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Air transport plays an essential role of linking many coastal areas and communities in hinterland, many of which are not easily accessible by any other means of transportation. By connecting States to regional and global markets and facilitating travel, tourism and trade, air transport generates economic growth and development, provides jobs and fosters other socio-economic benefits.

Harnessing and maximising the benefits of air transport requires enabling regulatory environments and quality infrastructure commensurate with the level of predicted traffic growth. Air transport policies and regulations should aim to facilitate transformation and new technologies. Efforts in this respect must focus on the liberalization of market access and the establishment of good regulatory practices and governance for air transport, including modernization, harmonization and convergence of regulatory approaches and regimes of States, and the promotion of connectivity, competition, transparency and choice for consumers.

The objective of this Air Transport Meeting is to proffer practical solutions to remove existing regulatory impediments to air transport liberalization and to finance the development of quality aviation infrastructure, with the follow-up to the *ICAO Statement on the Development of Air Transport in North America, Central America, the Caribbean and South America* adopted at the ICAO Regional Air Transport Conference (Montego Bay, Jamaica, 7 to 9 October 2014), the *Medellin Statement on Tourism and Air Transport for Development* adopted at the Joint World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)/ICAO High-Level Forum on Tourism and Air Transport for Development (Medellin, Colombia, 14 September 2015), as well as the conclusion adopted by the South American Civil Aviation Directors for the sustainability of air transport growth (SAM Plan), (Asunción, Paraguay 4-6 December 2017) .

The Air Transport Meeting will also build on the outcome of the Special Event on Promoting Air Links between African States and the Diaspora (Accra, Ghana, 30 March 2017) on promoting tourism and air links between African States and the Diaspora, especially the Caribbean States. The meeting will result in the establishment of a collaborative mechanism between the African Union and CARICOM.

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## Day 1 – 21 November 2018

09:00 – 10:30

### OPENING CEREMONY

- Welcome Remarks by **Lt. Col. Egbert Field**, Director General, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority
- Remarks by **Ms. Sophie Makonnen**, Representative of the Inter-American Development Bank
- Remarks by **Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid**, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
- Remarks by **Amb. Irwin LaRocque**, Secretary General, CARICOM
- Remarks by **Hon. Joseph Kofi Adda**, Minister of Aviation, Ghana
- Special remarks by **Hon. Annette Ferguson**, the Minister within the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Guyana
- Opening address by **Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu**, the President on the Council of the ICAO
- Keynote address by **Hon Moses V. Nagamootoo**, Prime Minister and First Vice President, performing the function of the President, Co-operative Republic of Guyana

10:30 – 11:00

### Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

### SESSION 1 – Maximizing Economic Benefits of Aviation in the Region (Panel Discussion)

This session will review current status and outlook of economies and air transport in the region, its systemic impact on and from other sectors of the economy and discuss how States and private sectors can cooperate and stimulate air traffic demand, considering the vital role the air connectivity plays in the region. The focus of the discussion will be the role of the various stakeholders to support the development of air transport services in the region.

- **Moderator**
  - **Mr. Boubacar Djibo**, Director of Air Transport Bureau, ICAO
- **Speakers/Panelists**
  - **Mr. Yap Ong Heng**, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Transport Singapore
  - **Dr. Paul-Antoine Marie Ganemtoire**, Project Director Air Transport, Economic Community of West African States Commission
  - **Ms. Rosa Beckett**, Chief Administrative Officer, Jacksonville Aviation Authority
  - **Mr. Javier Alejandro Vanegas**, Director Latin America and the Caribbean Affairs, Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO)
  - **Mr. Damien Reeves**, Economist, Caribbean Development Bank
  - **Mr. Guiherme Esmanhoto**, Managing Director, ALG Brazilian Office

