



THE AFRICAN AVIATION SAFETY & OPERATIONS SUMMIT



Theme:
“From Culture to Competence: Delivering Measurable Safety Performance”

Let’s turn safety culture into competence you can see and measure—by aligning procedures (SOPs) with front-line execution (practice); showcasing peer-reviewed SMS in action; reinforcing leadership accountability; elevating human performance and fatigue management; using predictive data and early warnings; putting Abuja targets into practice; and strengthening runway and operational resilience.

Tuesday 19 April

Time	
15.00hrs	Registration of Participants
15.30 – 15.45hrs	Introduction by Program Director
15.45 – 16.40hrs	<p><i>The inaugural Safety and Operations Summit recommended the establishment of a Safety Group to share data and experience and continuously improve safety in the Region. This closed session enables the Group to meet in person, examine events using safety information and draw lessons while observing the Chatham House Rules.</i></p> <p>From Culture to Competence – aligning procedures with frontline execution <i>(Chatham House rules. Restricted to safety practitioners.)</i></p> <p><i>This session focuses on aligning documented procedures with everyday operations. Drawing on data and practical examples, we will highlight interventions that measurably improved human performance and fatigue management, introduced concise early-warning indicators, and delivered targeted, sustainable improvements.</i></p> <p>Session 1: Human Performance & Fatigue: Evidence-Based Corrections in Line Operation <i>Scope: One operator case with measured fatigue exceedances and human-factors findings, followed by maintenance and ATC/ANSP perspectives on what changed practice and why.</i></p>



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16.40 – 17.30hrs	<p>By Mr. Gerardo Hueto, Director, Safety – Flight Safety Foundation</p> <p>Session 2: Predictive Safety Indicators — From Signal to Operational Action <i>Scope: walkthrough of how operators turned safety signals into operational changes—selecting a small set of high-value indicators from FDM/FOQA, LOSA, and occurrence data; setting practical trigger points and clear owners; checking effectiveness with simple before/after evidence; and avoiding pitfalls such as alert fatigue and data-quality issues.</i></p> <p>By Mr. Amir Emam, Senior Sales Director, Middle East, Türkiye, and Africa -GE Aerospace</p> <p>Wrap-up of highlights <i>The session will conclude with a wrap-up of key highlights, summarizing actionable takeaways and next steps to strengthen safety practices across the region.</i></p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Gaoussou Konate, Consulting Director, Technical & Operations – AFRAA</i> • <i>Capt. Haig Anyonyi, AFRAA Safety Group Chairman and KQ Safety Manager – Kenya Airways</i>
18.00-21.00hrs	Cocktail reception

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09.00-09.40hrs	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and opening remarks – Mr. Matshela Seshibe. Ag CEO – South African Airways • Welcome and opening remarks – Mr. Abdérahmane Berthé, AFRAA Secretary General • Speech by Dr. Hassan Shahidi, President & CEO - Flight Safety Foundation



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Poppy Khoza, Director and CEO of the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)
<p>09.40-10.30hrs</p>	<p>Setting the Scene 1 (AFRAA) - Progress since the 2025 Summit & Challenges Ahead <i>A progress report on actions taken and progress made since the previous summit held in 2025, the current operational context (traffic growth, resource constraints), and the top safety challenges for 2026: aligning procedures with frontline execution, strengthening human performance & fatigue measures, focusing on runway/ground operations resilience, and deepening State/RSSO–industry coordination (Abuja in action).</i></p> <p>By Mr. Gaoussou Konate, Consulting Director, Technical & Operations – AFRAA</p> <p>Setting the Scene 2 (FSF) - From Culture to Competence—Africa’s Current Risk Picture, and Why “Measurable” ≠ “Complex” <i>A data-informed overview of the regional risk picture (e.g., RE/RI, CFIT/LoC-I precursors, ground ops), with an emphasis on simple, visible measures that correlate with improved outcomes: stabilized approach discipline, checklist/readback quality, concise fatigue cues in briefings, and a small set of predictive indicators that actually drive action.</i></p> <p>By Mr. Gerardo Hueto, Director, Safety – Flight Safety Foundation</p>
<p>10.30-11.10hrs</p>	<p>Networking coffee break</p>
<p>11.10-12.40 hrs</p>	<p>Panel - Aligning Procedures with Frontline Execution, Removing Drift, Reinforcing Discipline, Demonstrating Results <i>This panel brings together an air operator, a CAA, an ANSP, and airport leadership to examine the practical barriers that drive procedural drift—time pressure, roster fatigue, ambiguous steps, and workflow constraints—and how these barriers are being addressed. Speakers will outline the simple checks and training changes that made the biggest difference.</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capt. Haig Anyonyi, AFRAA Safety Group Chairman and KQ Safety Manager – Kenya Airways



