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DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT IN AFRICA
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**DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM VISION FOR
SUSTAINABLE AIR TRANSPORT IN AFRICA**

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Presentation Outline

- The Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM)
- Accelerating the Creation of SAATM
- Sustaining Continuous Liberalization
- Regional Liberalization – Shared Experiences
- Harnessing the Potential of Code Sharing & Alliances
- Conclusion



THE SINGLE AFRICAN AIR TRANSPORT MARKET (SAATM)

- Flagship Project of the African Union **Agenda 2063** to create a single unified air transport market in Africa, the liberalization of civil aviation in Africa and an impetus to the Continent's economic integration agenda.



ACCELERATING THE CREATION OF SAATM

- Buy-in to the ideals of YD & SAATM
 - Appreciation of Benefits will engender Commitment
- Information Sharing, Technical Cooperation and Operational Coordination among all entities of the African Air Transport Value Chain (e.g. CAAs, AFCAC, AUC, AFRAA, IATA, ACI, ANSPs, ICAO etc.)



SUSTAINING CONTINUOUS LIBERALIZATION

- Deregulation
 - Removing or reducing regulations that hinder Free Competition.
 - Need for harmonised Regulations and Standards among States
- Continuous evaluation and improvement of the YD provisions to ensure mutual benefits among States.
- Non- signatories to the Solemn Commitment should be encouraged by other States, RECs and AFCAC to sign Commitment



SUSTAINING CONTINUOUS LIBERALIZATION CONT'D

- Removal of non-physical barriers to sustainable air transport (e.g. Protectionist Policies, unfair competition rules)
- Improving compliance with ICAO Safety & Security SARP's
- Increasing Intra-African Air Connectivity
- Removal of excessive fees, charges and taxes e.g. fuel taxes and passenger levies
- RECs to coordinate with States and Collaborate with Financial Institutions in financing Infrastructure including Aircraft Leases



SUSTAINING CONTINUOUS LIBERALIZATION CONT'D

- Fleet modernization – States are encouraged to ratify & domesticate the Cape Town Convention, 2001.
- Modernization and optimization of Air Traffic Management Systems.
- CAPACITY BUILDING
 - Need for States to invest heavily in human capacity building to cope with the increasingly complex and technologically driven aviation industry



REGIONAL LIBERALIZATION - SHARED EXPERIENCES

MALIAT(Multilateral Agreement on the Liberalization of International Air Transport)

- Originally signed by New Zealand (NZ), Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Singapore and the United States in May 2001.
- Signatories to the MALIAT have granted each other unlimited traffic rights under 3rd, 4th, 5th freedoms , 7th freedom limited to cargo-only flights
- National majority ownership no longer a requirement
- Among the signatories, NZ, Chile, Singapore & Brunei have granted each other 7th & 8th Freedoms for passenger flights.



REGIONAL LIBERALIZATION - SHARED EXPERIENCES

- **EU SINGLE AVIATION MARKET**
 - EU market is almost fully deregulated
 - Carriers from within the EU are free to operate any route within the EU without restriction to include cabotage
 - All restrictions on airline ownership have been removed
 - EU also negotiates open skies bilateral agreements as a block e.g. EU – US



HARNESSING THE POTENTIALS OF CODE SHARING & ALLIANCES

- Harnessing, Management, Technical and Operational experiences
- Increase in Market Share
- Expansion of Network and Service Coverage
- Provision of seamless travel for the customer
- Optimization of capacity & increased frequencies



HARNESSING THE POTENTIALS OF CODE SHARING & ALLIANCES CNTD

- Reduction in operational costs.
- Through commercial arrangements e.g. South African Airways & Africa World Airlines.



Conclusion

- Concerted effort by all Aviation Industry players to solicit buy-in from several African states who have not signed the Solemn Commitment to a single African Air Transport Market
- Need to keep to milestones & implement Decisions at various meetings on SAATM e.g. Antananarivo Declaration; The Lome Ministerial Declaration at the 1st Ordinary Session of the AU Specialized Technical Committees
 - E.g. Implementation of 7 (Seven) Immediate Measures to actualise Declaration of Solemn commitment
 - Effective Monitoring of Implementation



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