAW:** To strengthen the Rule of Law in African civil aviation



Air Transport

- AFCAC is the Executing Agency of the Yamoussoukro Decision (YD)
- Adoption of the Regulatory Texts of YD namely:
 - ▶ Competition Rules;
 - ▶ Consumer Protection Regulations;
 - ▶ Dispute Settlement Mechanism; and
 - ▶ Powers and Functions of the Executing Agency.
- AFCAC has also been entrusted with the Secretariat for the Adoption of the Declaration on the Establishment of a Single African Air Transport Market in Africa by 2017 and Solemn commitment by States to fully implement the YD towards establishing the single market.

Challenges of Aviation Safety in Africa

- **A close analysis of the civil aviation challenges in Africa indicates commonality in almost all the States**
- Weak regulatory safety oversight Systems
- lack of required number of safety personnel

Overcoming aviation safety challenges requires

- Commitment of the Political Leadership
- Synergy of efforts among States and stakeholders in the industry





Cooperative Efforts to Improve Regulatory Oversight

- Key -
- Cooperation, collaboration and forging of common approaches with other partners and stakeholders as the only way to achieve the desired goals.
- In this regard -
- AFCAC will continue to solicit the commitment of States and work with ICAO to achieve the objectives of cooperative safety programmes to enhance the effective implementation of its member States.



The following are some of the Cooperative Efforts AFCAC is undertaking with ICAO

- **1. AFI Cooperative Inspectorate Scheme (AFI-CIS) - 2011**
- Managed by AFCAC with technical support from ICAO
- The aim is to create a pool of qualified and experienced Aviation Safety Inspectors from within the AFI Region to provide assistance to African States in addressing safety oversight deficiencies.

2. THE ICAO-AFI Plan

- **Over the years, the PLAN has covered:**
 - Airworthiness,
 - Operation of Aircraft (OPS); and
 - Personnel Licensing (PEL)

It has now been Expanded to include

- Air Navigation Services (ANS)
- Aerodrome and Ground Aids (AGA)
- Aircraft and Incident Investigation.





3. Human Resource Development

- AFCAC is currently collaborating with ICAO to implement the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF) for the civil aviation sector in Africa.
- HRDF provides a funding mechanism for the collection and use of voluntary contributions to establish opportunities for capacity-building to meet human resources needs.

4. Security- (AFI-SECFAL PLAN)

- AFCAC has collaborated with ICAO on the establishment of AFI SECFAL Plan to strengthen AVSEC and FAL in order to address LEIs
- Establishment of the Regional Aviation Security and Facilitation Group for Africa and the Indian Ocean Region (RASFG-AFI) was established in September, 2015.



Successes Recorded So Far

- Majority of States in the Region have been able to put robust Air Operator Certification and Surveillance in place.
- **So far, 30% of States in the AFI Region have attained Effective Implementation of aviation safety level of 60%.**
- 37% of States are in the WACAF Region; whilst 25% are in the ESAF Region.
- As of October 2015, 47 International Aerodromes from 12 AFI States have been Certified.



Successes Recorded So Far

- However, these progressive achievements and the Resolution of SSCs require more collaborative work and assistance to ensure sustainability.



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