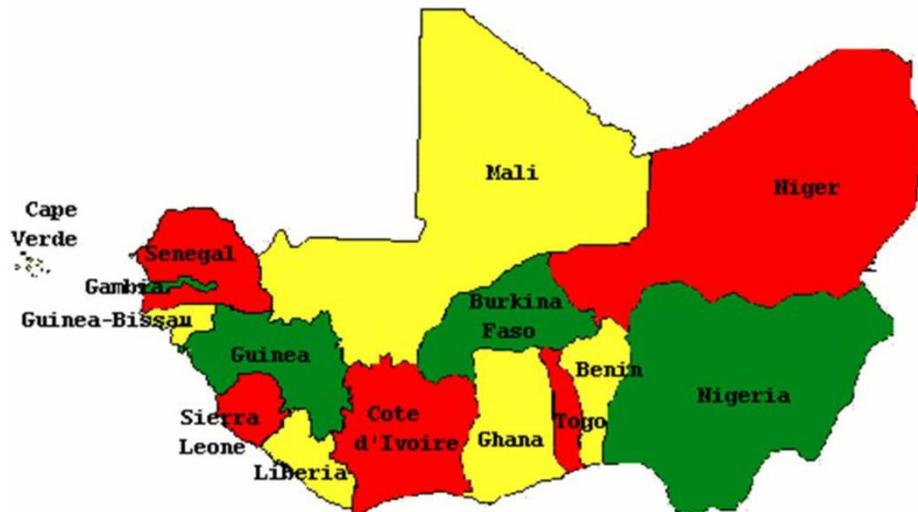


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OVERVIEW OF AFCAC

Specialized Agency of
the African Union

Established through a
Constitutive Conference by
ICAO and OAU in 1969

Members: 54 countries

Forum for cooperation in all
fields of civil aviation on the
continent



Executing Agency of the
Yamoussoukro Decision
(YD)



AFCAC's RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AU-RECs

- Regional Economic Communities (RECs) bring together AU member States in sub-regions for economic integration.
- Currently, there are eight RECs ,including the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) recognized by the AU.



AFCAC's RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AU-RECS

In accordance with its Constitution, AFCAC shall inter alia;

- Ensure seamless and close co-operation with the various RECs concerned with civil aviation matters;
- Examine specific problems which may hinder the development and operation of the African civil aviation industry;
- Act pursuant to the provisions of Article 9 of the YD to discharge its duties of Executing Agency of Air Transport in Africa;



AFCAC's RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AU-RECs

- Develop and harmonize common rules and regulations for the safety, security, environmental protection, fair competition, dispute settlement and consumer protection among others;
- Coordinate the development and implementation of plans in the field of aviation infrastructure etc.

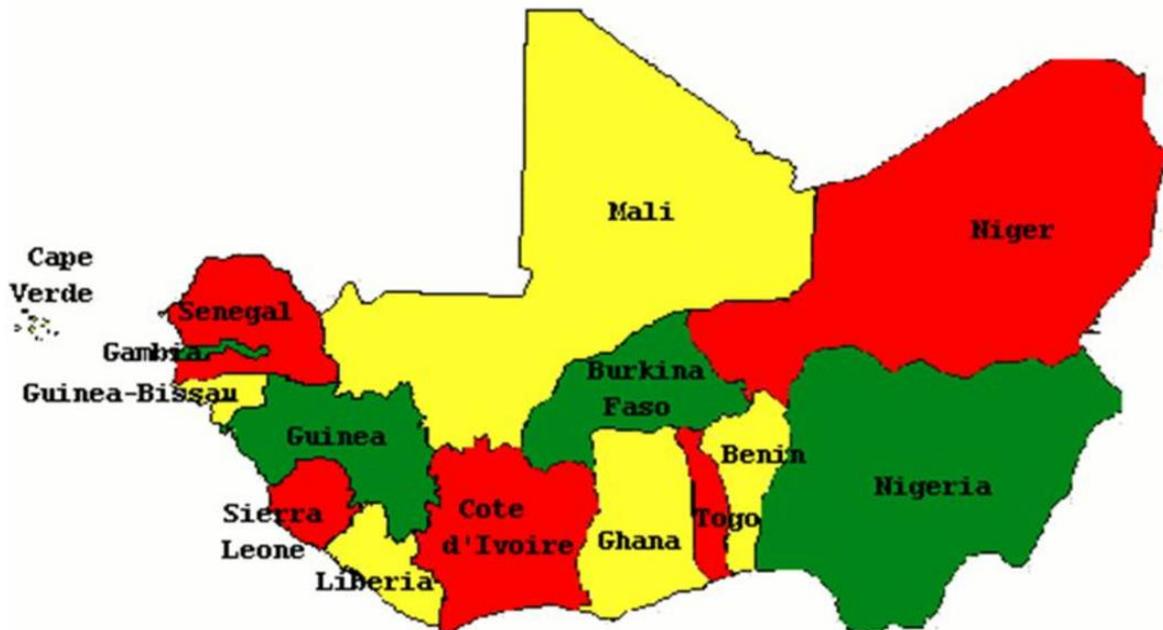
ECOWAS

Current population of West Africa is 369,551,580

The first to issue a common West African Passport

Poor road and rail infrastructure connecting its member states

High economic growth prospects - some of the largest economies in Africa





CHALLENGES AND FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO POOR AIR CONNECTIVITY IN AFRICA WITH EMPHASIS ON ECOWAS REGION

