

CFIT Prevention in Africa to Improve Safety Performance towards Abuja Safety Targets — Part 1 on 15 December 2021

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Agenda

- 1. Africa Safety records in the 90s
- 2. Data Driven Approach to Safety Improvement
- 3. Coordinated Efforts to Reduce ALA Including CFIT
- 4. Two occurrences in 2003:
 - 1. A missed CFIT at Bole International Airport and
 - 2. CFIT accident at Mount Kenya
- 5. The Data identified the types of accidents to Manage and Reduce Accident rates





Worldwide Accident Rates decline Continuously

Airliner Accidents Per 1 Million Flights 1977-2017







In Africa Accident Rates

In the 80s and 90s

- Accident rates per million departures behaved as statistical random variables, in contrast with the world down trend.
- With less 0.5 million departures per year, one event induced a rate greater than 2.
- Therefore, Africa accidents used to fluctuate between double-digit figures 0.
- The absolute numbers of occurrences depicted a mediocre safety results; with 20% to 25% of the total number of the world occurrences while the Africa traffic was less the 3%.
- The need to improve safety results in Africa as the traffic growth remined steady



World Data Driven Approach





The Data Driven Approach Influenced the Down Trend

The Aviation initiatives analysed safety occurrences

- Dedicated safety bodies such as Flight Safety Foundation (FSF) the US Commercial Aviation Safety Team (CAST), the Joint Safety Analysis Team (JSAT), and the European Joint Aviation Authorities Safety Authorities Aviation Safety Strategy Initiatives (JSSI) contributed to analyzing safety and making relevant recommendations.
- Based on the recommendations of these stakeholders, FSF developed a toolkit to prevent approach and landing accidents including Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT), the aviation killer.
- IATA regularly published its Annual Safety Report to disseminate lessons learn from safety events.





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Validation

- ICAO 33rd Assembly:
 - "The ALAR Tool Kit has been assessed as containing extremely valuable accident prevention material which will greatly assist accident programs."
- Copy sent with each IATA Safety Report
- CAST:
 - "Develop an ALAR JSIT Training Guide, using the Flight Safety Foundation's CFIT and ALAR training guide . . . "



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T	otal:	42,172	44



Two Events in 2003 in Africa





The 2003 Near Missed CFIT at ADD

On 31 March 2003

- An A320, operated by British Mediterranean narrowly missed colliding with terrain during a non-precision approach to Addis Ababa.
- The A320 on a flight from Alexandria to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, carried out two approaches using Addis Ababa VOR and associated DME. On the second approach the aircraft crossed over a ridge of the high ground in IMC and came within 56 feet of the terrain at location 5 NM to the northeast of the airport,
- Sticking to the operator SOP, the crew diverted to the alternate airport, landed safely at Djibouti, and filed an Aviation Safety Report.
 - Source SKYBrary Aviation Safety



The 2003 CFIT at Mount Kenya

On 19 July 2003

• The Swearingen Metro plane, carrying 12 American tourists and two South African crew members, departed Nairobi-Wilson Airport at 15:58 for a flight to the Samburu national park. The flight plan was to allow the crew to fly round Mount Kenya before landing at a private airstrip in the game park. The airplane crashed into the eastern slope of Point Lenana (16,450 feet), which is the third highest peak of Mount Kenya. The crash site was located approx. 450 feet below the snow-capped top. Debris scattered into the adjacent valleys of the peak, and then burnt throughout the night.

Source Aviation Safety Network



The 2003 CFIT at Mount Kenya

On 19 July 2003

- Probable cause: The pilots' failure to maintain horizontal and vertical situational awareness of the aircraft's proximity to the surrounding terrain, resulting in inadequate clearance, and controlled flight into terrain.
- Contributing factors:
 - Unfamiliarity with the airspace and the route in particular and the existence of high ground on the planned flight route.
 - Inadequate flight planning by the pilots and distraction of their attention when they were instructed to contact Nanyuki.
 - Poor pilot briefing by the Wilson ATC briefing office.
 - Poor communication between the air traffic control units.
 - Failure of the radar controller to advise the pilot of termination of radar service.
 - Lack of a radar system minimum safe altitude warning to the radar controller
 - Poor civil military coordination during transit through the military airspace.

Source Aviation Safety Netwo



The Abuja Safety Targets





The Abuja Safety Targets

- In 2011:
 - Africa 7.9 and the world average 4.2 per million departures
- In 2012, the status of runway safety related accidents was:
 - 10-year-average was 17 runway safety related events per year
 - Initially, the Abuja set target for runway safety related accidents was to reduce runway related accidents to no more than 8 by 2015
- In 2012, at Abuja, Africa recognized the Regional unacceptable safety performance.
 - Highest Accident rate insinuating the risk level of accident in Africa at about twofold of the world average
 - Hence the initial 2012 Abuja Safety targets and the 2017 revised ones were set to improve aviation safety over time
 - Progressively reduce the African accident rate to be in line with the global average.
 - With focus on reducing the accidents of three accident categories:
 - runway related accidents, controlled-Flight-Into-Terrain (CFIT) and Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-



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