

The 55<sup>th</sup> AFRAA Annual General Assembly & Summit Launches, Registration Open

**30 May, 2023 - Kampala – Uganda:** At a colorful ceremony that was graced by the Minister of Transport of the Republic of Uganda – Hon. Gen. Katumba Wamala, AFRAA and Uganda Airlines officially launched the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly (AGA) & Summit of the Association.

The 55<sup>th</sup> African Airlines Association (AFRAA) Annual General Assembly (AGA) and Summit will be held from 19-21 November 2023 at the **Speke Resort in Entebbe, Uganda** – *The Pearl of Africa.* The AGA will be proudly hosted by Uganda Airlines under the high patronage of the Government of Uganda. The event is expected to attract about 500 high profile delegates from the aviation industry in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Asia and North America.

Speaking at the launch, AFRAA Secretary General, Mr. Abdérahmane Berthé stated: "AFRAA is excited to host the 55<sup>th</sup> AGA in Uganda. This will give Uganda Airlines a unique opportunity to show case its profile and its developing role in African aviation. Uganda Airlines being a young and vibrant player in aviation industry in the Eastern African sub-region, staging the AGA at the airline's home base and hub will be a great opportunity to achieve this objective. AFRAA looks forward to host the African air transport ecosystem stakeholders in Uganda for a memorable Assembly."

In her speech, Ms. Jenifer Bamuturaki - Chief Executive Officer and AFRAA 2023 President said: "This year, Uganda Airlines pledges to open its doors of hospitality, warmth, and service to all delegates of the 55<sup>th</sup> AFRAA-AGA. This will be no ordinary General Assembly; it will be exciting and engaging, with many learnings drawn from industry developments."

"I believe that this year's Annual General Assembly will embark on a journey to address these issues and fragility points that the industry grapples with. I also look forward to plenaries that will discuss industry action-based topics dear to my heart, like increasing safe spaces for women to thrive in aviation, creating optimism for the youth in the industry and beyond sustainability. The event will also bring together cross-industry players in Tourism, Regulation, and Taxation that impact the industry. Uganda Airlines is honoured to host the 55<sup>th</sup> AFRAA Annual General Assembly as the official carrier." She added.

The AFRAA AGA is the biggest aviation Summit in Africa and will be attended by Chairmen and CEOs from African airlines and decision makers from ICAO, IATA, AFCAC, civil aviation authorities, airport companies, air navigation services providers as well as aircraft and engine manufacturers,



component suppliers, and many other service providers. The event will discuss issues on the development of air transport in Africa in general and development opportunities for African airlines in particular. Air transport in Africa is an economic bridge – linking people, goods and capital to markets and industries and integrating the vast continent.

In addition to statutory Assembly matters to be discussed, there will be an exhibition of products, solutions and the latest technologies in aviation by reputable service providers from across the world. Further, the AGA also avails quality time and opportunity for networking and business meetings among African airlines, industry partners and service providers.

Air transport leaders and decision-makers will adopt industry resolutions that will set a roadmap for transformation and the economic development of air transport in Africa at the Assembly.

Delegates can register and access more information about the event through the dedicated website: <u>https://aga55.afraa.org/</u>

## About AFRAA

The African Airlines Association, also known by its acronym AFRAA, is the leading 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 50 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.

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