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South African Airways Meets AFRAA Secretary General for the AFRAA CEOs Leadership Dialogues

14 June 2022, Johannesburg – South Africa: South African Airways (SAA) Chairman & CEO – Mr John Lamola and Non-Executive Board Member – Mr Nick Fadugba, met AFRAA Secretary General, Mr. Abdérahmane Berthé, at SAA headquarters in South Africa for a fruitful **“AFRAA Member Airline CEOs Leadership Dialogues”** session on Monday 13 June 2022.

The dialogues session is timely, as SAA forges its path to recovery following a restart of operations in September 2021 that marked the end of the airline’s hiatus which commenced during the Covid-19 pandemic. The deliberations covered various areas of support under the auspices of AFRAA’s initiatives for the development of air transport sector in Africa. Among other issues, the meeting discussed Projects of interest to SAA in the forthcoming AFRAA Laboratory (LAB) that will bring together industry experts and stakeholders to develop relevant project roadmaps that will revamp sustainable aviation & trade development in Africa. The Lab is scheduled to take place from 27 June – 01 July 2022 at the AFRAA headquarters in Nairobi – Kenya.

Speaking at conclusion of the session, Mr. Abdérahmane Berthé, AFRAA Secretary General stated: “AFRAA is pleased for the opportunity to meet SAA leadership for fruitful deliberations during this edition of the CEO Dialogues session. AFRAA continues to maintain solidarity with its members and African airlines at large to work on initiatives and projects that will develop the aviation sector in Africa, enhance the industry’s competitiveness and grow the global market share.”

“South African Airways has been a major player in the airline industry in Africa whose membership of AFRAA dates to almost 3 decades. AFRAA will continue to support SAA and our entire membership to emerge stronger and more resilient after the crisis.” Mr. Berthé added.

AFRAA continuously engages the leadership of its member airlines through the CEO Dialogues sessions with the objective to develop transformative initiatives, establish the right fit of added-value projects and actions that will support members’ sustainability.

Notes for Editors

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, AFRAA’s mission is to promote, serve African Airlines and champion Africa’s aviation industry. The Association envisions a sustainable, interconnected and affordable Air Transport



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industry in Africa where African Airlines become key players and drivers to African economic development.

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