



MEETING ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT IN AFRICA

Antananarivo, Madagascar
25 – 27 March 2015

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 24 March

1400–1900 **Registration of participants**

Day 1 — Wednesday, 25 March

0800–1000 **Registration of participants**

1000–1100 **Opening Remarks**

- ◇ **Mr. Abdulai Alhassan**, President, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)
- ◇ **Mr. Marcio Favilla L. de Paula**, Executive Director, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- ◇ **Dr. Elham M. A. Ibrahim**, Commissioner, Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (AUC)
- ◇ **Ms. Fatma Samoura**, Director Resident Coordinator, United Nations
- ◇ **Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu**, President of the Council, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- ◇ **H.E. Mr. Jean Ravelonarivo**, Prime Minister, Madagascar

1100–1200 **Nomination of the Meeting's Chairperson**

SESSION 1 – Setting the Scene: Global Perspective (Panel discussion)

Moderator: **Mr. Boubacar Djibo**, Director, Air Transport Bureau, ICAO

Speakers:

- ◇ **Mr. Dominique Patry**, Secretary General, Association internationale de transporteurs aériens francophones (ATAF)
- ◇ **Mrs. Angela Gittens**, Director General, Airports Council International (ACI)
- ◇ **Mr. Raphael Kuuchi**, Vice-President Africa, International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- ◇ **Mrs. Boni Dibate**, Regional Director for Africa, Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO)
- ◇ **Mr. François Xavier Randriamahandry**, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Tourism, Transport and Meteorology, Madagascar & Former Director General, Aviation Civile de Madagascar (ACM)

Air transport plays an essential role in the global and regional economy. How can the challenges to growth — such as restrictions on traffic rights and air carrier ownership and control and inadequate funding of infrastructure — be better addressed? How can the benefits of air transport and tourism, related to world connectivity and economic development, be optimized? How does efficiency and productivity of airport and air navigation services impact airline profitability?

Question and Answer Period

1200–1330

Lunch Break

1330–1500

SESSION 2 – Air Transport and Tourism: How to Maximize the Possible Synergies and Why (Panel discussion)

Moderator: **Mr. Dominique Patry**, Secretary General, Association internationale de transporteurs aériens francophones (ATAF)

Speakers:

- ◇ **Mr. Ulrich Andriantiana**, Minister of Tourism, Transport and Meteorology, Madagascar
- ◇ **Mr. Marcio Favilla L. de Paula**, Executive Director, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- ◇ **Dr. Elijah Chingosho**, Secretary General, African Airlines Association (AFRAA)
- ◇ **Mr. Pascal Komla**, Council Representative Chairman, Airports Council International Afrique (ACI-Africa)
- ◇ **Dr. Kostas Iatrou**, Managing Director, Air Transport News & Administrator, Hermes Air Transport Club
- ◇ **Mr. Raphael Kuuchi**, Vice-President Africa, International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- ◇ **Mrs. Irène Andreas**, President, Women Tourism Association for Madagascar, Former Minister of Tourism, Madagascar

More than half of one billion annual tourists arrive at their destination by air. What synergies do tourism and air transport have in common and how can such synergies be maximized for the benefit of the travelling public? What are the challenges facing both sectors? How can the common issues in policy making and in industry practices be addressed?

Question and Answer Period

1500–1630

SESSION 3 – African Context (Panel discussion)

Moderator: **Dr. Elham M. A. Ibrahim**, Commissioner, Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (AUC)

Speakers:

- ◇ **Dr. Elijah Chingosho**, Secretary General, African Airlines Association (AFRAA)
- ◇ **Mr. Abdulai Alhassan**, President, African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)
- ◇ **Mr. Pascal Komla**, Council Representative Chairman, Airports Council International Afrique (ACI-Africa)
- ◇ **Col. Dokisime Gnana Latta**, Chairman, Air Cargo Development in Africa Initiative & Directeur Général de l'Aviation Civile, ANAC Togo
- ◇ **Ms. Haaba Baldeh**, Air Transport Programme Officer, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

1630–1700 **Coffee Break**

1700–1830 **SESSION 4 – Connectivity and Development of Air Transport
(Presentations)**

Moderator: **Mr. Vijay Poonoosamy**, Vice-President, International and Public Affairs, Etihad Airways

Speakers:

- ◇ **Dr. Elijah Chingosho**, Secretary General, African Airlines Association (AFRAA)
- ◇ **Mr. Lionel Montocchio**, Safety Director Civil Aviation- Indian Ocean, France
- ◇ **Mr. Jean-Claude Delen**, Former Président, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA)
- ◇ **Mr. Chamsou Andjorin**, Director for Africa, Aviation Safety, Boeing
- ◇ **Mrs. Lilia Mika**, Country Manager Madagascar, Air Mauritius
- ◇ **Mr. John Moore**, Head of Global Sales, ATR

What are the best regional practices? How can the flow of passengers be increased so as to improve tourism? How can international traffic be better connected to the destinations? How can airports, regional carriers and local and national governments enhance the connectivity of both the flow of passengers, and air freight. How can the connections of multi-modal transport be enhanced? How well do existing and future technologies facilitate the flow of passengers and air freight? Can global air transport performance be improved through a value-chain approach to State policy-making, legislation and regulation?

