

**Framework for a Plan of Action  
for Air Transport and Tourism Development in Africa (2019-2021)**

Activities and Actions Included in the Declaration	Reference to <i>Lomé Plan of Action</i>	Lead	Partners	Period
<b>Good Governance and Harmonized Policies</b>				
Promote cooperation and compatible decision-making among transport authorities, tourism authorities and other ministries in charge of related portfolios, including finance, economic planning, energy, environment, and trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domesticate the AFCAP (Ref. Air Transport 2.3)</li> <li>• Enhance joint activities with tourism industry (Ref. Air Transport 2.5)</li> <li>• Ensure tourism harmonized policies (Ref. Tourism 1.2)</li> <li>• Harmonize tourism and aviation policies (Ref. Tourism 1.3)</li> </ul>	African States and AUC	RECs, AFCAC, ICAO and UNWTO	2019-2021
Consolidate planning and development efforts for aviation, tourism and trade infrastructure, whenever possible, while harmonizing regulatory frameworks and balancing the benefits of these economic sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domesticate the AFCAP (Ref. Air Transport 2.3)</li> <li>• Enhance joint activities with tourism industry (Ref. Air Transport 2.5)</li> <li>• Ensure tourism harmonized policies (Ref. Tourism 1.2)</li> <li>• Harmonize tourism and aviation policies (Ref. Tourism 1.3)</li> </ul>	African States and AUC	RECs, AFCAC, ICAO and UNWTO	2019-2021
<b>Air Connectivity and Destination Management</b>				
Pursue a destination management strategy based on a “smart product mix”, i.e. the establishment of a good integration between tourism and travel, aviation and other service and commodity sectors, to break a vicious circle of economic and logistical disadvantages and enhance structural transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance joint activities with tourism industry (Ref. Air Transport 2.5)</li> <li>• Ensure competitive tourism products (Ref. Tourism 2.1)</li> </ul>	African States	AUC, RECs, AFCAC, NPCA, AfDB and UNWTO	2019-2021
Institutionalize SAATM at the State level by developing necessary domestic legal and regulatory framework to fully implement it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement the main regulatory framework and institutional arrangements for managing SAATM (Ref. Air Transport 1.3)</li> <li>• Establish SAATM (Ref. Air Transport 1.4)</li> <li>• Domesticate the AFCAP (Ref. Air Transport 2.3)</li> </ul>	African States, AUC, AfDB and AFCAC	ICAO, AFRAA and IATA	2019-2021

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Assure certain air services of a public service nature, such as lifeline provision for remote and peripheral destinations, and provide support for the development of international routes linking tourism-generating countries with LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS using the “essential air service and essential tourism development route” concept developed by ICAO and UNWTO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance joint activities with tourism industry (Ref. Air Transport 2.5)</li> <li>• Harmonize tourism and aviation policies (Ref. Tourism 1.3)</li> </ul>	African States	AFCAC, ICAO and UNWTO	2019-2021
Draw up a marketing and promotion strategy to support the tourism product developments in conjunction with air transport services, and highlight what Africa can give to the world which the rest of the world does not have	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance joint activities with tourism industry (Ref. Air Transport 2.5)</li> <li>• Enhance tourism promotion and marketing (Ref. Tourism 2.2)</li> <li>• Ensure visibility of the African tourism industry (Ref. Tourism 3.3)</li> </ul>	African States	AUC, RECs, AFCAC, ICAO and UNWTO	2019-2021
<b>Financing for Infrastructure Development and Capacity Building</b>				
Align and integrate major aviation and tourism infrastructure projects with national and/or regional development plans and budgets, the PIDA Priority Action Plan (PAP) for 2020 – 2030, the AU infrastructure development agenda, as well as forging-African economic cooperation and international assistance platforms such as the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) and the Forum on China–Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop sustainable aviation infrastructure under PIDA (Ref. Air Transport 2.2)</li> <li>• Enhance joint activities with tourism industry (Ref. Air Transport 2.5)</li> <li>• Finance and invest in tourism infrastructure and products (Ref. Tourism 3.2)</li> <li>• Feasibility and detailed design studies conducted for PIDA-PAP projects (Ref. PIDA 1.2)</li> <li>• New regional infrastructure projects proposed for second PIDA-PAP (Ref. PIDA 1.4)</li> <li>• Integrated corridor approach for infrastructure development implemented (Ref. PIDA 1.5)</li> </ul>	African States, AUC and AfDB	RECs, AFCAC, NPCA, ICAO, UNWTO, international assistance partners, donor communities, as well as financial institutions	2019-2021
Include and prioritize capacity building projects within the framework of the <i>MoveAfrica</i> initiative launched by the NPCA and using and contributing to the HRDF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen Training Pool (Ref. Air Transport 2.4)</li> <li>• Increase the number of development partners (financial and technical) (Ref. Air Transport 3.1)</li> <li>• Enhance human resources capacity in Africa (Tourism 3.1)</li> <li>• Infrastructure skills gap identified and regional skills development strategies implemented to</li> </ul>	African States, AFCAC, NPCA and ICAO	AUC, RECs, AfDB and UNWTO	2019-2021