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12:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>SESSION 2 – Harmonizing Regional Air Transport Regulatory Framework (Panel Discussion)</b>
	<p>Having different regulatory policies and regimes applicable to air transport, especially in the areas of consumer protection, competition and taxation, has continued to create regulatory impediments to the operating environment of air carriers. While there has been general desire for fostering regulatory convergence in these areas, achieving this has remained a challenge. This session will review the implementation status of the ICAO Statement on the Development of Air Transport in North America, Central America, the Caribbean and South America; and examine the common tools, policy guidance and best practices for harmonization and compatibility of these regulatory regimes with in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Nari Williams-Singh</b>, Director General, Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Speakers/Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Simon Allotey</b>, Director General, Ghana Civil Aviation Authority</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Francis Regis</b>, Director General, Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Luis Felipe de Oliveira</b>, Executive Director, Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA)</li> <li>- <b>Mr. James Wiltshire</b>, Head of Policy Analysis, International Air Transport Association (IATA)</li> <li>- <b>Dr. Pauline D. Yearwood</b>, Deputy Programme Manager Transportation, Directorate of Trade and Economic Integration, CARICOM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:30 – 17:45	<b>SESSION 3 - Liberalization of Air Cargo: Regional and Global Approaches (Panel Discussion)</b>
	<p>There have been several key developments since the sixth Worldwide Air Transport Conference (ATConf/6), including efforts by ICAO to develop an international agreement to facilitate further liberalization of air cargo services on a global and multilateral basis. Knowing fully well that air cargo has become an indispensable component of e-commerce, what can States and aviation stakeholders do to support the development of the international agreement for air cargo liberalization? How can regional/plurilateral approaches provide a foundation for global liberalization for air cargo? How will the liberalization of air cargo contribute to the growth and success of e-commerce?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Lt. Col. Egbert Field</b>, Director General, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Speakers/Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mrs. Hong Nguyen</b>, Technical Officer, World Customs Organization (WCO)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Michael Hepburn</b>, Director of Economic Regulation, Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Jack Netskar</b>, Executive Vice President, International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA)</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Andy Ricover</b>, Airport and Aviation Planning and Policy Expert, Inter-American Development Bank</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Simon Pantin</b>, Director of Global Network Development, Amerijet International Inc.</li> </ul>
17:45 – 19:45	<p><b>Welcome Cocktail Reception</b> Hosted by the Honourable Ministers of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Guyana</p>
<b>End of Day 1</b>	

## Day 2 – 22 November 2018

09:00 – 10:30	<b>SESSION 4 – Air Transport and Tourism: Smart Product Mix (Presentations)</b>
	<p>Air transport is vital to the development of tourism as more than half of international tourists arrive their destination by air. Without reliable, attractive air services and harmonized aviation and tourism policies, the benefits of aviation and tourism simply cannot be realized or are constrained at best. The potential uncertainty about continuation of air services might have an adverse effect on a travel industry's inward investment and the opportunity for inbound tourism. For air transport and economic development in the region, however, over-dependence on international tourism is not risk-free. Tourism demand is very sensitive to economics, security, political events and natural disasters, and is of a seasonal nature. This session will explore practical ways to develop a <b>“smart product mix”</b>, i.e. integrating air transport, tourism, as well as other service and commodity sectors, with the aim to overcome such risks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Francis Regis</b>, Director General, Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Speakers/Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Luis Felipe de Oliveira</b>, Executive Director, Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA)</li> <li>- <b>Amb. Brian Challenger</b>, Member, Caribbean Tourism Organization Aviation Task Force (CTO/ATF)</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Andrew Larsen</b>, Program Manager, Regulatory Coordination and International Aviation, Transport Canada</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Ronald James</b>, Economist, Caribbean Development Bank</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Guiherme Esmanhoto</b>, Managing Director, ALG Brazilian Office</li> <li>- <b>Mrs. Julie Reifer-Jones</b>, Chief Executive Officer, LIAT Ltd.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<b>SESSION 4 – Air Transport and Tourism: Smart Product Mix (Panel Discussion)</b>
12:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>SESSION 5 – Stimulating Investments in Financing the Development of Aviation Infrastructure (Presentations)</b>
	<p>Infrastructure deficiencies have long been an issue in the region. While plans are in place to develop and modernize aviation infrastructure, relief is years away at best. In the meantime, there will be lost opportunities for creating jobs and spurring economic growth. Based on the outcome of the ICAO World Aviation Forums, this session will discuss how to attract private investors to aviation infrastructure projects. The particular focus will be on:</p> <p>a) the creation of good governance such as enabling institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms; and b) the consolidation of planning and development efforts for aviation, tourism and trade infrastructure in an appropriately-balanced development of transport modes, including multi-modal and urban planning initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Alexis Brathwaite</b>, Manager Air Traffic Services and ANS Safety, Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Speakers/Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Mikael Maanstroem</b>, Senior Consultant, Swedish Air Navigation Services</li> <li>- <b>Cpt. Musa Shuaibu Nuhu</b>, Representative of Nigeria on the ICAO Council</li> <li>- <b>Mr. S. Brian Samuel</b>, Head of Public-Private Partnerships, Caribbean Development Bank</li> <li>- <b>Mr. James Wiltshire</b>, Head of Policy Analysis, International Air Transport Association (IATA)</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Mark Peters</b>, Investment Officer, Inter-American Development Bank</li> <li>- African Export-Import Bank (TBD)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:30 – 17:45	<b>SESSION 5 Stimulating Investments in Financing the Development of Aviation Infrastructure (Panel Discussion)</b>
19:00 – 22:00	<b>Gala Dinner</b> Hosted by the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority at the Ramada Georgetown Princess Hotel
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**Special Event: Promoting Air Links between African States and the Diaspora:  
Turning words into actions:**

