



## FINANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE

### THIRD ICAO WORLD AVIATION FORUM (IWAFF/3)

A “No Country Left Behind” Initiative

Hosted by Nigeria

In collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC), African Development Bank (AfDB) and

New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency

### Financing the Development of Aviation Infrastructure

The third ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAFF/3) is aimed at high-level government officials responsible for aviation, transport and infrastructure, finance, economy, and tourism; and key industry and financial partners. The Forum is intended to explore the benefits of the aviation sector to the social, economic development and prosperity of Member States and to discuss, identify needs, and facilitate the funding and financing required to accelerate the implementation of international civil aviation global standards and policies, as well as global plans for aviation, in support of the ICAO *No Country Left Behind* (NCLB) initiative.

The Forum will also provide an opportunity to share information and best practices and to collaboratively foster partnerships and harness resources for sustainable aviation and development of aviation infrastructure that will ultimately enable national economic growth.

IWAFF/3 will be held in Abuja, Nigeria and will build on the outcomes of the previous events held in Montréal in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

### Objective

- Build on the outcomes of the two previous ICAO World Aviation Forums (IWAFF/1 and IWAFF/2) held in November 2015 and September 2016, and in the spirit of the NCLB initiative, tackle the existing and future financing challenges facing aviation infrastructure and capacity development in Member States, especially in Africa;
- Establish and/or align infrastructure programmes and plans that are consistent with the ICAO global strategic plans for aviation, i.e. Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), stimulate common and interoperable air transport systems, and consequently foster the attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs);
- Promote development of Aviation Infrastructure Plans by States that are integrated in National and Regional development Plans, for example, under the auspices of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA);
- Create and offer an opportunity including business-to-business (B2B) meetings to facilitate access to financing of projects and programmes in collaboration and partnership with the private sector, financial institutions and donors; and
- Focus on the establishment of specific infrastructure and capacity building projects to address the needs as identified through ICAO gap analysis in support of the NCLB initiative.

## Expected Outcome

- Adoption of a Declaration and the plan of action for aviation infrastructure development in Africa;
- Establishment of a collaborative mechanism by African States to ensure implementation of the plan of action and achievement of its set objectives, targets and timelines;
- Establishment of a financial framework for aviation infrastructure development in Africa that will be integrated into the African Union (AU) and the PIDA;
- Establishment and/or restructuring of national mechanisms by States to attract private sector investment in aviation;
- Discussions and conclusions of project financing arrangements; and
- Issuance of Concluding Communiqué for Financing the Development of Aviation Infrastructure.

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## Preliminary Programme

### Monday, 27 November 2017

- 13:00 – 18:30 **Business-to-Business Matchmaking and Bilateral Meeting Opportunities**  
**Side-Events**
- 19:00 – 21:00 **Welcome Reception**

### Tuesday, 28 November 2017 — Global Financing Issues

- 8:00 – 9:20 **Breakfast**

- 9:30 – 11:00 **Grand Opening**  
**Financing the Development of Aviation Infrastructure**

During the Opening, the high-level officials will address the existing and future financing challenges facing aviation infrastructure and capacity development, promote the development of the Aviation Infrastructure Plans, and discuss priorities and strategies in the spirit of ICAO's No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative.

- 11:00 – 11:20 **Coffee Break**

- 11:20 – 12:30 **Session 1**  
**Boosting Investments in Aviation Infrastructure and Benefits of Aviation**

The use of aviation as an economic development driver requires a large number of investments over a long period and the collaboration of States to modernize and expand aviation infrastructure. Leaders from the aviation industry, as well as the United Nations (UN) Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport, will highlight the socio-economic benefits of aviation and discuss immediate financing needs to maximize such benefits.

- 12:30 – 14:40 **Lunch Break**

- 12:45 – 14:30 **Leaders Luncheon 1** *(by invitation only)*  
**Integrated Transport System Planning**

The UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport highlighted the necessity of a balanced development of all transport modes. To better utilize the limited resources, air transport planning efforts should also be integrated with multi-modal transport plans. During this lunch time, presentations will be made on how to integrate the priorities of the aviation sector within the coordinated development of all transport modes, so that no country is left behind.