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	enable Africa's labour force to meet industry skills requirements to participate in large-scale infrastructure projects (Ref. PIDA 3.2)			
Take pragmatic measures to build a transparent, stable and predictable investment climate to support quality infrastructure development related to aviation and tourism, for example, by engaging multi-stakeholders, diversifying funding sources, using domestic funds and increasing the participation of the private sector, including through private investment, business reform, private finance initiatives, public-private partnerships and various incentive schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of development partners (financial and technical) (Ref. Air Transport 3.1)</li> <li>• Resource mobilization (Ref. Air Transport 3.2)</li> <li>• Finance and invest in tourism infrastructure and products (Ref. Tourism 3.2)</li> <li>• Harmonized legal and regulatory frameworks for conducive investment environment adopted (Ref. PIDA 2.3)</li> </ul>	African States and AUC	AfDB and NPCA	2019-2021
Provide necessary incentives, environment and support for the private sector for its effective participation in African tourism and aviation development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of development partners (financial and technical) (Ref. Air Transport 3.1)</li> <li>• Finance and invest in tourism infrastructure and products (Ref. Tourism 3.2)</li> </ul>	African States	AfDB and NPCA	2019-2021
<b>Travel Facilitation</b>				
Adopt the visa openness solutions as part of a policy reforms for free movement of people across Africa, through the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy and the maximum use of information and communication technologies in improving visa procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement aviation security declaration (Ref. Air Transport 2)</li> <li>• Ensure tourism harmonized policies (Ref. Tourism 1.2)</li> </ul>	African States and AUC	RECs, AFCAC, AfDB, ICAO and UNWTO	2019-2021
Harmonize domestic laws, policies and procedures to accommodate the issue and use of African Passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement aviation security declaration (Ref. Air Transport 2)</li> <li>• Ensure tourism harmonized policies (Ref. Tourism 1.2)</li> </ul>	African States and AUC	RECs, AFCAC, AfDB, ICAO and UNWTO	2019-2021
<b>Strengthening Aviation and Tourism Sectors</b>				
Share and exchange knowledge, experience and best practices with appropriate data and statistics, including among themselves (South-South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance joint activities with tourism industry (Ref. Air Transport 2.5)</li> <li>• Enhance human resources capacity in Africa</li> </ul>	African States and AUC	RECs, AFCAC, NPCA, AfDB, ICAO and	2019-2021

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cooperation) in order to benefit from regional experiences	(Tourism 3.1)		UNWTO	
Demonstrate and promote the socio-economic benefits of tourism and aviation, and foster an informed and engaged public as a crucial partner through public awareness campaigns and education programmes to raise business confidence and obtain buy-in from the wider audiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance joint activities with tourism industry (Ref. Air Transport 2.5)</li> <li>• Encourage appreciation and participation of the youth in tourism (Ref. Tourism 3.2)</li> <li>• Enhance compilation of tourism data (Ref. 3.4)</li> </ul>	African States	AUC, RECs, AFCAC, ICAO and UNWTO	2019-2021
Provide technical expertise, resources and support for the implementation of the above actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of development partners (financial and technical) (Ref. Air Transport 3.1)</li> <li>• Resource mobilization (Ref. Air Transport 3.2)</li> </ul>	AUC, AFCAC and AfDB	RECs, NPCA, ICAO, UNWTO, international assistance partners, donor communities, as well as financial institutions	2019-2021

AFCAC: African Civil Aviation Commission

AFCAP: African Civil Aviation Policy

AfDB: African Development Bank

AU: African Union

AUC: African Union Commission

IATA: International Air Transport Association

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

HRDF: Human Resources Development Fund

NEPAD: New Partnership For Africa's Development

NPCA: NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency

PIDA: Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa

RECs: Regional Economic Communities

SAATM: Single African Air Transport Market

UNWTO: World Tourism Organization