

11–12 June 2026

## 3rd International Network on Africa Energy (INEAT 2026), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire



Representing AFRAA at the 3rd International Network on Africa Energy (INEAT 2026) in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, convened by Eni, Luiss Guido Carli University, The World Bank Group and IFC, Mr Daniel Moss, Manager, Government, Legal and Industry Affairs at AFRAA, joined thought leaders from across Africa and beyond to examine Africa's energy transition and share insights on decarbonising the African air transport sector.

During the panel discussion "Powering Possibility: Accelerating Africa's Energy Access," AFRAA underscored the need to address the "African pre-

### INEAT 2026 : l'AFRAA à Abidjan sur la transition énergétique

À la 3<sup>e</sup> édition du International Network on Africa Energy à Abidjan, M. Daniel Moss (AFRAA) a participé aux débats sur la décarbonation du transport aérien africain. Le secteur fait face à une « prime africaine » sur le carburant (environ 17 % au-dessus de la moyenne mondiale). Solutions évoquées : mutualisation des risques, fonds de liquidité, cadres de financement innovants. L'AFRAA a aussi souligné les avancées de l'espace aérien à routes libres (FRA), déployé en Afrique de l'Ouest et Centrale depuis octobre 2025, avec une extension prévue à l'Est et au Sud d'ici décembre 2026.

mium" — with aviation fuel costs estimated at approximately 17% above the global average — and highlighted risk pooling, liquidity enhancement funds, and structured risk mitigation frameworks as proposed solutions.

AFRAA also reaffirmed that aviation decarbonisation requires a comprehensive basket-of-measures approach, highlighting the successful implementation of Free Route Airspace (FRA) across Western and Central Africa on 31 October 2025, with scaling across East and Southern Africa targeted by December 2026.

## ... In the Field

29–31 March 2026

# AFRAA and the 4 Founding African MROs Launch Landmark African MRO Conference in Addis Ababa



The African Airlines Association (AFRAA), in partnership with the founding African Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) providers – Ethiopian MRO, EgyptAir Maintenance & Engineering, Kenya Airways MRO, and South African Airways Technical, supported by many other aviation stakeholders officially opened the 1st African MRO Conference in Addis Ababa – Ethiopia.

Hosted by Ethiopian Airlines from 29 to 31 March 2026 at the Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, and held under the patronage of the Government of Ethiopia, the conference marks a major milestone in Africa's journey towards building a resilient, competitive, and sustainable aviation maintenance ecosystem.

## Addis-Abeba : lancement de la 1ère Conférence africaine sur la MRO

Du 29 au 31 mars 2026, l'AFRAA et quatre MRO fondateurs (Ethiopian MRO, EgyptAir M&E, Kenya Airways MRO, SAA Technical) ont lancé cette conférence historique, réunissant plus de 450 délégués de 50 pays. Objectif : réduire les sorties de capitaux liées à la maintenance effectuée hors d'Afrique, via une marketplace B2B favorisant des contrats concrets entre compagnies, MRO et OEM.

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Held under the theme “Building Africa’s Sustainable MRO Ecosystem,” the event gathered over 450 registered high-level delegates from more than 50 countries, including airline executives, MRO leaders, OEMs, regulators, and technology providers.

A central feature of the conference was the AFRAA MRO Marketplace, a structured B2B platform designed to translate discussions into concrete business results through pre-arranged one-on-one meetings between African airlines, MROs, OEMs and technology companies.

## 16 April 2026 Fireside Talk at the 17th Leiden IIASL International Air Law Conference, Windhoek



**M**r Daniel Moss, Manager – Government, Legal & Industry Affairs, participated in a Fireside Talk at the 17th Leiden IIASL International Air Law Conference held at Windhoek Country Club Resort, Namibia, on 16 April 2026. The session was moderated by Mia Wouters (GDS Advocaten).

The discussion explored key challenges facing Africa's airline industry, including the role of the Cape Town Convention in fleet modernisation, the use of technology as a pathway towards decarbonisation

### Conférence Leiden IIASL de droit aérien : l'AFRAA à Windhoek

M. Daniel Moss a participé à une table ronde lors de la 17<sup>e</sup> conférence Leiden IIASL de droit aérien international, en Namibie, autour de la Convention du Cap et de la décarbonation. Il a également été juge du concours de plaidoirie Leiden-Sarin, avec une forte présence d'universités africaines (Namibie, Kenya, Ouganda).

and net-zero emissions, and the use of AI.

Mr Moss also served as a judge at the 17th Leiden-Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition – Windhoek 2026, hosted in Africa for the first time by the University of Namibia, with strong representation from the University of Namibia, Strathmore University (Kenya), and Makerere University (Uganda).