Question and Answer Period

1900–2100 **Reception**

Day 2 — Thursday, 26 March

0845–0900 **Preliminary Remarks**

0900–1030 **SESSION 5 – Regulatory Responses to Consumer Concerns (Panel discussion)**

Moderator: **Mr. Alain Renaud**, Director General, Air Seychelles

Speakers:

- ◇ **Mr. Pierre Génolini**, Assistant Vice- President International Agreements, Air France
- ◇ **Mrs Mia Wouters**, Chair, Aviation Law Committee, International Bar Association (IBA)
- ◇ **Mr. Haja Raelison**, Director General, Air Madagascar
- ◇ **Mrs. Délia Bergonzi**, Director General, ECTAR
- ◇ **Mr. Eric Koller**, President, National Tourism Office of Madagascar
- ◇ **Mme Vola Raveloson**, Executive Director, National Tourism Office of Madagascar
- ◇ **Mr. Frédéric Malaud**, Air Transport Development Manager, ICAO

Flight delays, cancellations, denied boarding and major traffic disruptions have drawn increased public attention to the concerns and rights of passengers. Do security and consumer protection regulations serve the public well? What should governments and industries do in the future to improve the end users' experience as air traffic, trade and tourism grows? How will ICAO's core principles on consumer protection enable the fostering of regulatory convergence on this subject?

Question and Answer Period

1030–1100 Coffee Break

1100–1230 **SESSION 6 – International Agreements: The Foundation of Balanced Liberalization (Panel discussion)**

Moderator: **Prof. Pablo Mendes de Leon**, Professor of Air and Space Law & Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law, Leiden University

Speakers:

- ◇ **Mr. Moustapha Abakar**, Deputy Director, Autorité de l'Aviation Civile, Tchad
- ◇ **Mr. Pierre Génolini**, Vice- President International Agreements, Air France
- ◇ **Mr. Rigobert Tina Rakotoarinirina**, Secretary General, Ministry of Tourism, Transport and Meteorology, Madagascar
- ◇ **Mr. Cheick Tidiane Camara**, Président du Conseil de Surveillance (PCA), ECTAR
- ◇ **Mr. Henry Rabary-Njaka**, CEO, Air Madagascar

The international air transport community now has a clear objective of working towards international agreements for the liberalization of market access and air carrier ownership and control. What are the prospects for such agreements? What has ICAO done to facilitate the development of such agreements? How can States and aviation stakeholders cooperate and support such initiatives? Can regional/plurilateral approaches provide an impetus for global liberalization?

Question and Answer Period

1230–1400 Lunch Break

1400–1530 **SESSION 7 – The Impact of Taxes and Charges on Air Transport Development (Presentations)**

Moderator: **Mr. Clarisse Douan**, Director, Patrimoine Aéroportuaire, Civil Aviation of Madagascar

Speakers:

- ◇ **Mr. Andriamihafy Herison**, Director General, Madagascar Airports (ADEMA)
- ◇ **Mr. Amadou Ousmane Guitteye**, Director General, Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA)
- ◇ **Mr. Philippe Villard**, Manager airport charges, IATA
- ◇ **Mrs. Eléonore Johasy**, Former Executive Director, Groupement des Entreprises Franches et Partenaires, Madagascar
- ◇ **Mr. Tiana Rasamimanana**, Chief of Staff, Minister of Tourism, Transport and Meteorology, Madagascar & and Former Director General, GS Handling Madagascar

The terms *proliferation of taxes, charges, surcharges* and *fees* have been heard many times. Is there a need for a better way to communicate information on taxes and charges to the end users? What principles can be implemented to ensure that information provided to users is clear, precise and complete? Are the security costs in excess of the safety services provided?

Question and Answer Period

1530–1600 Coffee Break

1600–1730 **SESSION 8 – Tools for Better regulation (Panel discussion)**

Moderator: **Dokisime Gnama Latta**, Director General, National Civil Aviation Administration, Togo

Speakers:

- ◇ **Gal Raveloarison Herilanto**, Minister of Economy and Planning, Madagascar
- ◇ **Ms. Haaba Baldeh**, Air Transport Programme Officer, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- ◇ **Mr. Chris Zweigenthal**, Chief Executive, Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA)
- ◇ **Mohamed Taieb**, Air Transport and Civil Aviation Consultant
- ◇ **Mr. Davida Rajaon**, Director General, Institut d'Études Politiques de Madagascar

What are the operational, commercial, and legal challenges associated with having different regulatory regimes applicable to air transport, such as consumer protection, technical standards for safety, security and facilitation? Does the traditional silo approach to industry governance still work for an air transport system that is global in nature? How will ICAO's activities in the area of fair competition foster the emergence of a more unified understanding of competition in international air transport?

Question and Answer Period

1730–1745 **Conclusions**

1900–2200 **Gala Dinner Reception**

Day 3 — Friday, 27 March

0900–1230 **Draft Declaration on the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa – Discussion & Adoption**

1230–1400 **Lunch Break**

1400–1500 **Closing Ceremony**

- ◇ **Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu**, President of the Council, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- ◇ **Ms. Mercy Awori**, Representative of the Eastern Africa Region at the Council of ICAO
- ◇ **Mr. Ulrich Andriantiana**, Minister of Tourism, Transport and Meteorology, Madagascar

Press Conference

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