

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ENG. EDWARD MIKE NDAWULA AT THE OPENING OF THE 6TH AFRICAN & INDIAN OCEAN (AFI) AVIATION WEEK ON MAY 14, 2019, AT SPEKE RESORT MUNYONYO

**The Guest of Honour,
The ICAO Secretary General,
Hon. Ministers,
ICAO Officials,
International and Regional Organisations,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies & Gentlemen,**

It is always a pleasure to invite people and they positively respond to your invitation. I feel delighted to address such a big gathering of aviation experts at the opening of the ICAO 6th Africa and Indian Ocean (AFI) Aviation Week that is being held in Uganda for the first time.

I add my voice to that of the DG in warmly welcoming you all to Uganda. We are privileged to host an ICAO Secretary General for the second time in a space of seven years. Dr. Fang Liu, it is a great honour to host you in Uganda and we do not take this for granted.

Uganda CAA highly appreciates all the support and technical assistance that ICAO has and continues to extend in enhancement of aviation safety, security and facilitation.

Uganda participates in regional and global aviation safety and security management initiatives to ensure harmonised progress in the implementation and operation of aviation safety and security. In this regard, Safety management functions have been established in line with the ICAO SARPs.

Regional initiatives such as the AFI Week are a great way to share our challenges and jointly prescribe workable solutions. The discussions also provide the much needed exposure to a significant section of our technical staff to modern ways of identifying and dealing with aviation safety and security deficiencies in our systems.

As the host, Uganda has a tremendous opportunity to have more technical staff benefit from the ideas that are going to be shared by experts with diverse experience and we take this with open arms.

Uganda is a ready and willing partner in the implementation of strategies to improve the safety and security record in the region. This commitment was evident in ICAO's 2017 Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) on Uganda in which we scored 81.8%, well above the global average of 73%. It is our hope that we shall even do better or at least maintain the standard set in subsequent audits.

The Board that I am privileged to chair will ensure adequate implementation of corrective actions to ensure that compliance is enhanced.

I wish you all a very memorable stay in Uganda.

Thank you for listening.