



CONCEPT NOTE

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON THE INSTITUTIONAL AND REGULATORY INSTRUMENTS OF THE YAMOUSSOUKRO DECISION

AFRICAN AIRLINES

29th to 30th September 2021

**Hosted by African Airlines Association (AFRAA)
(in virtual format via Zoom)**



1. INTRODUCTION

The 30th Ordinary Summit of the African Union Assembly of Heads of States and Government summit held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in January 2018 adopted the Institutional and Regulatory Instruments of the Yamoussoukro Decision (YD). The adopted Texts being the Powers and Functions of the Executing Agency (EA), Competition Rules and Consumer Protection Regulations. The Dispute Settlement Mechanism is under further elaboration.

The Decision further directed the AUC to expedite completion of the activities on SAATM Road Map, ensure awareness and dissemination of key continental aviation frameworks especially the Yamoussoukro Decision (YD) Regulatory and Institutional Texts, the African Civil Aviation Policy (AFCAP), as well as undertake capacity building of Senior Personnel and Experts of Member States and Regional Economic Community (RECs), on application, harmonization and domestication of these instruments.

The updated Prioritized Joint Action Plan of 28 – 29 January 2019 emphasizes on the need for Capacity building on the Institutional and Regulatory Instruments of the YD Member States and RECs including the dissemination of these Texts and further elaboration of the Dispute settlement mechanism.

The AUC in collaboration with AFCAC organized the first continental capacity building workshop from the 18 – 20 February 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, that also saw the dissemination of the English texts of the YD regulations to Member States present. A key recommendation of the continental capacity building workshop was to undertake similar workshops at the regional (RECs) level and also undertake capacity building workshop dedicated to African airlines.

It is against this backdrop that AUC in collaboration with AFCAC and AFRAA plans to undertake similar Capacity Building Workshops dedicated to Airlines. These capacity building events are part of the Joint Prioritised Actions committed to by key industry stakeholders.

The 2nd regional Workshop was for Northern, Western and Central African regions organized in collaboration with **UMA**, **ECOWAS**, and **ECCAS** and hosted by the Government of the Republic of Niger in Niamey from 02 to 04 August, 2019.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The main objective of the Capacity Building Workshop is to:

- Build the capacity and appreciation of the African airlines of the adopted YD Institutional and Regulatory Texts;
- Sensitize the African Airlines on the benefits of full liberalization of air transport services including the presentation of the SAATM prioritized action plan to highlight the important role of that the airlines have in operationalization of SAATM;



- Facilitate the application, domestication and or harmonisation of the Continental Regulatory Instruments with those of existing national and sub-regional regulations;
- Share experiences among African airlines on air transport regulations;
- Understand the challenges faced by African airlines in the implementation of SAATM

3. THE SESSIONS

The 2-Day Workshop will involve:

- Presentation on benefits of full Liberalization and SAATM Prioritized Action Plan
- Capacity building on the Yamoussoukro Regulatory Texts (powers and functions of the executive agency, consumer protection and competition regulations, draft regulations on rules and procedure on dispute settlement under the YD);
- Sharing of experiences in the regulation of air transport among African airlines;
- Highlights on the Prioritized Joint Action Plan on establishment of SAATM and sustainable development of air transport.

4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

In line with the objectives of the workshop, the following are the expected outcomes:

- Enhanced understanding and appreciation of African airlines on adopted Institutional and Regulatory texts (Powers and functions of the Executing Agency, Competition Regulations and the Consumer Protection Regulations) and the draft regulations on dispute settlement mechanism.
- Well-equipped experts from African Airlines to apply the Instruments in their operations.
- Shared experiences among African Airlines on Air Transport Regulations (Competition and Consumer Protection).
- Understanding of the progress and challenges on the implementation of the YD and the eight (8) concrete measures of the SAATM among the member States
- Encouraging more airlines to support the implementation of the SAATM.

5. PARTICIPANTS

The following entities will be invited to participate in the meeting:

- a) African Airlines (Members of AFRAA)
- b) Other African airlines (not members of AFRAA)
- c) Regional Economic Communities and
- d) Regional organisations/Associations



6. DATE AND VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

The Workshop will be hosted by the African Airlines Association (AFRAA) via Zoom (virtual format) from 29 - 30 September 2021

7. LANGUAGES

The workshop will be conducted in English

8. FURTHER INFORMATION

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