Flight connectivity generally in Africa is problematic. West and Central Africa are the least connected in Africa.

- Lack of serious competition and profitable air carriers from the sub-region
- High cost of operations for airlines in the form of taxes, charges, fees, fuel, etc. significantly higher than other regions of the World;
- Protectionist policies of some States to grant fifth freedom rights to African carriers ;



CHALLENGES AND FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO POOR AIR CONNECTIVITY IN AFRICA WITH EMPHASIS ON ECOWAS REGION

- Dependence on BASAs instead of the YD,
- Local operators are being protected regardless of their performance
- Poor quality and inadequate aviation infrastructure; etc.
- Lack of maintenance Base and airport hub which can support and enhance good flight operations.



CONTINENTAL INITIATIVES

AGENDA 2063

FAST TRACK PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES (FLAGSHIPS)

Program 3

**CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE
AREA**

Program 5

**AFRICAN PASSPORT AND FREE
MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE**

Program 9

**SINGLE AIR TRANSPORT NETWORK
(MARKET)**



CONTINENTAL AVIATION RELATED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

➤ **AFCAP**

➤ **SAATM**

➤ **ABUJA SAFETY TARGETS**

➤ **WINDHOEK AVSECFAL TARGETS**



CONTINENTAL AVIATION RELATED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

AFCAP - Provisions on RECs

- The AFCAP should serve as guide for RECs in adopting regional policies in civil aviation.
- RECs are expected to review their existing and future policies, action plans and regulations in the field of civil aviation to ensure that they are in conformity with the AFCAP.
- RECs are expected to coordinate the implementation of the AFCAP within their regions.



CONTINENTAL AVIATION RELATED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

SAATM on full implementation of the YD

- Studies have shown that traffic growth subsequent to full liberalization of air services per YD typically averaged between 12% and 35% percent, significantly greater than during years preceding liberalization.
- YD stands to play a major role in air connectivity within Africa.



CONTINENTAL AVIATION RELATED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

- Full implementation of the YD will be of benefit to all African States including those without air carriers
- YD will help to strengthen the West African market and ultimately enhance the participation of West African airlines in the SAATM and in international air transport .



CONTINENTAL AVIATION RELATED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

Abuja SAFETY Targets and Windhoek AVSEC-FAL Targets

- Through the efforts of ICAO especially the WACAF Office and AFCAC, all the Significant Safety Concerns (SSC)s of the ECOWAS Region have been successfully resolved. As a result:
 - ✓ Heightened the level of confidence of the international community in the region
 - ✓ Airlines would be able to code share and forge alliances
 - ✓ Enhance inflow of foreign direct investment and infrastructure development as airlines can also get lower insurance premiums as well as favorable lending/leasing terms.



CONTINENTAL AVIATION RELATED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

- AFCAC commends ECOWAS for the achievements and hopes that these achievements will be sustained through the implementation of the Abuja safety Targets and the recently established Aviation SEC-FAL Targets,



CONTINENTAL AVIATION RELATED INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN AFCAC AND THE RECS

- The MoC provides a framework for enhanced cooperation, collaboration and coordination for the implementation of the YD and operationalization of the SAATM
- The Parties among other things shall develop harmonized and efficient air transport programs for the liberalized intra-Africa air transport market, improve safety, security and environmental protection towards attaining sustainable development .



CONCLUSION

AFCAC and ECOWAS must continue to collaborate :

- To make the region a thriving center of aviation by adhering to the AFCAP provisions
- Ensure that the Executing Agency of the YD to carry out its mandate
- ECOWAS to encourage its member States to sign the Solemn commitment to SAATM and those already party to it to also report on the concrete measures taken by them in tis regard



CONCLUSION

- ECOWAS to take a lead role in signing the MoC with AFCAC.
- ECOWAS member States to revisit their positions vis a vis the management of their national airlines, airports and Air Navigation Service Providers and also provide cost-efficient infrastructure;
- ECOWAS member States to sustain their records of achievements in USAP-CMA and strive to achieve higher and do same for AVSECFAL Targets



Thank You!
Merci Beaucoup!