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## **AFRICAN AIRLINES GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN ADDIS ABABA**

The African Airlines Association (AFRAA) has announced that its 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Assembly (AGA) will be held in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa from November 21 - 23, 2010 under the theme “Adapting to survive and prosper”. The 42<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly and African Air Transport Summit is being hosted by Ethiopian airline at the UNECA Conference Centre.

AFRAA Annual General Assembly is by far the biggest and most prestigious aviation event in Africa, bringing together Chairmen and CEOs of all the major African airlines, civil aviation authorities, airport companies and other stakeholders in the aviation industry from within and outside the continent. The conference also attracts top government and industry policy makers and representatives of international and regional aviation organizations.

The AGAs are marked by discussions and analysis of the global and in particular the African airline industry challenges, achievements, opportunities and the way forward. The discussions are led by eminent industry practitioners, renowned speakers and panelists. AFRAA AGAs facilitate business cooperation among the member airlines and provide networking opportunities for the carriers and major aviation aircraft and engine manufacturers, IT and other airline solution providers as well as leasing, financing and aviation training organizations attending the conference.

Previous AFRAA annual conferences attracted large numbers of top airline and aviation executives, aircraft and equipment manufacturers, IT solution providers, consultants and academics.

This year’s AGA is special in that it will take place in the political capital of Africa and the seat of the African Union. Ethiopian Airlines last hosted an AFRAA AGA 10 years ago, in the year 2000.

More information on the AGA are available on the following website:  
<http://aga42.afraa.net>

## **Notes for Editors**

The African Airlines Association, also known by its acronym AFRAA, is a trade association of African airlines. 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 and includes all the major intercontinental African operators. The Association members represent 83% of total international traffic carried by African airlines.

Ethiopian Airlines (host of the AGA) is one of the founding members of AFRAA and has played a prominent role in the Association over the last 42 years. Several former Ethiopian Airlines staff have taken up senior management positions within the Secretariat of the AFRAA and have contributed significantly to its development. Currently, Ethiopian CEO, Mr. Girma Wake serves as the President of AFRAA.

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