

REMARKS BY THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY MANAGING DIRECTOR, DR. DAVID KAKUBA AT THE IATA DAY 2017 CELEBRATIONS HELD AT KAMPALA SERENA HOTEL ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2017

The Hon. Minister of State (Transport),

Hon. Members of Parliament,

The International Air Transport Association Vice President for Africa & Your Team,

Chairman & Members of the Board of CAA,

Aviation Industry Stakeholders,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

IATA is the global trade association that represents over 270 member airlines. It is a prestigious association which addresses various interests of airlines the world over. Every year the Association's members carry over 83% of the world's scheduled international traffic. The Association holds an annual meeting called the IATA day which is hosted in any of the IATA member countries. This year's IATA day was chosen to be held in our country Uganda.

It is an honour and pleasure for me to warmly welcome members of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the entire aviation fraternity to the annual IATA Day that is being held in Uganda for the first time in history.

I thank IATA for considering Uganda Civil Aviation Authority as worthy hosting partners, which is a vote of confidence in Uganda's air transport system.

Holding of such a high profile event in Uganda is testimony of the cordial and mutually beneficial relations that exist between IATA and the aviation industry authorities in Uganda. This kind of cooperation should continue.

Air transport makes a significant contribution to the national economy and CAA considers any efforts aimed at improving the sector seriously. One of the strategies to ensure continuous improvement has been stakeholder engagements to ensure that we get the views and concerns of industry players so as to address them for an efficient, safe and a secure operating environment.

A forum such as this at which all industry players are brought together to deliberate under the theme "The importance of aviation to Socio-Economic Development of Uganda" is therefore a most welcome development. The theme is extremely appropriate considering that Uganda is a landlocked country that cannot afford to be air-locked.

In an effort to promote air transport development, Uganda has embraced the liberalization of air transport within the region in line with the Yamoussoukro Decision (YD). This has included the following measures among others:

- Multiple designation implying designating more than one airline on a route(s).
- Removal of frequency and capacity limitations. This implies that the designated airlines can operate as many times as they wish with any type of aircraft.

Hon. Minister, CAA continues to spearhead aviation industry development efforts through your Ministry by fostering partnerships and initiating the signing of new Bilateral Air Service Agreements that are in conformity with a liberalized air transport system.

In order to harness the full potential and economic benefits of civil aviation to our economy, CAA is carrying out a number of projects. These include:

- A 300 million dollar project of Expanding and Upgrading the Entebbe International Airport.
- The government obtained funding from the Exim bank of China and the project will be completed over the next couple of years. So far, 26% of the works have been completed.
- The Government of South Korea through the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) extended a grant worth 9.5 Million US Dollars towards automation of systems at Entebbe International Airport.
- There are a number of other ongoing works for expansion of the passenger terminal building from internally generated revenue to enhance passenger facilitation and meet the growing traffic needs. These include the modification of departure and arrival areas on the airside and the long term car park.

I once again warmly welcome all of you to the IATA Day 2017 and wish you fruitful deliberations.

**Thank you for listening.**