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INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE NEWLY RECONSTITUTED BUREAU



123rd AFCAC BUREAU MEETING
AFCAC HEADQUARTERS, DAKAR, SENEGAL, 1-3 APRIL 2019



SAVE THE DATE !
Celebration of the
20th Anniversary of the Yamoussoukro Decision
and the
50th Anniversary of AFCAC

Dakar, SENEGAL
14-15 November 2019

World Civil Aviation Chief Executives Forum

The Secretary General of AFCAC Mr. Tefera M. Tefera had a side meeting with the Vice President of ECAC, Mr. Alessio Quaranta and the Ag. Executive Secretary of ECAC, Ms. Patricia Reverdy at the World Civil Aviation Chief Executives Forum, in Singapore (8-11 Apr. 2019).

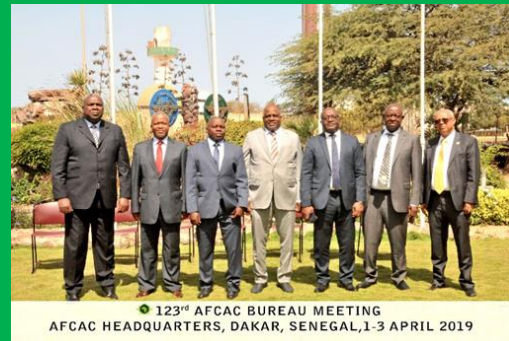
Both sides agreed to further enhance collaboration as well as maintain their existing arrangements of cooperation at the international fora including election of Council members at the forthcoming 40th Assembly of ICAO.



The Secretary General of AFCAC had a second side meeting with the President and Sec Gen of Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC). Both sides agreed to maintain the long-time agreement on cooperation at international forums, including election of Council members at the forthcoming 40th Assembly of ICAO.



Inaugural Meeting of the Newly Reconstituted Bureau



The Newly elected Bureau of AFCAC held its inaugural meeting at the AFCAC Headquarters, in Dakar, Senegal, 1-3 April, 2019. Designated at the 123rd Meeting of the Bureau, the members were taken through the relevant provisions of the AFCAC Constitution, Rules and Procedures of both the Plenary and Bureau as part of their orientation.

The Bureau as part of the Agenda considered draft report of the 30th Plenary; the draft Working Paper on the External Audit Reports of 2015, 2016 and 2017; draft Strategic Plan, Work Programme and Budget of 2019-2021, draft Agenda of the 31st Plenary(Extraordinary) Session to be held on 13 May 2019, in Kampala, Uganda, among other items.

The President of AFCAC, Mr. Gabriel Lesa, (DG Zambia CAA) presided over the Meeting. The following four (4) Vice Presidents (VPs) attended: VP East Dr. David Mpango. Kakuba (DG Uganda CAA), VP West Captain Muhtar Usman, (DG Nigeria CAA), VP Central Mr. Serge Florent Dzota (DG Congo CAA), VP South Mr. Solomon Dube (DG Eswatini CAA), and the AFI Group Coordinator at ICAO, Montreal, Ambassador Maixent Raoul Ondzotto. The VP North (DG Tunisia CAA) was unable to attend.

Africa-US Airport Issues Conference

In Durban, SA, on 9 April 2019, Papa Atoumane Fall, Director of Safety presented at the Africa-US Airport Issues Conference, “AFCAC’s initiatives to improve aviation safety in Africa to harness opportunities of SAATM”, while Ms Sheila Ngidi, Aviation Security Expert, participated in a panel discussion, where she highlighted the “Challenges facing aviation security in Africa”. Mr. Silue Sinaly and Mr. Magueye Marama Ndao respectively DG of Civil Aviation Authorities of Cote d’Ivoire and Senegal attended the Conference and shared their views on “Aviation Workforce Challenges and Opportunities in Africa” and “Aviation Security Challenges in Africa”



Mr. Papa Atoumane Fall insisted on the need for the enhancement of aviation safety and Security, which are the Pillar5 of the Joint Action Plan for the operationalization of Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM). He invited the USA-FAA to participate in the AFCAC Programme for the strengthening of the oversight capabilities of African States through optimization of resources and the establishment of the Platform for the African Regional Safety Oversight Organizations (RSOOs).



