







Continental Study on the Benefits of the Single Africa Air Transport Market (SAATM)

Fact Sheet for Liberia





Key Facts and Figures

NUMBER OF JOSA AIRLINES

NO
NATIONAL CARRIER

5.1

POPULATION 2020
(MILLIONS)

Low Income \$580 GNI PER CAPITA

40 (out of 54)
RANK IN NUMBER
OF INTRA-AFRICA
PASSENGERS 2019

38 (out of 54)

VISA OPENNESS RANKING¹

18.39
(Target is > 60)

EFFECTIVE
IMPLEMENTATION
OF ICAO STANDARDS
AND RECOMMENDED
PRACTICES

N/A
TRAVEL & TOURISM
CONTRIBUTION
TO GDP²

BASA³ Analysis Summary

BASA compliance with YD Articles 2,3,4,5,6



Liberia = HIGH Compliance

71%

71% of the 29 BASAs reviewed are compliant

- Total BASAs = 14/54
- BASAs with SAATM Signatories = 14
- BASAs with YD Signatories = 14



"It always seems impossible until it's done."

Nelson Mandela, Former President of South Africa



1 The African Development Bank Africa Visa Openness Index. 2 World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) Research.

3 Bilateral Air Service Agreements.

SAATM Enablers Index



Recommendations to Improve YD Implementation

- Ensure all existing (and future) BASAs comply fully with the provisions of the YD (especially Articles 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- Fully implement the SAATM concrete measures
- Engage with ICAO to improve safety oversight capability
- Encourage existing or future domestic airlines to attain IOSA registration
- · Improve airport infrastructure
- Improve current level of low visa openness amongst African States



Recommendations from SAATM Traffic Light

Need improvements to optimize SAATM Implementation.

The Impact of Achieving SAATM

The impact of successfully implementing SAATM across all 55 African Union nations was examined using a gravity model which projected the potential air traffic between African nations based on specific economic and market factors and allowing for full YD liberalization of all intra-African air markets.

For **Liberia**, the increase in intra-Africa passenger traffic, total fare savings to passengers and consumer surplus (a measure of welfare benefit) is summarised below. The level of increase is a reflection of current traffic and economic conditions and the degree of liberalization already undertaken.

Summary of traffic impacts for the specified country:



129
PASSENGER INCREASE (THOUSANDS)



74%
INCREASE



FARE SAVINGS
(US\$ MILLION)

CONSUMER SURPLUS

Wider economic benefits of SAATM for the individual country:

The impacts of liberalization extend beyond the benefits to passengers. The increased air service levels will generate employment in the aviation industry to service the additional passengers and aircraft. Liberalization is also expected to stimulate tourism between the countries. Perhaps most significantly, the increase

air service can facilitate many other sectors of the economy by supporting increased trade, attracting new businesses to the region, encouraging investment and enhancing productivity. The estimated economic benefits to **Liberia** are summarised below.

Wider economic benefits - increased employment and economic activity

790

EMPLOYMENT IN THE AVIATION SECTOR AND SPIN-OFF INDUSTRIES

4,560
INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT THROUGH CATALYTIC IMPACTS

21,900 INCREASE IN TOURISM VISITS

2.0
INCREASE IN
TOURISM SPEND
(US\$ MILLION)

250
INCREASE
IN TOURISM
EMPLOYMENT

14.3
INCREASE IN GDP
(US\$ MILLION)

0.47%
% INCREASE IN GDP

5,600 TOTAL EMPLOYMENT



For more information look for the SAATM website at the African Union

