

WELCOME REMARKS BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY AT THE OPENING OF THE AFI WEEK ON MAY 14, 2019 AT SPEKE RESORT, MUNYONYO.

**The Guest of Honour, Hon. Monica Azuba Ntege, Minister of Works & Transport representing the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister,
The Secretary General of ICAO, Dr. Fang Liu,
ICAO Officials,
International and Regional Organisations,
Chairman and Members of the Board of Directors, UCAA,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies & Gentlemen,**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the Pearl of Africa at the opening of the ICAO 6th AFI Aviation Week, which Uganda is pleased to host.

I hope you all enjoyed Uganda's traditional Hospitality as you arrived through Entebbe International Airport.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the conveners of the AFI Aviation Week who deemed it right and fitting for Uganda to host this great international Conference.

This is a very important event that attracts many leading figures in the Aviation industry. The presence of none other than the Secretary General of ICAO is a clear testimony of this. It is also a sign that Uganda is slowly, but surely taking its rightful place in the international aviation arena.

To all delegates here present, I thank you so much for sparing your quality time to be with us on this landmark occasion. I wish to assure you that you will enjoy every hour of your stay in our beautiful country.

While here, you are encouraged to take off time to visit a number of tourist attractions, which our country is endowed with. These include, but are not limited to:

- The source of the Nile
- The Uganda Martyrs shrine
- The various National parks.
- The great Bujagali, Karuma and Murchison falls.
- The Gahinga mountain gorillas to mention, but a few.

Uganda does not take a forum like this for granted as it gives an opportunity for top players in the aviation industry to meet and deliberate on critical issues affecting the aviation industry.

Ladies and gentlemen, permit me to inform you that the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority is committed to developing a safe, secure and efficient Air transport system and these form the core component of our Vision and Mission.

Before I take leave of this matter, I wish to inform you ladies and gentlemen that in an effort to develop and improve the aviation industry in Uganda, the Uganda CAA has embarked on several infrastructural developments at Entebbe International Airport including, but not limited to;

- The Upgrade and expansion of Entebbe International Airport. This is a 325 million USD dollar project, which the Government of Uganda is funding through a loan from the Exim Bank of China.
- The creation of a smart airport through the automation of most of our operations at the airport. This has been made through a 9.5 million dollar grant from the Republic of South Korea.
- The modification of the Passenger Terminal to provide modern and expansive Arrival and Departure areas and the entire passenger Terminal.

Finally, in an effort to improve efficiency, Uganda recently attained the prestigious ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System certification from the United Kingdom Accreditation service ahead of the December 2019

deadline set for at least 60% of the African states to have attained the same. I encourage the other members of the AFI Region to work towards this accreditation.

While sincerely welcoming you to our beautiful country, I wish to call upon the Chairman Uganda CAA Board of Directors, Eng. Edward Mike Ndawula to make his remarks.

Thank you very much ladies and gentlemen.