Second ordinary session of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism (STC-TTIET)

On 18 April 2019, Cairo, Egypt, the SG of AFCAC made a courtesy visit to the Director General of Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority on the side of the the second ordinary session of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism (STC-TTIET) meeting. The two exchanged views on the implementation of SAATM, capacity building in areas of Safety and Security for experts of member States and areas of Egypt’s support to AFCAC.



Regional Workshop on CORSIA

Joint ICAO/AFCAC Regional Workshop ON CORSIA held on 11 April, 2019 at the AFCAC HQs. The Workshop inter alia allowed African Member States to better understand the implementation concepts of the new ICAO Annex 16 Standards and Recommended practices. The workshop gave Member States' Environmental Experts the opportunity to receive further information on the upcoming CORSIA implementation requirements particularly on the CO2 monitoring, reporting and verification requirements for 2019. Twenty Four (24) AFCAC Member States were represented. In total Seventy Nine (79) participants attended the Workshop.

AFCAC took stock of the level of preparedness of the African continent in the implementation of the Annex 16 SARPs. In this regard, further sessions and capacity building will be held to assist Member States in implementing this global Environmental initiative.



Workshop on "Landside Security"

AFCAC and the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) in conjunction with Cabo verde CAA, conducted Workshop on "Landside Security" in Praia, Cabo Verde from 16 to 18 April 2019.

Fourty-four (44) participants from 30 AFCAC Member States, namely Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo RD, Comoros, Egypt, Eswatini, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Equatorial, Guinea Republic, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mali, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sao Tome, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Cabo Verde attended the Workshop.



Security review of the Habib Bourguiba International Airport, Monastir, Tunisia

During the last week of April, two Aviation Security and Facilitation Experts, namely, Mr. Adama Niang, (Senegal) and Mr. Pagnou Modowe (Togo), both members of the Cooperative Scheme of AFCAC aviation security Experts, joined the ACI-APEX Team for the Security review of the Habib Bourguiba International Airport, Monastir, Tunisia.



HEADQUARTERS NEWS

Establishment of the HRDF Task Force

The 30th AFCAC Ordinary Plenary, held in Livingstone, Zambia from 4-5 December 2018, directed AFCAC Secretariat to facilitate and establish an HRDF Task Force to address concerns raised by member States on the implementation of activities under the Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF). Pursuant to the Directive of the Plenary, the HRDF Task Force composed of Mauritania, Chad, Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, ICAO ESAF, ICAO WACAF, AFI Group Coordinator and the HRDF Focal Point of the AFI Group was created and held several Teleconference Meetings, in April 2019. A progress report on the proposals of the HRDF TF will be submitted to the 31st AFCAC Extra-ordinary Plenary.

Visit of World Bank Group to AFCAC, Executive Agency of the Single African Air Transport market (SAATM), 29 April to 3 May 2019

A Delegation of World Bank Group met AFCAC Secretariat on 29 April 2019 to launch the mission of the WB Group with the following objectives:

- (i) To discuss with AFCAC and agree on the Project components description and activities;
- (ii) To register AFCAC suggestions and recommendations on the Project design; and
- (iii) To carry out a technical, fiduciary (financial and procurement), institutional and capacity assessment of the African Civil aviation Commission (AFCAC).

The mission reviewed AFCAC's institutional capacity and staffing with regard to its institutional mandate and the potential additional responsibilities. The World Bank assured AFCAC of its readiness to finance some of the work programs of AFCAC and that of the Joint Prioritized Action Plan on establishment of SAATM and sustainable development of air transport in Africa.

