



**The 5th AATO General Assembly 24 – 26 November 2025**  
**Skylight Hotel Abay Hall, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

## **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"> <li>- Networking Sessions</li> <li>- Registration</li> <li>- Exhibition Preparation</li> </ul>
<b>Day 2: Tuesday 25 November 2025</b>	
0800 – 0930	Registration of Delegates
0930 - 1030	<p><b>Welcome Address</b>  Mr. Laeke Tadesse, the President of Ethiopia Aviation University (EAU)</p> <p><b>Welcome Address</b>  Mr. Lulseged Gulilat Desta, Director of Ethiopia Civil Aviation Training Academy</p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b>  Mr. Mesfin Tassew, Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO</p> <p><b>Welcome Address</b>  Mr. Yohannes Abera, Ethiopia Civil Aviation Authority Director General</p> <p><b>Goodwill Message</b>  Ms. Adefunke Adeyemi, the Secretary General of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)</p>

## **Goodwill Message**

Eng. Eric Ntagengerwa, Head of Transport & Mobility  
African Union Commission

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Mr. Eyob Estifanos, Regional Officer Air Transport  
Development and Implementation Support ICAO ESAF

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Mr. Abba Wadak, Business Development Executive  
African Aviation Services Ltd

## **Opening Address**

Ms. Tendani Ndou, the President of Association of  
African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO)

## **Keynote Address**

Dr. Alemu Sime, Honourable Minister of Transport and  
Logistics Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

10.30 – 11.00

## **Certificate Presentation – New AATO Members**

Airport Company of South Africa  
Jagongo Consultancy

## **Special Appreciation**

Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia  
Ethiopia Aviation University  
Ethiopia Aviation Training Academy  
African Aviation Services Ltd

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

IFALPA – Capt. Abirham Akele – Head Pilot  
Training School EAU  
IFAIMA – Ms . Thamarat Abeid – Tanzania  
Aeronautical Information Management  
Association  
AfBAA – Mr. Dawit Lemma – Chairman African  
Business Aviation Association (AfBAA)

**Moderator: Mr. Frank Apeagyei IFATSEA  
President**

**Q & A**

1315 – 1415 LUNCH BREAK

1415 – 1515 **Session 2  
Aviation Training Organizations**

- ❖ Innovation Strategies.
- ❖ Training Costs
- ❖ Challenges and opportunities for ATOs

**Panelists**

- Ms. Tendani Ndou – Chief ATNS ATA
- Mr. Ba Omamadou – Director EAMAC
- Mr. Laeke Tadessa – President EAU
- Mr. Arstdid Kanje – Principal Tanzania CATC
- Dr. Oliver Sindabi – Registrar Academic Affairs EASA
- Dr. Danjuma Ismaila – Rector NCAT

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

## 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 – Chairman South African Association of Aviation Training Organizations
- Henrik Luhrs – CEO Air Academy

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

<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
<b>1000 – 1030</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>1030 – 1130</b>	<b>Election of AATO Council Members</b> <b>(Closed Session)</b>
<b>1130 – 1230</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> <b>AATO President</b> <b>EAU President</b> <b>EAU Group CEO</b>  <b>Vote of Thanks: AATO</b>
<b>1230 – 1330</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>1400 – 1730</b>	<b>Tour</b> ✓ Ethiopia Aviation University Facilities ✓ Addis Ababa Museum ✓ Addis Ababa Development Corridor



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