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AFRAA Secretary General meets Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO for AFRAA’s CEOs Leadership Dialogues

11 October 2022, Addis Ababa – Ethiopia: As part of AFRAA’s strategy to forge a close relationship with its member airlines, the Secretary General of AFRAA, Mr. Abdérahmane Berthé, met Ethiopian Airlines Group Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mesfin Tasew Bekele for another edition of the **“AFRAA Member Airline CEOs Leadership Dialogues”** session today at Ethiopian Airlines headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO was accompanied by: Mr. Girma Wake - the Board Chairman, and Mr. Ahadu Simachew - Manager, Group Alliances, Commercial Cooperation & Industry Affairs.

The meeting discussed in detail various industry developments and priorities for advocacy on factors affecting the sustainability of the air transport sector, notably: taxes and charges, currency repatriation, and the implementation of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM). The Secretariat made an exposé of AFRAA projects of value-addition to members to facilitate an understanding of the benefits and effectiveness of projects of interest to Ethiopian Airlines.

At the conclusion of the CEO’s Dialogue session, Mr. Abdérahmane Berthé, AFRAA Secretary General said: “AFRAA is pleased to meet Ethiopian Airlines – one of AFRAA’s founding member airlines - for the CEOs Dialogues. Today’s discussions have facilitated an opportunity for a close connection between AFRAA and Ethiopian Airlines and culminated in a better understanding of Ethiopian Airlines’ priorities vis-a-vis AFRAA’s mandate.”

“We will continue to tailor our actions to enhance the relevance of the Association to our membership. I look forward to a continued mutually beneficial working relationship with Ethiopian Airlines and the entire AFRAA fraternity at large.” Mr. Berthé added.

Through the CEO’s Dialogues initiative, AFRAA has engaged seven of its Member airlines in 2022 towards effective implementation of added-value projects and actions supporting members’ sustainability. AFRAA’s actions are anchored on five pillars including:

- i. Safe, secure and reliable air transport
- ii. visibility, reputation and influence of African Airlines
- iii. Sustainable air transport
- iv. Cooperation
- v. Data Intelligence

AFRAA Secretariat Teamleaders who were present during the deliberations with Ethiopian Airlines included: Mr. Gaoussou Konate - Director Technical & Operations and Mr. Raphael Kuuchi - Director Government, Legal & Industry Affairs.



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

AFRAA membership of 44 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](#).