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Dear Participants,

Subject: - Invitation to attend the Second Air Cargo Development Forum in Africa (June 27-29, 2017, UNECA Conference Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

On behalf of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA), we would like to officially invite you to attend and participate at the "Second Air Cargo Development Forum in Africa" on June 27-29, 2017. The conference will be held at UNECA Conference Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The purpose of the 3-days conference is to build upon the Declaration on the Development of Air Cargo in Africa, adopted in Lomé, Togo, on 7 August 2014 (the "Lomé Declaration"). Through this strategic document, participants from 22 States, international organizations and aviation stakeholders, decided to take action for the sustainable development of air cargo in Africa. The conference will focus on key areas such as liberalization of market access and air carrier ownership and control; cooperation throughout the cargo supply chain; security and facilitation; funding for infrastructure and intermodal integration; support to remote or peripheral destinations; taxes and user charges; capacity-building for qualified personnel; fleet modernization; and adherence to international instruments.

Altogether, the conference will allow policy-makers, air transport regulators, representatives from the aviation industry and other stakeholders, to review progress towards implementation of the Lomé Declaration, identify challenges and opportunities, and agree on a Roadmap for priority actions, building on the decisions of the 39th ICAO Assembly. It will also contribute to the cooperative activities between ICAO, the World Customs Organization (WCO) and The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA). Altogether, the conference will be divided into substantive sessions featuring over 34 presentations on different themes.

Should you require more information about the conference, please visit the ICAO conference website at <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/aircargoafrica2017/Pages/default.aspx>. You may also contact Mr. Goitom Abebe, the focal person for this conference at +251911508481 or goitom94@yahoo.com.

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This is also to remind you that to avoid long delays at the security check point, pre-registration for this meeting is mandatory due to high-level building security at UNECA. **Please register by Thursday, 15 June 2017.**

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at this important event.

Sincerely,


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Director General

