5th AATO General Assembly
24th to 26th November 2025 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Invitation to the Fifth Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO) General Assembly

On behalf of the Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO) and the host organization Ethiopia Aviation University (EAU), I have the honour to invite you to attend the 5th AATO General Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 25th and 26th November 2025.

The global aviation system is facing unprecedented growth and complexity, and it requires increasingly more professionals to support it. The situation in Africa shows that there is a high and increasing demand for aviation professionals, and these need to be trained in all sectors of the industry. The situation in Africa is worsened by a lack of adequate training capacity to respond to the current and future demands for aviation training and the migration of qualified personnel for greener pastures outside the continent.

In Africa, the demand for more aviation personnel will be driven by a rapidly expanding aviation industry triggered by the growing economies, a rapidly expanding middle class, an increase in foreign direct investments, and a youthful population that has a high propensity to travel.

The establishment of AATO in Abuja in 2013 was key to the creation of a framework for harmonization and standardization of aviation training in Africa.

Since the fourth general assembly in 2022, and as the industry steadily recovers from the COVID-19 Pandemic effects, AATO is determined to address the African aviation training challenges collectively and holistically.

AATO has updated the African Aviation Training Roadmap to capture emerging training needs in line with the innovation strategies and meet the current

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and future demands for the industry, and in congruence with the ICAO strategic objectives, global and regional plans. The Road Map is a strategic tool aiming to help stakeholders develop and implement plans to ensure that they improve their human resource requirements to meet the ICAO standards and recommended practices. The AATO objective of providing harmonized and standardized quality training in Africa will empower ATOs and assist States in achieving the minimum safety and security standards.

The AATO GA 5 will bring together Aviation Training Organizations, Air Navigation Service Providers, Airlines, Airport Companies, Civil Aviation Authorities, Regional Oversight Organizations, Industry leaders, Education and Training experts, Regional and International organizations, and youth to fruitfully engage and come up with solutions to address the current and future capacity building challenges.

Over the two days, the assembly will feature high-level plenary sessions, training solutions exhibitions, and fruitful engagements to address pertinent training and capacity building initiatives.

The theme of the assembly is —"***Aviation Training: Enabler for the Industry Growth, Innovation, Resilience and Sustainability."*** A tentative program is attached to this letter for your reference.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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