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DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION

AIR TRANSPORT

2017 – 2019

INTRODUCTION

The present Plan of Action adopted in Lomé, Republic of Togo on 17th March 2017 by the Sectorial Ministers of the Sectorial Technical Committee for Transport, Interconnected, Interregional, Energy and Tourism, organised by the African Union Commission was elaborated for the period 2018 to 2020 and supersedes the previous plan for 2015-2017 adopted in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea on 11 April 2014.

The main purpose of this Plan of Action is to define activities that will enable the attainment of African Union objectives, within the framework of air transport development, currently plagued by numerous challenges linked to the exigencies of the industry, notably questions specific to security, safety, environmental protection and air transport policies and enable the realisation of the AU agenda 2063 flagship project of establishing a Single African Air Transport Market.

This Plan of Action also gives the main activities identified for the attainment of these objectives, as well as the elements of control, the lead bodies as well as the institutions involved.

The lead bodies in the implementation of items contained in this Plan have a solid base to conduct the necessary discussions with different development partners likely to support Africa in its development efforts in air transport.

Within the context of achieving this Plan of Action, the role of the African Union will remain central at the continental level, in order to facilitate its implementation.

N°	OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS	SOURCES OF INDICATORS	LEAD INSTITUTION	STRUCTURES INVOLVED	PERIOD
1	Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision					
1.1	Operationalize the Executing Agency of the Yamoussoukro Decision	Resource mobilisation for the EA	Report of the Executing Agency	AUC	AFCAC, RECs, ECA, ADB, NEPAD, Member States	2017
1.2	Establishment of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism and its relevant institutions of the Yamoussoukro Decision	Create the necessary institutions for the board of appeal and arbitration tribunal following AU procedures Revise the Dispute Settlement Mechanism Regulations and have them adopted	Report of the AUC	AUC	AFCAC, Monitoring Body of YD, Member States	2017
1.3	Implementation of the main regulatory framework and institutional arrangements for managing the Single air transport market	Publication of competition rules, dispute settlement mechanism, consumer protection regulations and regulatory and enforcement powers of the Executing Agency and publicise these text	Report of the Executing Agency	AUC/AFCA C	RECs, ECA, Monitoring Body of YD, Member States	2017-2018
1.4	Establishment of the Single African Air Transport Market	Implementation of the activity road map for the establishment of SAATM	Report	AUC/MWG	AFCAC, RECs, ECA, ADB, NEPAD, Member States	2017
2	African Civil Aviation Policy					
	Implementation of Aviation Security Declaration	Endorsement of the Windhoek Declaration and targets on Aviation Security and facilitation in Africa by the AU Assembly and pursue their implementation	Report	AUC	AFCAC, RECs, ICAO, ECA, ADB, NEPAD, Member States	2017-2019
2.1	Establishment of Aviation Safety Regulations	Update Aviation Safety targets and Plan of Action and pursue their implementation	Report	AUC	AFCAC, RECs, ICAO, ECA, ADB, NEPAD, Member States	2017-2019

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2.3	Domestication of the AFCAP	Capacity strengthening of States in the adoption of AFCAP	Report	AUC	AFCAC, RECs, ECA, ADB, NEPAD, Member States	2017-2019
2.2	Develop sustainable aviation infrastructure under PIDA	Cooperation with all concerned parties Coordination between AU Commission, NPCA, AfDB and UNECA, for organisation of Third Annual ICAO World Aviation Forum in Africa with focus on aviation infrastructure development and financing in Africa Establishment of specific programmes aimed at enhancing aviation infrastructure development for alignment with the objectives	Report	AUC	RECs, AFCAC, ADB, NEPAD, ICAO, ECA, AFRAA, Member States, Partners	2017-2019
2.3	Ratify the international legal instruments by concerned States	Sensitisation of concerned states for membership	Report	AFCAC	AUC, RECs, AFCAC	2017
2.4	Strengthen training pool	Human resource development taking advantage of the existing intra-African training capacity and the assistance of Partners	Reports, Protocols, etc.	AFCAC	AUC, RECs, AFRAA, ECA, ADB, NEPAD and Stakeholders	2017
2.5	Enhance joint activities with Tourism industry	Establishment of common framework for traffic growth in Africa	Reports, Protocols, etc.	AUC	AFCAC, RECs, ECA, ADB, NEPAD, Member States	2017-2019
3	Strengthening inter African and international cooperation					
3.1	Increase the number of development partners (financial and technical)	Strengthening of international cooperation and improve contribution of States to African Human Resource Development	Reports, Protocols, etc.	AUC	CER, ICAO, AFRAA, IATA, etc.	2017-2019

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		Fund				
3.2	Resource mobilisation	Coordinate funding support to the Aviation in Africa	Reports, Protocols, etc	AUC	AFCAC, RECs, ECA, ADB, Funding Partners, ICAO	2017-2020