OPENING REMARKS FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AT THE OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP ON THE METHODOLOGY FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AIRPORT AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SECTOR CAPACITY ON NOVEMBER 25, 2024, AT MESTIL HOTEL, KAMPALA

Deputy Regional Director - ICAO ESAF
The Course facilitators from ICAO, CANSO and Partner States,
Officials from Uganda Civil Aviation Authority,
Participants from ICAO AFI Member States,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning to you all.

It gives me great pleasure to join you at the opening of this important in-person training Workshop on the Methodology for the Determination of Airport and Air Traffic Control Sector Capacity starting today, Monday, November 25 until Friday, November 29, 2024 in this beautiful town of Kampala, Uganda.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to Uganda our esteemed facilitators of this course from ICAO, ATNS and CANSO virtually, namely, Ms. Keziah Ogutu from ICAO ESAF and Mr. Simon Ziwane from ATNS, I hope that you will find the weather, environment, and people of Uganda hospitable and welcoming and I encourage you to visit the sites and places that your short and busy stay may permit you.

We recall Conclusion 26/23 of APIRG/26 held in Cotonou, that required ICAO, in coordination with CANSO, ANSPs and IATA, to conduct at least two workshops on the methodology for the determination of ATC capacity and best practices, by 31st October 2024, to ensure the effective implementation of ATFM in the AFI region.

I wish to express the gratitude of Uganda Civil Aviation Authority to ICAO and CANSO for the continued cooperation, technical assistance and support to Uganda and the industry in various ways, including air navigation services capacity building.

As members present might recall, the State of Uganda has benefited from previous training assistance missions offered by ICAO and CANSO. We greatly appreciate this assistance.

This training will provide participants with knowledge and best practices on the regulatory framework related to methods of calculation and the declaration of airport ATC sector capacity and their operational impact, implementation of Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) in the airspace and airports and the management of contingency events requiring demand/capacity balancing. This type of training would not have come at any better time.

It is, therefore, our hope that the course participants will take in all the knowledge about this course very keenly and utilize it effectively on return to their respective airports.

As I conclude, I would like to invite you to enjoy Uganda – The Pearl of Africa. Please feel at home. The UCAA team shall be available to assist you should you require any assistance during your stay in Uganda. If time allows, feel free to visit some of our tourist sites in Uganda like the zoo in Entebbe.

I take this opportunity to declare this training open!

For God and my country.