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ECOWAS Commission support to Member States

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**Air Transport Economic Regulations and Policy
ECOWAS Commission**



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ECOWAS Member States

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Overview



- Population of 300million & average annual economic growth rate around 6%
- Intra-Community trade (formal) currently around 11%
- Economically vibrant cities such as Lagos, Abidjan, Accra and Dakar
- One of the 8 Regional Economic Communities of AU for continental and regional integration and development



ECOWAS



The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is a regional group of fifteen countries, founded in 1975.

MISSION

...to promote economic integration in "all fields of economic activity, particularly industry, transport, telecommunications, energy, agriculture, natural resources, commerce, monetary and financial questions, social and cultural matters"

.....to be achieved through.....

- A Free Trade Area and Customs Union to Create a Common Market.
- The creation of an Economic and Monetary Union of all West African countries
- Transportation identified as a key focal area in the ECOWAS Strategic Plan to achieve the Mission



ECOWAS COMMISSION



- Office of the President
- Office of the Vice President
- Administration and Finance
- Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources
- Human Development and Gender
- Macro Economic Policy
- **Infrastructure**
- Political Affairs, Peace & Security
- Trade, Customs, Industry and Free Movement



Infrastructure Department

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- “facilitates the development of infrastructure for the attainment of a Competitive Business Environment and Investment Capacities”
- Programmes, projects and activities are tailored towards promoting regional integration, growth in regional trade and free movement.
- These projects are in tandem with continental infrastructure development agenda such as the African Union (AU), PIDA (Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa) for which ECOWAS is the designated coordinator of projects in West Africa



Air Transport Unit



- **Yamoussoukro Decision 1999**

- Decision relating to the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration concerning the liberalization of Access to Air Transport Markets in Africa adopted on the 14th of November 1999 by the African Ministers in charge of civil aviation; and endorsed by the OAU Heads of State in Lome, Togo, in July 2000

- **ECOWAS Air Transport mission**

- “to develop a sound and seamless regional air transport system with safe, reliable, efficient, and affordable air services, well connected within West Africa and integrated with the global network”



Developing a regional air transport system



- Air Transport Supplementary Acts adopted by the Authority are the legal texts that create a foundation for the establishment of a Single Air Transport Market in ECOWAS
- Working with the region's airlines to identify and promote a regional co-operation framework based on existing models in other regions.
- Studies to:
 - Establish a regional aircraft maintenance facility
 - Establish a regional air transport database
- Cooperation with regional bodies to enhance aviation safety
- Negotiating Horizontal Agreements on certain aspects of air services with third parties
- Cooperation and Technical Agreements with other international organizations with the aim of developing air services within ECOWAS member States, covering:
 - Information sharing and communication on aviation safety and security matters
 - Training & sensitization of Focal Points



ECOWAS Role in supporting MS



- Develop regional policies
- Mandated to coordinate the ECOWAS Community's Integration Agenda through sector specific programs
 - Including intra-community transport networks, telecommunications, energy, agricultural and water resources development.
- Support Resource mobilization for regional programs & specific Member State interventions
- Facilitation of technical assistance & Multi-lateral cooperation



Areas of support

- Collaborate with ICAO for regional support to develop State action plans
- Leverage on the ECOWAS Commission's mandate and relationship with Member States in collaboration with ICAO and other international partners to
 - Develop regional aviation environment policy (to be annexed to the 2008 ECOWAS Environment Policy)
 - Conduct capacity building and awareness sessions on aviation and climate change issues with the aim of establishing a harmonized regional framework.



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