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### **AFRAA's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Assembly & Summit shifts to Mauritius**

**Nairobi, Kenya, 26 June, 2019** – The African Airlines Association (AFRAA) would like to inform all its esteemed members, partners and industry stakeholders that the date and venue for the 51<sup>st</sup> AFRAA Annual General Assembly (AGA) & Summit which was scheduled to take place from 24-26 November 2019 in Yaoundé, Cameroon have been changed.

The 51<sup>st</sup> AGA will take place from 10-12 November 2019 at the InterContinental Mauritius Resort Balaclava Fort at the kind invitation of Air Mauritius. Expressing appreciation to the new host, AFRAA's Secretary General Mr. Abdérahmane Berthé said: "We are grateful to Air Mauritius and the people of Mauritius for their willingness to host this most important gathering of aviation stakeholders on the continent. This is again a testament to their legendary hospitality and commitment to the development of the African aviation industry"

He noted that this comes after the country successfully hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Aviation Stakeholder's Convention which brought together more than 300 delegates from Africa and across the globe to stimulate dialogue, build sustainable networks to create a more competitive environment for business and improve the aviation support base on the continent.

On his part Air Mauritius Chief Executive Officer Mr. Somas Appavou said: "It is a pleasure and honour for us to host AFRAA's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Assembly after the productive 8<sup>th</sup> Aviation Stakeholder's Convention held in Mauritius in May. In bringing together principal decision-makers of the aviation industry, AFRAA's forums have demonstrated that collective thinking can make a significant difference in tackling the challenges of the industry on the continent. We are looking forward to contribute in making AFRAA's next AGM a success."

All efforts have been made to minimize the inconvenience caused by the change in date and venue. AFRAA and Air Mauritius look forward to host you in Mauritius for a memorable Assembly in November.

The Annual General Assembly is the premier gathering of African airline CEOs and senior global aviation executives. Annually, the AGA brings together aviation leaders and stakeholders to take stock of aviation milestones and plan the future for the development of African aviation.

**About AFRAA**

*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 cooperation among African airlines and to represent their common interests. AFRAA membership of 42 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.*

**About Air Mauritius**

*Created in 1967, Air Mauritius has flights to and from Europe, Asia, Australia, and Africa serving 22 regional and international destinations. Air Mauritius is a SKYTRAX 4-star rated airline and has received several international awards. has received several international awards recognizing the quality of its service on the ground and in flight, including several distinctions at the prestigious World Travel Awards for Leading Airline. As an IOSA-certified (IATA Operational Safety Audit) airline, safety and security is their top priority. The airline's fleet consists primarily of Airbus aircraft with state-of-the-art equipment. In addition to this, Air Mauritius is also approved by the EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency) and can perform maintenance for European operators.*