- 14:40 – 16:00 **Session 2**  
**Leveraging Public and Private Finance for Aviation Infrastructure Development**

Top officials from financial institutions will present what national and international financing options are available to meet the aviation infrastructure requirements in States, which are consistent with the ICAO global strategic plans. The discussion will focus also on the requirement of sectoral reforms in aviation infrastructure markets and how to create favourable conditions to attract private investors and build up institutional capacity to handle the complex nature of project finance transactions.

- 16:00 – 16:20 **Coffee Break**

16:20 – 17:40 **High-level Business Dialogue 1**  
**Exploring Investment Opportunities of Aviation Infrastructure**

This Interactive Round Table will provide the co-moderators and discussants of Sessions 1 and 2 with a rich, solutions-oriented discussion, drawing on the insights of the leaders present, with the aim of identifying where financing is required through analysing the gap between forecasted demand and capacity needed, and building a transparent, stable and predictable investment climate through engaging multi-stakeholders, diversifying funding sources and elevating private sector's role in infrastructure financing for long-term needs. Top officials from financial institutions and international organizations will interact with high-level aviation stakeholders.

19:00 – 21:00 **Gala Dinner**

**\* Side-Events and Business-to-Business Meetings (11:00 – 17:40)**

**Wednesday, 29 November 2017 – Day of Africa**

8:00 – 9:20 **Breakfast**

8:00 – 9:20 **Working Breakfast** *(by invitation only)*  
**Briefing on African Economy and Market**

During the working breakfast session, financial institutions will review the statue of the African economy, and provide an economic outlook and a briefing on the investment climate of African markets, with a focus on uncertainty and risk management.

9:30 – 10:50 **Session 3**  
**Financing for Aviation through the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)**

The development of aviation infrastructure and investment required for the African aviation sector is currently not well covered by the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA). The discussion will focus on how to build quality aviation infrastructure under the framework of the PIDA. As Investment in quality aviation infrastructure development requires simultaneous enhancement in human capacity – they are directly linked – and completely dependent on each other, top officials from financial institutions in Africa will also discuss investment in “soft infrastructure”, especially through the *MoveAfrica* initiative.

10:50 – 11:10 **Coffee Break**

11:10 – 12:30 **High-level Business Dialogue 2**  
**Exploring Investment Opportunities of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa**

Continuing from Session 3, this Interactive Round Table will provide the co-moderators and discussants of Session 3 with a rich, solutions-oriented discussion, leading to the establishment of a financial framework for aviation infrastructure development in Africa that will be integrated into the AU and the PIDA. Top officials from financial institutions in Africa will interact with high-level aviation stakeholders through Q&As slots.

12:30 – 14:40 **Lunch Break**

12:45 – 14:30 **Leaders Luncheon 2** *(by invitation only)*  
**Role of Regional Economic Communities (RECs) for Aviation Infrastructure Development**

Speakers from Regional Economic Communities (RECs) of the African Union (AU) will present their best practices and measures to attract foreign direct investments and official development assistance to enhance their air transport systems and improve connectivity, recognizing their special needs and structural characteristics.

14:40 – 16:00 **Session 4**  
**International Assistance Platform for Infrastructure Development in Africa**

Despite its cross-cutting nature and multiple links to other economic sectors, air transport received a mere 4.2 per cent (USD 4.6 billion) of the total Official Development Assistance (ODA) provided by all donors for economic infrastructure and services for the past decade (2005-2013). In comparison, road transport was allocated a share of 54.7 per cent, which amounts to USD 60.9 billion. Presentations will be made on various foreign assistance platforms and partnerships to mobilize resources for infrastructure development in Africa, such as Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) and Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC).

16:00 – 16:20 **Coffee Break**

16:20 – 17:20 **High-Level Session**

**Adoption of Declaration and Plan of Action for Aviation Infrastructure Development in Africa**

After reviewing a draft text and taking into account discussions and deliberations during the previous sessions, the Forum will adopt a Declaration and Plan of Action for Aviation Infrastructure Development in Africa.

17:20 – 17:40 **Summary of the Forum**

**ICAO Concluding Remarks for IWAF/3**

Issuance of Concluding Communiqué for Financing the Development of Aviation Infrastructure  
Hand-over ceremony for the IWAF/4

**Vote of Thanks on Behalf of IWAF/3 Participants**

**Closing Remarks**

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