28 April 2026

## AFRAA–TPConnects Workshop on Navigating Modern Airline Distribution: From NDC to Offers & Orders

The African Airlines Association (AFRAA), in partnership with TPConnects Technologies held a virtual workshop themed: “Navigating Modern Airline Distribution: From NDC to Offers & Orders – Understanding the Evolution and What It Means for African Airlines” on 28th April, bringing together industry experts to provide practical insights into the rapidly evolving airline distribution landscape.

### AFRAA–TPConnects : la distribution aérienne, de NDC à Offers & Orders

Le 28 avril 2026, cet atelier virtuel a exploré la transformation en cours de la distribution aérienne, de l'EDIFACT vers le NDC puis vers le cadre Offers & Orders — avec un éclairage particulier sur les implications pour les compagnies africaines.

The airline industry continues to undergo a significant transformation, driven by the shift from traditional EDIFACT-based systems to New Distribution Capability (NDC), and further towards the Offers & Orders (OOSD) framework – redefining how airlines create, distribute, and manage their products, particularly within the African market.

29–30 April 2026

## Africa's Aviation at a Defining Moment: Progress Made, but the Road Ahead Remains Demanding



Africa's aviation sector stands at a defining moment, with encouraging progress recorded even as significant challenges persist, the Secretary General of the African Airlines Association has said.

Delivering opening remarks at the IATA Focus Africa Conference 2026, Mr Abdérhmane Berthé, AFRAA Secretary General, underscored the importance of collective action to address the continent's aviation priorities under the theme "Elevating Aviation Safety, Connectivity, and Operational Efficiency in Africa." Recent data trends point to tangible progress. Revenue Passenger Kilometres and passenger revenues for African carriers

## IATA Focus Africa 2026 : un moment charnière pour l'aviation africaine

Dans son discours d'ouverture, M. Berthé a salué une dynamique positive — trafic passagers en hausse de 21,5 % attendue en 2026 — tout en rappelant les défis persistants : taxes et redevances supérieures de 15 % à la moyenne mondiale, et seulement 35 % du trafic intercontinental assuré par des transporteurs africains. L'approche en cinq axes de l'AFRAA (SAF, compensation carbone, technologie, opérations/infrastructure, capital humain) reste la feuille de route.

increased significantly in 2025, with traffic expected to grow by 21.5% in 2026. However, taxes, charges, and fees across the continent remain on average 15% higher than the global norm, and African carriers currently account for only 35% of intercontinental traffic to and from the continent. AFRAA's five-pathway approach – covering sustainable aviation fuel, carbon offsetting, technology, operations and infrastructure, and human capital – aims to support inclusive and coordinated progress.

25 May 2026

## Joint Submission to the National Parliament Finance Committee on the Proposed Finance Bill 2026



AFRAA, alongside the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Kenya Association of Air Operators (KAAO), made a joint submission to the National Parliament Finance Committee on the proposed Finance Bill 2026 — firmly advocating for the reinstatement of VAT exemptions on aircraft, aircraft spare parts, and aviation equipment.

The submission highlighted that Kenya risks becoming less competitive as a regional aviation and MRO hub if the proposed taxes and levies are implement-

## Kenya : plaidoyer conjoint contre le Finance Bill 2026

L'AFRAA, l'IATA et la KAAO ont soumis une note conjointe au Parlement kenyan pour demander le rétablissement des exonérations de TVA sur les aéronefs et pièces détachées. En jeu : la compétitivité du Kenya comme hub aéronautique régional, les coûts de maintenance, et les services d'évacuation médicale et humanitaire. capital humain) reste la feuille de route.

ed, warning that they could increase aircraft acquisition and maintenance costs, affect fleet modernization plans, undermine medical evacuation and humanitarian services, and impact tourism and employment.

AFRAA reiterated that enabling aviation-friendly fiscal policies will strengthen Kenya's position as Africa's leading aviation hub, stimulate investment, and unlock greater economic value for the country and the region.

10–12 June 2026

## How Can African Aviation Unlock the Capital Needed to Support its Growth Ambitions? — Aviadev Africa

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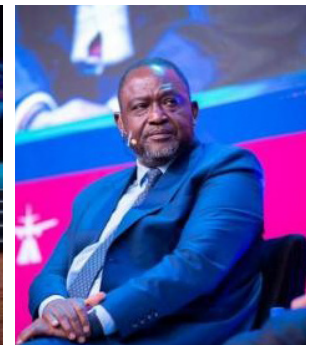
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### Aviadev Africa : financer l’aviation africaine à l’horizon 2030

Le Secrétaire Général de l’AFRAA, M. Abderahmane Berthé, a pris part à un débat sur le financement du secteur aérien africain : qui apporte les capitaux, et à quelles conditions ? Un enjeu clé pour soutenir la connectivité, la compétitivité et la rentabilité à long terme du continent.

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