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AVIATION SUPPLIERS AND STAKEHOLDERS CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE IN NAIROBI 16-18 JUNE 2013

Aviation suppliers and users will meet in Nairobi at a conference organised by the African Airlines Association (AFRAA). Dubbed “Aviation Suppliers & Stakeholders Convention” the event is scheduled to take place from 16-18 June 2013, at the Panari Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. It will bring together 250 delegates from airlines, airports, civil aviation organisations and air traffic navigation service providers, on the one hand and aircraft/engine manufacturers, component suppliers, IT, catering, fuel, training and other service providers to the aviation industry on the other.

According to the Secretary General of AFRAA, Dr. Elijah Chingosho, the conference “Provides a platform for users and suppliers of aviation products, solutions and services to showcase new developments and innovations, discuss industry trends, network and forge beneficial partnerships. In addition, the event will provide an outstanding products exhibition and business opportunity for industry partners and suppliers of equipment, components, solutions and services, according to the Nairobi-based air transport organisation.

This conference is coming at a time aviation in Africa is experiencing unprecedented growth in both passenger and cargo, spurred by huge economic growth and investments in many African countries. The continent’s airlines are positioning themselves to take advantage of these growth opportunities, with some modernising their fleet and investing in capacity and infrastructure development. There is also a keen interest by investors (both local and international) in setting up new airlines in some countries. These developments according to AFRAA, informed the convening of the Suppliers and Stakeholders Convention to bring operators and support service providers together for win-win business interactions.

Convened under the theme “Business Together”, the conference is structured to allow for networking, exhibitions, one-to-one discussions and masterclasses facilitated by industry experts. Already registration for the conference is on-going via the dedicated convention website: <http://asasc.afraa.org>.

The event is endorsed by the Executive Committee of AFRAA and supported by IATA, AFCAC, ICAO and partners of AFRAA. The event also offers opportunities for title sponsorships and exhibitions by interested aviation and tourism related businesses.

Notes for Editors

The African Airlines Association, also known by its acronym AFRAA, is a trade association of airlines from the member states of the African Union (AU). Founded in Accra, Ghana, in April, 1968, and headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, the primary purposes of AFRAA are to foster commercial and technical co-operation among African airlines and to represent their common interests.

AFRAA membership cuts across the entire continent of Africa and includes all the major intercontinental African operators. The Association members represent over 80% of total international traffic carried by African airlines.

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