

**AFRAA NEW SECRETARY GENERAL ASSUMES OFFICE**

The new Secretary General of the Nairobi based African Airlines Association (AFRAA) Mr. Nick Fadugba assumed office on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 after a brief handing over ceremony officiated by the Chairman of the AFRAA Executive Committee, Mr. David Tokoph, who is also the Chairman and CEO of Inter Air SA. Mr. Fadugba was appointed as AFRAA Secretary General to replace Christian Folly-Kossi during the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Assembly (AGA) of the Association held in Maputo, Mozambique, from 22-24 November, 2009. Folly-Kossi has been Secretary General of AFRAA for ten years – the maximum term limit for a Secretary General under the Association’s Articles and By-laws.



L-R: Mr. Christian Folly-Kossi, Outgoing Secretary General, AFRAA; Mr. Nick Fadugba, the New Secretary General, AFRAA, and Mr. David Tokoph, Chairman of the Executive Committee of AFRAA shortly after the hand over in Nairobi, Kenya

In a brief statement after the handing over, Mr. David Tokoph, thanked Christian Folly-Kossi for his long and dedicated service to the airline industry in Africa. He recounted some of the milestones the industry achieved when Christian was at the helm of AFRAA and assured him that the Association would seek his counsel and tap into his wealth of experience whenever the need arise, adding that “you will continue to be a part of this family.”

Welcoming the new Secretary General into office, the Chairman charged him to immediately take action on the numerous challenges confronting the industry and move AFRAA to new heights. He assured Mr. Fadugba of the unflinching support and cooperation of the Executive Committee in his work.

On his part, Mr. Fadugba thanked the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the entire membership of AFRAA for the confidence reposed in him as Secretary General of the Association. He assured the Chairman of his determination to “exceed the individual and collective expectations of airlines by repositioning AFRAA as a vibrant premier trade organisation in Africa.”

Prior to his appointment as Secretary General of AFRAA, Mr. Nick Fadugba was the Founder and CEO of African Aviation Services, an aviation consulting firm focused on promoting aviation development in Africa. He was also the Founder and Publisher of the renowned African Aviation Magazine, an aviation industry journal, which he launched in 1990. For the past 18 years, he has annually organised Conferences on Air Finance and Leasing and Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), specifically tailored for Africa, providing a unique forum for African airlines and other stakeholders to discuss key commercial, financial and regulatory issues affecting the industry. The Annual African Aviation Conferences also seek to foster practical solutions through mutually beneficial co-operation.

Mr Fadugba has more than 20 years experience in aviation consultancy in Africa and internationally. He has played valuable roles assisting aviation companies to achieve some of their goals and, in particular, has helped to resolve problems and promote co-operation in the African aviation industry. His balanced and professional approach has earned him the trust and confidence of airlines, aviation and finance companies and industry leaders and regulators in Africa and around the world. With this pedigree, Mr. Fadugba is well placed to transform AFRAA into a results oriented organisation that provides leadership and champions the common interest of Africa airlines.

### **Notes for Editors**

The African Airlines Association, also known by its abbreviation AFRAA, is a trade association of airlines which hail from the nations of the African Union. Founded in Accra, Ghana, in 1968, and today headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, the primary purpose of AFRAA is to establish and facilitate co-operation among African airlines.

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