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### SYMPOSIUM AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME

<b>09:00-09:15</b>	<b>Overview of the Symposium</b>	
<b>Session 1 - Air Transport Developments in Africa, Economic benefits of Enhanced Connectivity and Facilitated air transport</b>		
<b>09:15-10:45</b>	<p>1. Moderator: Mr. Aaron MUNETSI, Chief Executive Officer Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA).....</p> <p>2. Rapporteur: Justus/ Eyob</p> <p>3. Explanatory Notes-</p> <p>Enhanced air transport connectivity in Africa offers significant economic benefits, fostering growth by facilitating trade, tourism, and investment. Improved connectivity boosts regional integration, supporting the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and enabling easier movement of goods and people. It also expands tourism, attracting visitors to remote areas and</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Mesfin Tasew, Group CEO, Ethiopian Airlines</li> <li>2. Mr. Abderahmane, BERTHÉ, Secretary General African Airlines Association AFRAA</li> <li>3. Mr. Kamil Alawadhi, Regional Vice President Africa and Middle East -IATA</li> <li>4. Mr. Eric Ntagengerwa, Head of Transport and Mobility Division, infrastructure and Energy Department of the African Union Commission</li> </ol>

	<p>benefitting industries like hospitality and retail. Increased connectivity attracts foreign direct investment (FDI), enhances supply chain efficiency, and reduces transportation costs, making African products more competitive globally.</p> <p>To fully harness these benefits, addressing regulatory and infrastructure challenges, such as restrictive air service agreements, is essential. Investments in safety, security, and infrastructure are needed to handle higher traffic volumes, along with international partnerships for funding and development to facilitate an effective air transport services in the continent.</p> <p>In this perspective, the speakers will provide experience from Government/ state, regional policy and industry perspectives.</p>	
<p><b>10:45-11:15</b></p>	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>	
<p><b>Session 2 - Implementation support, Safety, Security and Air Navigation performance in Africa</b></p>		

<p><b>11:15-12:30</b></p>	<p>1. Moderator: Mr. David Labrosse, General Manager Safety &amp; Security Regulation (SSR), Seychelles Civil Aviation Authority</p> <p>2. Rapporteur: Zewdu/Elisha</p> <p>3. Explanatory Notes</p> <p>This panel will discuss the implementation support of the ICAO combined with efforts made by States and partners that have contributed to the enhancement of the States performance in aviation safety, security, and air navigation in the region and the way forward/need to strengthen the implementation support and enhance the regional performance.</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Arthemon NDIKUMANA, Deputy Regional Director ICAO,ESAF Regional Office.</li> <li>2. Mr. Thabani Myeza, Director Africa Affairs - CANSO</li> <li>3. Eng. Richard GATETE, Executive Director, EAC CASSOA.</li> <li>4. Mr. Biruk Abraham, Senior Representative for Africa (Acting), Office of International Affairs, FAA.</li> <li>5. Mr. Kamil Alawadhi, Regional Vice President Africa and Middle East -IATA</li> </ol>
<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>		
<p><b>Session 3 - The road towards the Long-term Aspirational Goal (LTAG) of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050</b></p>		
<p><b>13:30-14:30</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moderator: Abubeker Yimam Ali, Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering at Addis Ababa University</li> <li>2. Chinga</li> <li>3. Explanatory Notes:</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on aviation environmental protection, particularly on the role of SAF, LCAF and other aviation cleaner energies towards monitoring LTAG progress.</li> </ul>	<p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Yitatek K. Yitbarek, Regional Manager - Africa Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB)</li> <li>2. Mr. Santiago HAYA-LEIVA, International Cooperation Officer – Sustainability, EASA</li> <li>3. Mr. Tesema Adamu Deressa, Environmental expert, Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority</li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How Africa can benefit from the ICAO 'Finvest Hub' initiative aimed at facilitating enhanced access to public and private investment capacities and funding from financial institutions, with a focus on developing States with particular needs, for projects that contribute to the decarbonization of international aviation.</li> </ul>	
<b>Session 4 - Women in Aviation the case of Africa</b>		
<b>14:30-15:30</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Moderator Ms. Olive Birungi Lumonya, Deputy Director General, Uganda Civil Aviation Authority</li> <li>2. Rapporteur: Irene</li> <li>3. Explanatory Notes</li> </ol> <p>This panel will cover discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ICAO Gender Equality Plan, the initiatives in place to accelerate progress in increasing number of women in the aviation space – with reference to the Assembly Resolution A39-31.</li> <li>• Sharing of organisational best practices, policies and measures to increase gender equality in the work place.</li> <li>• Data collection and reporting on women in aviation.</li> </ul>	<p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Capt. Mary Mukulu Kai, Women in Aviation International Kenya Charter</li> <li>2) MS. Sophia, Executive Director, Africa Air Transport Solutions Associates, International</li> <li>3) Ms. Sepiso Mukubesa Zimba, Public Relations Manager at Zambia Civil Aviation Authority</li> </ol>

## Session 5 - Young Aviation Professional in Africa

**15:30-16:30**

1. Moderator: Ms. Margareth Moyo, Secretary General AATO
2. Rapporteur: Keziah
3. Explanatory Notes

The Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) is one of ICAO's key initiatives established to ensure a sufficient supply of qualified and competent professionals to operate, manage, and maintain the future international air transport system.

This initiative is crucial as the aviation industry faces multiple challenges as aviation is competing with other sectors for highly skilled talent. In 2016, ICAO's 39th Assembly adopted [Assembly Resolution A39-29](#) on NGAP, underscoring the initiative's importance and calling on Member States to identify long-term human resource needs.

This panel will focus on the development of young professionals for the African aviation industry; the challenges as well as recommendations on strategies to attract, train, educate, and retain aviation professionals, with a particular emphasis on promoting gender equality.

Speakers:

1. Mr. Kassie Yimam Fetene – A. President - Ethiopian Aviation University
2. Mafunase Ngosa Malenga – Founder/MD Southern Africa Inst. of Av. Sci. & Tech
3. Mrs Bilan Mohammed, Director ANS Djibouti
4. Cap. Solomon Gizaw, Managing Director, Abyssinian Flight Service and Aviation Academy