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SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS HOSTS AFRICAN AIRLINES 44TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg, South Africa, 18 November 2012; Under the patronage of the Honorable Malusi Gigaba, Minister of Public Enterprises, the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa, will from 18-20 November 2012 play host to African airlines top executives, industry manufacturers, service providers and other stakeholders in aviation across Africa and the world. The occasion will be the 44th Annual General Assembly (AGA) and summit of the Nairobi-based African Airlines Association (AFRAA). South African Airways (SAA) will play host to this important annual event which was last held in Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco in November 2011. The conference will be officially opened by the Minister Public Enterprises and proceedings of the packed two-day event will be chaired by the Chairperson and Ag. CEO of South African Airways, Vuyisile Kona, the current President of AFRAA.

Convened under the theme “Business together in the era of growing opportunities”, the conference has attracted over 350 high profile aviation delegates from all over Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North and South America. Issues of safety, security, the environment, liberalization and cooperation among African airlines will take centre stage at this year’s summit.

The last time AFRAA held its AGA in South Africa was in 2005 and according to the President of AFRAA and Ag. CEO of SAA, Vuyisile Kona, during that Assembly, resolutions adopted were aimed at addressing the aviation safety challenges confronting Africa and forging collaborations among airlines. Mr. Kone noted that, “While much has been done to improve our operating environment and commercial relations, we still have a long way to go in ensuring that we effectively serve the air transport needs of the continent. Collaboration rather than competition is the surest way to achieving our goal of contributing to the socio-economic development and integration of the continent.”

The AGA will evaluate the growing air transport opportunities in Africa and how operators can take advantage by providing safe, reliable, efficient and profitable operations, according to AFRAA. Special focus will be on the emerging middle class, with disposal income and an affinity to travel. “This market segment is estimated to increase to about 300,000 people, spending approximately 3 trillion US dollars annually by 2030,” says the Secretary General of AFRAA, Dr. Elijah Chingosho. Adding that, “By taking stock of the market realities, African airlines will, after this summit mobilize the necessary resources and forge partnerships to tap into the vast air transport opportunities in the continent.”

Addressing the media on this year’s AFRAA AGA and summit, Dr. Elijah Chingosho said, “The AGA is the largest gathering of aviation top executives, held annually on the continent of Africa.

Its focus is to take stock of the industry development, review progress, assess set-backs (if any) and plan the future together. This is vital in ensuring that African airlines continue to act as the continent's economic bridge – moving people, goods and capital and facilitating regional integration and development.” Dr. Chingosho added that, “Airlines role in the continent's development is indispensable and this is why we must ensure the viability and success of African airlines.” He called on governments to create a conducive environment where airlines can compete effectively by liberalizing the internal African market, investing in infrastructure and avoiding over-taxation of airlines and passengers.

The Secretary General of AFRAA is expected to present a detailed state of the industry in Africa report highlighting the achievements, challenges and plans for the future. His presentation will largely set the tone for discussions that will form part of the two day summit.

The 44th AFRAA AGA is expected to conclude with the adoption of a number of vital resolutions urging airlines, governments and other stakeholders to work together to advance the course of African aviation and facilitate the role of airlines in contributing to the development and integration of the continent.

According to AFRAA, the summit will be complemented by two days of exhibition of equipment, component, supplies, IT solutions, training resources, consultancy, financial and aircraft leasing services by some of the industry's renowned service providers and partners. Also participating in the 44th AFRAA AGA will be the African Union Commission, ICAO, IATA, AFCAC, civil aviation authorities, airport companies, air navigation services providers as well as aircraft and engine manufacturers, component suppliers, and many other service providers.

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 of 33 airlines cuts across the entire continent and includes all the major intercontinental African operators. The Association members represent over 80% of total international traffic carried by African airlines.

Currently, the Chairman and Ag. CEO of South African Airways, Mr. Vuyisile Kona is the President of AFRAA.

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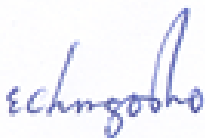
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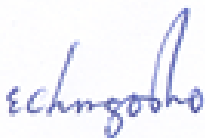
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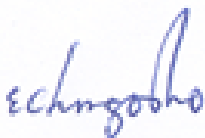
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