**The Framework of the African Union's Declaration of the Global African Diaspora Summit**

Day 3 – 23 November 2018	
09:00 – 11:00	<p><b>SESSION 6 – Promoting Air Links Between African States and the Diaspora (Panel Discussion)</b></p> <p>The session will be based on the frame work of the existing agreement between the African Union and the CARICOM with the objective of developing an outcome document and a framework for plan of action on the establishment of air links, tourism, trade and investment between Africa and the Diaspora in line with the African Union's "Declaration of the Global African Diaspora Summit". Discussions will build on the outcome of the special meeting on promoting tourism and air links between African States and the Diaspora, especially in the Caribbean States, held in Accra, Ghana in March 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Moderators</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dr. Ms. Amani Abou-Zeid</b>, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission</li> <li>- <b>H.E. Joseph Kofi Adda</b>, Minister for Aviation, Ghana</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Speakers/Panelists</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Lt. Col. Egbert Field</b>, Director General, Guyana Civil Aviation Authority</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Simon Allotey</b>, Director General, Ghana Civil Aviation Authority</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Nari Williams-Singh</b>, Director General, Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Carlos Alberto Monteiro</b>, Representative of Cabo Verde on the ICAO Council</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Kyeretwie Osei</b>, Diaspora Policy Officer – Americas and the Caribbean, African Union Commission</li> <li>- <b>Ms. Cornelia Wilson-Hunter</b>, Senior Advisor, The Wicks Group, PLLC.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>SESSION 7 – Addressing Other Areas of Cooperation between African States and the Diaspora (Panel Discussion)</b></p> <p>In the framework of existing Agreement between the African Union and the CARICOM, this session will discuss other areas of cooperation between Africa and the Diaspora which would enhance air connectivity with the possible extension of or the establishment of the similar framework to the recently launched Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) and the African Union Agenda 2063. These areas of cooperation may include capacity building (training and experts exchange programme) and sharing of information vital for the development of air transport, tourism, trade and investments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Moderators</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hon. Annette Ferguson</b>, Minister within the Ministry of Public</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>Infrastructure, Guyana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Senator Hadi Sirika</b>, Minister of State (Aviation), Ministry of Transport, Nigeria</li> </ul> <p>○ <b>Speakers/Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Joseph Cox</b>, Assistant Secretary General, CARICOM</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Boubacar Djibo</b>, Director of Air Transport Bureau, ICAO</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Luis Felipe de Oliveira</b>, Executive Director, Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA)</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Kyeretwie Osei</b>, Diaspora Policy Officer – Americas and the Caribbean, African Union Commission</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Estanislao Esono Anguesomo</b>, Representative of Equatorial Guinea to ICAO</li> <li>- <b>Ms Mosadinyana Ntebele</b>, Air Transport Expert, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)</li> </ul>
13:00 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Wrap-up/Summary of Discussion</b></li> <li>- <b>Closing remarks by the Host</b></li> </ul>
<b>End of Day 3</b>	

## Day 4 – 24 November 2018

	<b>DELEGATES TOUR TO VARIOUS SITES WITHIN GUYANA</b>
	Facilitated by the Host Country. Please plan your travel itinerary to make use of this opportunity offered by the Host Country.