AFCAC-EU-EASA

While going for publishing this Newsletter, a team of the EU-EASA made a 2nd round of visits to the HQs of AFCAC to review and harmonize its initiatives in Africa as a continuation of the discussion held in Brussels and Cabo Verde. It was noted that, the EU will earmark financing of 10 experts for AFI-CIS missions to member States and sponsor Government Safety Inspector and indoctrination trainings to 24 newly designated AFI inspectors and 4 Instructors.



MEMBER STATES NEWS

SOUTH AFRICA CAA

NEWSFLASH BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!

Bongi Mtlokwa appointed as Chair of ICAO Safety Management Panel



The SACAA is delighted to announce that one of its own, Ms Bongi Mtlokwa, who is an expert in Safety Management Systems, was appointed as Chairperson for the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Safety Management Panel on 23 April 2019.

The panels of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) comprise of technical groups of qualified experts. The scope of the Safety Management Panel is to develop and/or maintain the ICAO safety management provision by assisting States to systematically manage aviation safety risks and improve safety performance.

The duties of the chairperson includes, inter alia, to chair panel meetings and provide direction and leadership to the panel, to act as a liaison person between the SMP and other expert groups/panels, and to be a panel ambassador on safety management issues in the region.



Bongi joined the SACAA in 2003, and starting as a receptionist, she held various executive secretary positions and eventually became a senior researcher for the Accident and Incident Investigations division (AIID). Her passion for aviation safety led her in the direction of Safety Management and she became an SMS coordinator, and in time, the SMS technical officer at Air Safety Operations. She has participated in other ICAO panels such as the ICAO Safety Information Protection Panel and Safety Information Exchange Group.

Bongi's passion for aviation safety was ignited by working at AIID, where she saw the aftermaths and tragic consequences of aviation accidents, such as loss of life, which was often due to a lack of safety nets in the aviation safety system. She enjoys challenges and has contributed in the panels in which she participated on behalf of the State. She is looking forward to working with the Team to improve the State's SSP and industry's SMS implementation.

News Links

[EgyptAir inaugurates Cairo-Kigali route, Trade between Egypt, Rwanda to increase](#)

EgyptAir, the flag carrier airline of Egypt has launched two weekly flights connecting Cairo and Kigali. This is likely to enhance trade between Egypt and Rwanda and ease the cost and movement of people and goods.

<https://www.africanaerospace.aero/saa-announces-operational-changes-to-flights-into-blantyre-malawi.html>

<https://www.africanaerospace.aero/cabo-verde-airlines-to-enter-into-partnership-with-taag-angola-airlines.html>

Cabo Verde Airlines has entered a strategic partnership with TAAG Angola Airlines, the national airline of Angola, in a codeshare agreement of flights operated by TAAG between Luanda and Sal.

<https://www.africanaerospace.aero/saa-announces-operational-changes-to-flights-into-blantyre-malawi.html>

O.R. Tambo International Airport, South Africa's biggest and busiest port of entry, was named African Airport of the Year at the Air Cargo Africa conference and exhibition. This was the fourth time the airport has won the award.

<https://www.africanaerospace.aero/iata-and-acao-sign-mou-to-advance-aviation-in-mena.html>

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and The Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) have signed an MoU to deepen their cooperation to advance the safe, efficient and sustainable development of air transport in the Middle East North Africa region (MENA).

<https://www.africanaerospace.aero/tracking-bags-drives-66-improvement-in-baggage-delivery.html>

Airlines that are adding tracking at more points of the baggage journey are enjoying a huge improvement in bag delivery globally. The SITA 2019 Baggage IT Insights – officially launched at an event in Abu Dhabi International Airport on end of April 20 – shows that where tracking is done at check-in and loading onto the aircraft, the rate of improvement is as high as 66%.

<https://www.latestnigeriannews.com/news/7162170/nigerian-airports-record-35m-passengers-54000-aircraft-movement.html>

According to the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN FAAN's), a total of 3.5 million passengers passed through Nigerian airports in 54,000 aircraft movements in the first quarter of 2019. This figure represented an increase of 76,397 passengers or 2.23 per cent growth compared to the 3.43 million passengers recorded in the first quarter of 2018.

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