

## Press release

### **AFRAA and Flight Safety Foundation Sign MoU for Collaboration to Enhance Safety of the Air Transport Industry in Africa**

**12 September 2022, Kigali - Rwanda:** The African Airlines Association (AFRAA) and Flight Safety Foundation (FSF) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a framework of cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the two organisations on actions to enhance air transport safety in Africa.

Under the MoU, AFRAA and FSF will cooperate closely and consult each other on matters and/or activities of mutual interest aimed at the improvement of safety of the air transport industry in Africa such as joint regional technical workshops, development of information and resource material for the membership of each organisation and the industry at large, promotion of effective safety information sharing among other initiatives.

Mr. Abderahmane Berthé - AFRAA Secretary General, and Dr. Shahidi - President and CEO of FSF, signed the MoU at the side-lines of the Aviation Africa conference in Kigali - Rwanda.

On the signing ceremony, AFRAA Secretary General Mr. Abdérahmane Berthé stated: Safety is among AFRAA's top priorities and the driving force behind our championing regional safety coordination for Better Skies in Africa. For African aviation to yield better safety performance, the continued coordinated efforts by aviation stakeholders are essential in line with the five pillars: cooperative approach to safety improvement in Africa under the framework of the Abuja Safety Targets, operational compliance of African carriers with International standards, data-driven safety management, infrastructure safety, and fleet modernization."

"We are excited to establish a framework of collaboration with Flight Safety Foundation that will enhance actions under the five pillars and positively impact air transport contribution to Africa's economic development." Mr Berthé added.

Dr. Shahidi - President and CEO of FSF on his part stated: "I look forward to collaboration with AFRAA to work together to advance aviation safety in Africa."

#### **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*



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*industry. The Association envisions a sustainable, interconnected and affordable Air Transport industry in Africa where African Airlines become key players and drivers to African economic development.*

*AFRAA membership of 46 airlines cuts across the entire continent and includes all the major intercontinental African operators. The Association members represent over 85% of total international traffic carried by African airlines. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).*

### **About Flight Safety Foundation**

*Since 1947, Flight Safety Foundation has helped save lives around the world. The Foundation is an international non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide impartial, independent, expert safety guidance and resources for the aviation and aerospace industry.*