



## ICAO MEETING ON AIR CARGO DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

ECOBANK Conference Center  
2365, Boulevard du Mono  
B.P. 4385 Lomé – Togo

5 to 7 August 2014

### PROGRAMME

*This event will be held in English and French*

*A side event organized by the Host State will take place throughout the duration of the meeting, under the form of an exposition on air cargo.*

#### 5 AUGUST: AIR CARGO DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

- 0800-0900 Registration of participants
- 0900-1030 **OPENING CEREMONY** (subject to Host Protocol)  
**Introductory Remarks: Dokisime Gnama Latta**, Director General, National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC Togo)
- **Augustin Tompieu-Zouo**, Commissioner for Urban and Community Planning and Transport, West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU/UEMOA)
  - **Elijah Chingosho**, Secretary General, African Airlines Association (AFRAA)
  - **Raphael Kuuchi**, Vice President Africa, International Air Transport Association (IATA)
  - **Angela Gittens**, Director General, Airports Council International (ACI)
  - **Abdulai Alhassan**, Acting President, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)
  - **Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu**, President of the Council, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
  - **Arthème Séléagodji Ahoomey-Zunu**, Prime Minister, République togolaise
- 1030-1100 Group photo & Coffee Break
- 1030-1100 **Press Conference**
- 1100-1230 **SETTING THE SCENE: An Overview of Air Cargo**
- **Boubacar Djibo**, Director, Air Transport Bureau, ICAO
  - **Pashupati Nath Pandey**, Technical Officer, Compliance & Facilitation Directorate, World Customs Organization (WCO)
  - **Angela Gittens**, Director General, ACI

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- **Raphael Kuuchi**, Vice President Africa, IATA
- **Vladimir Zubkov**, Vice President, Volga-Dnepr Group & Board Member, TIACA
- **Elijah Chingosho**, Secretary General, AFRAA

1230-1400 Lunch

1400-1530 **SESSION 1: *The Relationship between Air Cargo and International Trade***

- **Vladimir Zubkov**, Vice President, Volga-Dnepr Group & Board Member, TIACA
- **Michael Mutahi**, Operations Director, Astral Aviation
- **Selcuk Akbiyik**, Commercial Director, ACT Airlines/myCargo
- **Abdulai Alhassan**, Acting President, AFCAC
- **Tlelima Makhetha**, General Manager, South African Airways Cargo
- **S.-T. Kodjo Adedze**, Commissaire des Douanes et Droits Indirects, République togolaise
- **William Gottlieb**, Past President, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)

*How to ensure that the inherent advantages of air cargo, including speed, are not eroded by operational inefficiencies? How to ensure that the role of air cargo as a facilitator of international trade benefits States and regions in as broad a manner as possible? How can the air cargo industry anticipate and adapt to economic cycles? What are recent trends in international trade for the African continent? How does air cargo stimulate international trade? How do trade flows influence air cargo operations? How can States and air cargo industry stakeholders cooperate to maximize expected economic growth?*

1530-1600 Coffee Break

1600-1730 **SESSION 2: *The Contribution of Air Cargo to Economic Development***

- **Modowé Pagnou**, Director of Operations, Société Aéroportuaire de Lomé Tokoin (SALT)
- **Elijah Chingosho**, Secretary General, AFRAA
- **Tlelima Makhetha**, General Manager, South African Airways Cargo
- **Cheick Tidiane Camara**, Director, ECTAR Consulting
- **Fidelis O. Onyeyiri**, Technical Advisor (Safety Expert), AFCAC
- **Mehmet Emin İşbilen**, Manager Capacity Planning, Turkish Airlines Cargo

*What is the importance of air cargo in overall trade flows in Africa? Which economic sectors benefit the most from an efficient air cargo supply chain? How to ensure that all relevant stakeholders coordinate their actions to maximize economic benefits generated by air cargo? How to better sensitize decision-makers to the contribution of air cargo to development? How to build business cases to show the importance of air cargo?*

1830-2100 Reception

## 6 AUGUST: AIR CARGO DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

0830-0900      **Summary** of previous day

0900-1030      **SESSION 3: *Responding to Air Cargo Challenges***

- **Georges Biwer**, Vice President Africa, Cargolux Airlines
- **Vladimir Zubkov**, Vice President, Volga-Dnepr Group & Board Member, TIACA
- **Fitsum Abady**, Managing Director Cargo, Ethiopian Airlines
- **Jean-Louis Salfati**, e-freight Project Manager, Air France Cargo
- **Paul-Antoine Marie Ganemtoré**, Head Air Transport Unit, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS/CEDEAO)
- **Pascal Komla**, President, ACI Africa Governing Board, ACI-Africa

*What challenges must be met to ensure that all participants benefit from cargo liberalization? How to ensure that air cargo complies with the need for efficiency and security, while moving towards paperless operations from both airline and airport perspectives. Which lessons should be learned from African integrators? How to facilitate intermodal transportation? Which mechanisms can ensure that sufficient infrastructure is available to accommodate air cargo growth? At what point does taxation become counter-productive? How to ensure that sufficient training infrastructure is available to address air cargo personnel requirements in Africa?*

1030-1100      Coffee Break

1100-1230      **SESSION 4: *Implementing Regulatory Solutions for Air Cargo***

- **Michael Mutahi**, Operations Director, Astral Aviation
- **Pashupati Nath Pandey**, Technical Officer, Compliance & Facilitation Directorate, WCO
- **Samson Fatokun**, Area Manager South West Africa, IATA
- **Mam Sait Jallow**, Regional Director, Western & Central African Office, ICAO
- **Irène Seka**, Air Transport Director, WAEMU/UEMOA
- **Vladimir Zubkov**, Vice President, Volga-Dnepr Group & Board Member, TIACA
- **William Gottlieb**, Past President, FIATA

*What role can governments play in the development of air cargo transportation through the entering of bilateral - including Open Skies - agreements, the granting of seventh freedom traffic rights and the continuous optimization of air navigation services and air traffic management? How to alleviate constraints relating to market access and air carrier ownership and control? What best practices can be shared by all stakeholders in support of efficient air cargo hubs? What regulatory tools and processes can support the facilitation of air cargo throughout its journey in the supply chain? How to best show the long-term benefits of “smart” taxation, allowing for the generation of Government revenues while not unduly burdening the air cargo sector?*

1230-1400      Lunch

1400-1700      **Discussion of meeting conclusions**

1830-2100      Official Dinner

**7 AUGUST: MEETING OF DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION  
(INVITATION ONLY)**

1030-1100      Coffee Break

1100-1200      **Adoption of meeting conclusions** (*Declaration on the Development of Air  
Cargo in Africa*) and **Closing Ceremony**

1230-1400      Lunch

Afternoon      Social events (subject to Host confirmation)

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