

REMARKS BY THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY DIRECTOR SAFETY, SECURITY AND ECONOMIC REGULATION, MR. SAM MUNEEZA ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, DR. DAVID MPANGO KAKUBA AT THE OPENING OF A 2-DAY EXPLOSIVE DETECTION DOGS (EDDS) WORKSHOP CONVENED BY THE EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION (ECAC) AT LAICO, LAKE VICTORIA HOTEL, ENTEBBE ON 5TH JUNE, 2018.

- **Mr. Luis Moco and the entire team from the European Civil Aviation Commission,**
- **CASE Workshop facilitators,**
- **Workshop participants,**
- **Distinguished guests,**
- **Ladies and gentlemen**

On behalf of the Board and Management of Civil Aviation Authority, it gives me great pleasure to warmly welcome you all to the opening of the Civil Aviation Security Workshop on Explosive Detection Dogs (EDDs).

Uganda is delighted to host this event, which has brought together security experts from the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) partner States to deliberate on important national and international security matters.

We highly commend the European Civil Aviation Commission (ECAC) and AFCAC for considering Uganda as worthy hosting partners. We do not take this for granted and look at it as a vote of confidence in Uganda's air transport system.

The ECAC team has exhibited a high level of cooperation and support through efforts that have been expended in the run-up to this event.

I am optimistic that all the participants in this Workshop will have a lot to learn from the team of competent and highly experienced facilitators assembled here from AFCAC, the United Kingdom, Portugal, USA- TSA and the Uganda Police Force, among others.

Given the rising threat of terrorism to air transport across the globe, the importance of Explosive Detection Dogs (EDDs) cannot be over emphasized. Uganda is therefore pleased and privileged to host an international EDDs workshop of this nature for the first time in history.

Needless to say, aviation remains a key target for explosives and other forms of terror attacks. The world witnessed this through recent spates of attacks at Istanbul Airport in Turkey on 28th June, 2016, at Belgium Zaventem Airport (suicide bombing, on 22 March, 2016, the attacks in France on 13th November, 2015 and the attempted attack on UK with Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) on 29th October, 2010, among others.

These and related cases across the globe call for extra vigilance at all levels as Aviation Security, which is “every body’s responsibility”.

That said, explosive detection dogs have proved to be very reliable in efforts to curb crime. Explosive canine dogs compliment other explosive detection capabilities such as explosive particulate; and explosive vapour.

Explosives detection dogs may also be used to detect explosives in the environment through:

- screening of cargo and mail;
- screening of hold baggage; and
- as a complementary method to improve explosives detection for:
 - aircraft search;
 - vehicles search;
 - screening of airport- and in-flight supplies;
 - screening of persons and screening of cabin baggage.

I believe that such details and the various best practices across the globe are to be shared in this two day training and I look forward to seeing implementation of better practices.

Uganda looks forward to continued cooperation with ECAC and AFCAC in relation to Aviation security.

I implore the various delegates from different countries to take time off the busy schedule and visit some of the tourist attractions in Uganda.

It is now my pleasure and honour to declare the 2-day Workshop open and to wish you fruitful deliberations.