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AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION (AFCAC)

Operationalization of the EA of the YD & SAATM

**Presented by
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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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Introduction - AFCAC as the Executing Agency (EA) of the YD & SAATM

The YD & Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of African Union meeting in Accra, Ghana entrusted AFCAC with mandate of being the Executing Agency (EA) of YD and SAATM

The EA of YD & SAATM

- ✓ Supervise and Manage Africa's liberalized air transport industry.
- ✓ Formulate and enforce appropriate rules and regulations for fair and equal opportunities to all players and promote healthy competition.
- ✓ Ensure consumer rights are protected

SAATM -

- ✓ AU Agenda 2063 flagship project.
- ✓ Launched by the African Union (AU) Assembly of Heads of State and Government on 29th January 2018 in Addis Ababa during its 30th Ordinary Session

SAATM - Provides for the liberalization of scheduled and non-scheduled air transport services within Africa by full implementation of the YD.

Key Challenges Faced- Operationalization of the EA

Delay in adoption of Institutional and Regulatory Instruments of the YD necessary for the successful operation of the SAATM - **Adopted in January 2018**

Delay in the financial resourcing of the EA - **Agreement and Aide Memoir signed in December 2018**

Delay in the internal strengthening of the Executing Agency of the YD & SAATM - **Work Program review and Development done in December 2018 but NOT YET APPROVED**



Progress Made - Adoption of the Institutional and Regulatory Texts

Three Institutional and Regulatory Instruments of the YD adopted by AU Summit:

- ❑ Powers and Functions of the Executing Agency: Annex 4:
- ❑ Rules and Procedures relating to Competition: Annex 5:
- ❑ Consumer Protection Regulation: Annex 6:

English Version uploaded on dedicated AFCAC platform

http://afcac.org/en/images/Documentation/saatm_regulatory.pdf

French Version being re aligned with the English text.



Progress Made - 4th and 5th MWG

4th MWG of SAATM, Lome, Togo, 24 - 27 May 2018.

Outcomes;

- Facilitated the implementation of the Decisions of the HoSG on the establishment of SAATM.
- 14** Member States of SAATM signed Mol to remove restrictions in existing BASAs that are contrary to the YD.
- Consultation among Member States, Signing of BASAs to incorporate all provisions of the YD required to operationalise the SAATM.

5th MWG of SAATM, Planned for Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21 - 22 February 2019

Expected Outcomes;

- Capacity building workshop on the YD Regulatory Texts;
- Consultative talks on existing BASAs between Member States;
- Consideration of State reports on the implementation of the concrete measures, signing of the Mol on the operationalisation of the SAATM.



Progress Made - ICAN December 2018

ICAO Air Services Negotiation Event (ICAN2018), Nairobi, Kenya, 10 to 14 December 2018.

Outcomes;

- ❑ 2 Member States (The Gambia and Mozambique) of SAATM signed MoI to remove restrictions in existing BASAs that are contrary to the YD. Thus 16 with MoI
- ❑ Consultation among Member States, Signing of BASAs to incorporate all provisions of the YD required to operationalise the SAATM.
- ❑ Actively participated in a sensitization workshop with stakeholders; KCAA, IATA, AFRAA that received media coverage.



28 States party to SAATM (Jan.2019)

**Benin, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Capo Verde,
Cameroon, Central African Republic,
Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Chad, Egypt,
Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana,
Guinea Conakry, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Mali,
Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda,
Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Togo and
Zimbabwe**

Progress Made - Full Operationalization of the EA

□ Full operationalization of the Executing Agency (EA)

- Comprehensive work plan developed along with required activities, human resources and budget.
- Request for funding submitted to AfDB & Aide memoir signed with AfDB. Alignment of the Work Programs of the EA with the AfDB aide moiré ongoing.
- Process of establishment of the project implementation unit to start in Q2 2019.
- 30th Plenary of AFCAC resolved to expedite the full opérationnalisation of the EA.
- Revamp of the dedicated SAATM platform on the AFCAC Website - www.afcac.org

http://afcac.org/en/?option=com_content&view=article&id=1



Conclusions & Way Forward

- ❑ Engage States to sign the Solemn Commitment and join the SAATM - 5th MWG, (18-22 Feb 2019).
- ❑ Refining of the Work Program of the EA in line with the AfDB aide memoir and the functions of the EA.
- ❑ Mobilization and Optimization of internal Resources .
- ❑ Establish platform for all Financial Partners to define areas of intervention.
- ❑ Aggressive awareness Program with RECs on Instruments of the YD.
- ❑ Study on socio-economic benefits of the SAATM for all member States in 2019 for its use in advocacy of SAATM;
- ❑ Launch of studies related to Operational Rules and Manuals of the YD, and training of personnel of RECs, and member States.

THANK YOU!

Q&A



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