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AFCAC learnt with sadness the accident involving Ethiopian Airlines flight 302 on regular schedule to Nairobi shortly after take-off on March 10th. AFCAC expressed its deepest condolences to the families of all those perished as well as to the Ethiopian Authorities and the national carrier Ethiopian Airlines.



Participants to the opening Ceremony of AFCAC Airport Emergency Planning Course, 11 March observing a minute of silence in memory of the victims.

Courtesy Visit to Togo

The Secretary General paid a courtesy visit to H.E. President of Togo, Mr. Faure Gnassingbe the Champion State of SAATM.

From March 19-21, 2019, he also had meetings with the Minister of Transport of TOGO and the Special Advisor of the President on civil aviation. The DG of Togo facilitated a visit to the Office of ANAC, during the Sec Gen stay in Lomé.

The AUC team lead by the Commissioner of Infrastructure of AUC also met H.E, President of TOGO with the team of AFCAC to discuss issues related to the Status of implementation of the SAATM.



Cabo Verde Ministerial Working Group of SAATM

In Cabo Verde, on the side of the 5th Ministerial Working Group (MWG) of SAATM, March 29th, 2019, the Ministers of Nigeria and Burkina Faso signed the Memorandum of Implementation to harmonize their respective BASAs in line with the provisions of the YD as part of the concrete measures of the Solemn commitment made on establishment of the SAATM.

The Secretary General had side meetings with some of the Ministers who attended the 5th MWG among which were with the Minister of Sierra Leone, Nigeria and the Gambia, with whom he discussed civil aviation matters in their respective States.

The Minister of the Gambia assured AFCAC on its preparation to attend the ICAO 40th Assembly. The Minister of Nigeria responded positively on the request made by AFCAC to continue to second competent Safety Inspectors to support and complement AFCAC works.



The Minister of Burkina (above) and the Minister of Nigeria (below) signing the Memorandum of Implementation



ASECNA HANDOVER CEREMONY March 7th 2019



The Director General of ASECNA, Mr. Mohamed MOUSSA formally handed over the keys of the offices allocated to the Executing Agency of the YD to the Secretary General of AFCAC during a brief ceremony held at the premises of the building. Both the DG and SG agreed to work together for the benefit of Civil Aviation in Africa.

The eight (8) fully furnished and air conditioned offices and Conference room are assigned to accommodate the Staff of the Executing Agency.

Courtesy Visits to Montreal

The Secretary General Mr. Tefera Mekonnen Tefera, officially paid a courtesy visit to the President of ICAO, Dr Bernard O. Aliu on March 12th 2019 in Montreal, Canada. They discussed policy issues including the continuation of the Regional Plans of ICAO in Africa, AFI-Safety Plan, AVSEC-FAL Plan and HRDF. Mr. Tefera invited the President of ICAO to honor the 31st Plenary of AFCAC which takes place on 13 May 2019, in Kampala, Uganda, by his attendance.

The Secretary General also paid a courtesy visit to the Secretary General of ICAO, Dr Fang Liu the same day and they discussed cooperation and areas of collaboration in order to enhance the effective implementation (EI) of SARPs and continuation of the Regional Plans (AFI-Safety Plan, AVSEC-FAL Plan and HRDF) under the regular program of ICAO.

Mr. Tefera informed his counterpart at ICAO on the outcomes of his discussion with the Chairperson of the AUC, including the Constitutional mandates of AFCAC as a Specialized Agency of the AU on all civil aviation matters, as a result, all Continental aviation issues are to be coordinated by AFCAC

and the AUC will only focus on policy issues. In this regard, Mr. Tefera requested harmonization of technical missions in order to avoid duplication of efforts and optimize resources pledged by partners to Africa.

It was agreed that, the two Secretaries General would continue with their discussions on the sidelines of the AFI-Week, Kampala, Uganda. The Secretary General also had a separate meeting with the AFI-Group at ICAO and discussed areas where the latter could provide assistance to AFCAC.



Visit of AFCAC First Secretary General

On March 8th, the First Secretary General of AFCAC from (1969-1991) Mr. Edouard Lombolou paid a courtesy visit to the current Secretary General Mr. Tefera Mekonnen Tefera with whom he shared information on the establishment of AFCAC.

Mr. Lombolou has accepted Mr. Tefera's invitation to attend the upcoming AFCAC's 50th Anniversary Celebration.



ICAO/UNWTO Ministerial Conference

Still on 27 March 2019, at Santa Maria, Sal Island, Cabo Verde, AFCAC participated in the ICAO/UNWTO Ministerial Conference. The Legal Advisor and Ag. Director of Air Transport Mr. Peter Amaleboba participated as a panelist on the theme: “Connectivity and Seamless Travel: Best Practices to serve tourists and passengers”. In his interventions, Mr. Amaleboba advocated for the implementation of the SAATM by all African states as one of the enablers of connectivity and seamless travel.



Onsite Training to Rwanda

AFCAC and Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), in conjunction with Rwanda CAA conducted the 16th AFCAC/CAAS AEP course on Airport Emergency Planning, in Kigali, Rwanda from 11 to 15 March 2019. Forty-two (42) participants from 14 AFCAC member States participated. During the opening ceremony on 11th March, the participants observed a minute of silence in memory of the victims of the tragic accident of ET302 (10 March 2019)



Aviation Infrastructure for Africa Gap Analysis Workshop - Abuja, Nigeria

Africa Gap Analysis Workshop in Abuja, Nigeria from 19 to 21 March 2019. It was a follow up to the 3rd ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAFF/3) that was hosted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in November 2017.

The overall objective of the workshop was to formulate strategies to implement PIDA's Framework for a Plan of Action - the aviation infrastructure gap analysis - for which ICAO has been assigned as a lead agency.

The gap analysis was expected to serve as key input to develop regional and national aviation infrastructure programs and master plans based on determined quality strategic

infrastructure requirements and in line with the level of predicted traffic growth and ICAO Global plans.



MEMBER STATES NEWS

CAMEROON - EGYPT

Cameroon and Egypt revised the existing Bilateral Air Services Agreement, in line with YD provisions, during aeronautical consultations held in Yaoundé on the 4th and 5th of March 2019. The revised BASA will enable Egypt Air to soon launch scheduled flights between the two countries.



RWANDA

Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo have just opened a new page on the warming of diplomatic relations. An air agreement was signed between the two countries on Wednesday, March 20th. Rwandair is expected in Kinshasa in the coming months. To date, there is no direct link between Kinshasa and Kigali, the capitals of the two neighboring countries. The shortest route is operated by Kenya Airways via Nairobi.



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