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lacey Pittman, Vice President Global Aerospace Safety - Boeing, • Mr. Knowledge Dlamini, Navigation Safety Inspector, SADC Aviation Safety Organization (SASO) • Mr. Josia Manyakoana, Interim Chief Air Traffic Services Officer - ATNS • Mr. Prosper Zo'o-Minto'o, Director General - ASECNA • Mr. Christopher Jones, Senior Specialist in Aviation Safety and Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) - Airports Company South Africa (ACSA) <p>Moderator: Mr. Kamil Al-Awadhi, Regional Vice President for Africa and Middle East - IATA</p>
<p>12.40-13.10 hrs</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Human Performance & Fatigue: Practical Interventions that Changed the Operation</p> <p><i>This featured talk presents an Africa-centric example of how targeted human-performance and fatigue interventions translated into observable operational improvements—without adding complexity. The speaker will outline the operational context (duty patterns, sector lengths, hub banks, environmental factors), the specific measures introduced (e.g., roster adjustments and acclimatization, concise fatigue prompts in briefings, reinforcement of checklist/readback discipline, authority-gradient coaching, and short EBT refreshers), and the enablers that made them stick (leadership sponsorship, clear communication, just-culture reporting etc).</i></p> <p>By Mr. Kiran Paima, Head of Safety – South African Airways</p>
<p>13:10-13:30</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Updates on the ICAO GAPS Safety Goals and Abuja Safety Targets This session reviews progress against the updated ICAO Global Safety Goals (effective 2026) and the Abuja Safety Targets, highlighting where the region stands against priority areas.</p>



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	<p>By Mr. Gaoussou KONATE, Consulting Director, Technical & Operations – AFRAA</p>
<p>13.30-14.45hrs</p>	<p>Networking Lunch</p>
<p>14.45-16.00hrs</p>	<p>Panel</p> <p>Predictive Data & Early Warnings — Minimal Signals, Maximum Effect (OEM & Operator Perspectives)</p> <p><i>This session brings together an OEM/technology provider and an operator to show how predictive safety works when it’s kept simple and operationally useful. Speakers will identify the small, stable set of indicators—drawn from FDM/FOQA, LOSA, and occurrence data—that consistently translate into action on the line. They will outline how clear triggers and action paths are defined (who acts, by when, and how changes are briefed), how effects are verified with straightforward before/after checks (measurable ≠ complex), and how the signal set is periodically pruned to avoid alert fatigue. The OEM/tech perspective will cover data quality, taxonomy alignment, and built-in capabilities (e.g., analytics, advisories, updates), while the operator perspective focuses on integrating signals into SMS/FRMS and day-to-day</i></p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ian Goodwin, Director Flight Safety – Safety Enhancement - Airbus Product Safety Commercial Aircraft - Airbus • Mr. Jeff E. Hutchison, Executive Director, Aerospace Safety Analytics – Boeing • Ms. Anitah Favour, Safety and Security Officer - Boskovic Air Charters • Capt. Thomas Duell, VP-Flight Safety and Post holder for SMS – Emirates • Capt. Hichem OUNISSI, Flight Safety Officer, Air Algérie <p>Moderator: Mr. Gerardo Hueto, Director, Safety – Flight Safety Foundation</p>
<p>16.00-16.30hrs</p>	<p>Closing</p>



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	<p>Recap of event outcomes, recommendations, and action plan <i>The summit will conclude with reflections on the key takeaways. We will synthesize the day's themes—aligning procedures with frontline execution, practical human-performance and fatigue measures, minimal predictive indicators that drive action, and Abuja coordination in practice—and note simple, low-burden steps participants can adapt in their own contexts</i></p> <p>Closing remarks by Mr. Abdérahmane Berthé, Secretary General - AFRAA</p>
16.30-17.00hrs	Networking coffee