



The Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO)

Fifth General Assembly

Skylight Hotel, Abay Hall

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

24 – 26 November 2025

Theme: — “Aviation Training: Enabler for the Industry Growth, Innovation, Resilience and Sustainability.”

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Day 1: Monday, 24 November 2025

09.00 – 17.00

AATO Council Meeting
(Closed Session)

Hosted By:



10.00 – 17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Networking Sessions - Registration - Exhibition Preparation
Day 2: Tuesday 25 November 2025	
0800 – 0930	Registration of Delegates
0930 - 1030	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Welcome Address Mr. Laeke Tadesse, the President of Ethiopia Aviation University (EAU)</p> <p>Welcome Address Mr. Lulseged Gulilat Desta, Director of Ethiopia Civil Aviation Training Academy</p> <p>Welcome Remarks Mr. Mesfin Tassew, Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO</p> <p>Welcome Address Mr. Yohannes Abera, Ethiopia Civil Aviation Authority Director General</p> <p>Goodwill Message Ms. Adefunke Adeyemi, the Secretary General of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)</p>

	<p>Goodwill Message</p> <p>Eng. Eric Ntagengerwa, Head of Transport & Mobility African Union Commission</p> <p>Goodwill Message</p> <p>Mr. Eyob Estifanos, Regional Officer Air Transport Development and Implementation Support ICAO ESAF</p> <p>Goodwill Message</p> <p>Mr. Abba Wadak, Business Development Executive African Aviation Services Ltd</p> <p>Opening Address</p> <p>Ms. Tendani Ndou, the President of Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO)</p> <p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Dr. Alemu Sime, Honourable Minister of Transport and Logistics Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</p>
10.30 – 11.00	<p>Certificate Presentation – New AATO Members</p> <p>Airport Company of South Africa Jagongo Consultancy</p> <p>Special Appreciation Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Ethiopia Aviation University Ethiopia Aviation Training Academy African Aviation Services Ltd</p>

	<p>Photo Session</p> <p>Coffee Break</p>
1100 – 1115	Election of Assembly Chairperson & Vice Chairperson
1115 – 1215	<p>Conversation with Ms. Tendani Ndou AATO President</p> <p>Moderator – Eng. Eric Ntegengerwa Head of Transport and Mobility Division African Union Commission</p>
1215 - 1315	<p>Session 1</p> <p>The Aviation Professionals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The real situation on ground - NGAP Attraction - Rewarding - Retention <p>Panelists : Professional Associations</p> <p>IFATSEA – Mr. Ayalkbet Lemma, President of Communication, Navigation, & Surveillance Engineering Professional Association (CNSEPA)</p> <p>IFATCA – Mr. Tesfamichael Teshome, President of Ethiopia Air Traffic Controllers Association (EATCA)</p>

	<p>IFALPA – Capt. Abirham Akele – Head Pilot Training School EAU</p> <p>IFAIMA – Ms . Thamarat Abeid – Tanzania Aeronautical Information Management Association</p> <p>AfBAA – Mr. Dawit Lemma – Chairman African Business Aviation Association (AfBAA)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Frank Apeagyei IFATSEA President</p> <p>Q & A</p>
1315 – 1415	LUNCH BREAK
1415 – 1515	<p>Session 2 Aviation Training Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Innovation Strategies. ❖ Training Costs ❖ Challenges and opportunities for ATOs <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tendani Ndou – Chief ATNS ATA • Mr. Ba Omamadou – Director EAMAC • Mr. Laeke Tadessa – President EAU • Mr. Arstid Kanje – Principal Tanzania CATC • Dr. Oliver Sindabi – Registrar Academic Affairs EASA • Dr. Danjuma Ismaila – Rector NCAT

	Moderator: Ms Mary Gachohu, Human Resources and Training Manager Kenya Airports Authority Q & A
1515 – 1545	Coffee Break
1545 – 1645	Session 3: The Industry/Training Consumers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Quality of the Output ❖ Gauging the need and the product ❖ Areas of Improvement Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Mr. Yohannes Abera – DG Ethiopia CAA ✚ Ms. Catherine Lumonya – Principal Personnel Licencing Officer CASSOA ✚ Ms. Tebello Mokhema – Airport Company of South Africa ✚ Mr. Semou Diouf – Director SATNAV JPO Moderator: Mr. Rodney Subramany, Head Learning & Development Standards ATNS ATA Q&A
1900 - 2200	GALA DINER Venue: Skylight Hotel Dress Code: Cultural Attire Caution: It gets cold in the evening
DAY 3: Wednesday, 26 November 2025	
0900 – 1000	Session 4

Investment in ATOs and Technology : Resilience and Sustainability

- ❖ Factors Driving of Sustainable economies
- ❖ Addressing Aviation Environmental Impact
- ❖ Joint efforts among ATOs, CAAs, ICAO, Regional and International bodies
- ❖ Funding Challenges
- ❖ Steps that ATOs and stakeholders need to take in order to ensure that aviation training and recent innovations are included in the development framework.

Panelists

- Mr. Ronald Turyamubona, Director East Africa Civil Aviation Academy (EACA)
- Mr. Indran Pillay - SAA Technical
- Mr. Lulseged Desta – Director ETCAA
- Mr. Emmanuel Kowet – Director ERNAM
- Mr. Eyob Estifanos – Regional officer, Air Transport Development & Implementation Support
- Shaun Ledlie – Chiarman South African Association of Aviation Training Organizations
- Henrik Luhrs – CEO Air Academy

Moderator: Joel Kamate, English Instructor and EAMAC AATO Focal Point

	Q & A
1000 – 1030	Coffee Break
1030 – 1130	Election of AATO Council Members (Closed Session)
1130 – 1230	Closing Ceremony AATO President EAU President EAU Group CEO Vote of Thanks: AATO
1230 – 1330	Lunch Break
1400 – 1730	Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ethiopia Aviation University Facilities ✓ Addis Ababa Museum ✓ Addis Ababa Development Corridor



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