

REMARKS READ BY BOARD MEMBER, HAJJI ZUBAIR MUSOKE ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UCAA BOARD AIR SERVICES LICENSING COMMITTEE AT THE 48TH MEETING HELD AT VICTORIA HALL, SHERATON HOTEL, KAMPALA, ON MAY20, 2022

Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA), under Section 6 (2) of the CAA Act Cap. 354 is responsible for the licensing of air transport services. In addition, the Authority advises the Government of the Republic of Uganda on matters related to the development of air services such as Bilateral Air Services Agreements (BASAs) and other air transport activities.

Currently, there are twenty-four (24) Ugandan licensed air operators conducting operations in the following air services licence categories; scheduled passenger and/or cargo, non-scheduled passenger and/or cargo, Private, Training and Aerial Works.

As to regards to scheduled international air services:

- Uganda Airlines, a Ugandan licenced operator, commenced scheduled air services operations to Johannesburg and Dubai. The Airline intends to commence scheduled operations to Lusaka, Goma, Lubumbashi, Mumbai, Guangzhou, and London.
- The following airlines commenced air services to Uganda; Airlink (South Africa), Air Arabia (Sharjah-UAE), Airkenya (Kenya) and Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudi Arabia).
- Accordingly, the number of airlines operating international scheduled services to and from Entebbe International Airport, in accordance with the provisions of the fifty-one (51) Bilateral Air Services Agreement (BASAs) in place, increased from thirteen (13) to seventeen (17) Airlines.

Today, we have eight (08) applications (04 renewal and 04 new) being presented to the Board Licensing Committee for consideration. In compliance with the Civil Aviation (Licensing of Air Services) Regulations 2001, the applications were advertised in the print media and invited to publicly defend their applications.

The Authority therefore encourages licenced operators serving domestic and international routes to synergize through airline cooperative arrangements like codeshare agreements, with Uganda Airlines and other international air operators in order to increase connectivity and stimulate the growth of air passenger and cargo traffic in Uganda.

Uganda Civil Aviation Authority wishes to reiterate its commitment to the growth and development of the aviation industry in Uganda.