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- Mr. James W. Macharia, Egh, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development And Public Works,
- Esther Koimett, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department of Transport,
- Eng. Joseph N. Nkadayo, MBS, Chairman Board of Directors, KCAA,
- Board Members and Management present,
- Members of 4th Estate,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning,

It gives me great pleasure to be here with you all to share what Kenya Civil Aviation Authority has been up to lately of course after the achievement of the direct flights to the US. As the aviation industry, the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority plays a critical role in ensuring that an appropriate air transport system is established and sustained in order to support the development of the country through enabling trade.

Ladies and gentlemen it is critical to appreciate that as a regulator, the Authority promotes a regulatory environment that is conducive to the growth of a vibrant and competitive air transport industry. As a service provider, we provide air navigation services to all aircrafts flying into and through Kenyan airspace including oceanic airspace under our control and build capacity through equipping aviation professionals with the much needed industry capabilities through the East African School of Aviation.

Ladies and gentlemen,



ICAN has been highly commended by participating Delegations as an efficient platform for conducting air service negotiations. Since its inception, the number of countries that utilize this facility has steadily increased from one event to another. So far more than a total of 142 States have participated in and benefited from ICAN at least once.

Kenyan aviation environment has seen remarkable strides in the past two years. One of them being that Kenya was granted International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) Category 1 on February 23, 2017 by United States of America's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This provided the initial basis upon which direct flights between the US and Kenya would be possible.

Other key milestones include the certification of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) as a Last Point of Departure airport by the US Department of Transportation and Security Agency, and granting of Kenya Airways Plc (launch airline) air operator certification.

As a government agency with a regulatory mandate, the amendment of the Civil Aviation Act (2013) through the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Act 2016 which provides for more autonomy and power to the Authority for enhanced oversight of the aviation industry is a milestone worth mentioning.

All this has been possible because of the government's support through our parent Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Kenya Civil Aviation Authority remains committed to improving the civil aviation industry through investing in modernized aviation infrastructure. As envisaged under the Vision 2030 economic pillar, the Authority has achieved over 90 percent in the modernization of ANS systems realized through installation and operationalization of new VHF equipment at JKIA, Ngong, Poror, Wajir, Mombasa, Wilson, Eldoret and Malindi through ADS/C/CPDLC.



The installation of Automated Dependent Surveillance Contract (ADS/C) and Controller Pilot Data Link Communications (CPDLC) systems has seen the provision of effective communication between the pilot and the air traffic controller, especially for aircraft flying over its oceanic airspace. Replacement of all our RADARs has provided an integrated airspace coverage with extensions to our neighbouring States.

Knowledge sharing is a necessity for heavily technology based industry like aviation. We have recently entered an Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to continue raising the standards of aviation training at the East African School of Aviation (EASA). We also have entered into partnerships with Incheon Aviation Academy of South Korea and Singapore Aviation Academy to collaborate in the provision of aviation training in a cost-effective manner. This has significantly reduced the cost of capacity building in the region, not to mention the economies of scale achieved.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In order to attain a significant level of effective implementation (LEI) of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) and ensure the State aviation safety oversight, I am glad to report that the Authority has recruited additional Flight Operations and Airworthiness Inspectors to meet the growing demand within aviation industry.

On the global front, in 2016, Kenya was re-elected to the ICAO Council to represent 16 Eastern Africa States. Kenya was again elected by ICAO to be a member of the 18 States High Level Group on Market-Based Measures Scheme for new standards on carbon dioxide emissions from international aviation presented in September 2016 at the ICAO Assembly.



In addition, KCAA was identified by ICAO to lead and conduct training in safety awareness in Africa on Loss of Control in Flight (LOCI) and Upset Prevention Recovery Training (UPPRT), runway safety training and Controlled Flight into terrain.

In July, 2018 KCAA was successfully audited by ICAO under the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme – Continuous Monitoring Approach (USOA-CMA) with a resulting score of 78.15 effective implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS). Under the ICAO Universal Security Audit Programme – Continuous Monitoring Approach (USAP-CMA) conducted in September 2015, the Authority achieved a Level of Effective Implementation of ICAO SARPS rating of 89.7%. On the global front, KCAA staff have been involved in the development key policies that govern aviation sector internationally.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year, the Authority embarked on its commitment of knowledge sharing and absorption of best practices through hosting a series of regional, continental and now global Aviation conferences and events that bring a gathering of aviation experts. The First conference we hosted this year was the Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA) 4th EAC Aviation Symposium that brought over 250 aviation stakeholders within the East African region to share knowledge on collaborative approach on aviation. This took place from 1st to 2nd February, 2018.

The second was the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) Africa 2018 Conference that took place from the 3rd to 7th September, in Mombasa under the theme, *“Improving efficiency through collaborative decision making and air traffic flow management.”* This conference brought together a gathering of close to 300 aviation experts from across Africa and beyond who included Air Traffic Management (ATM) professionals, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), Air Traffic Management (ATM) system manufacturers and airline operators/carriers met and shared ideas on improving the robust aviation in industry.



The third and the most exciting event is why we are here today. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a United Nations Agency based in Montreal, which is responsible for setting of standards that regulate aviation systems across the world, has selected Nairobi-Kenya as a host for its annual event - ICAO Air Services Negotiations Event (ICAN 2018), scheduled for 10 to 14 December 2018. The event is anticipated to host about 800 delegates from around the world, bringing together States' delegates and key stakeholders in the aviation industry. As of now over 74 delegations have confirmed participation in the upcoming negotiations.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We remain grateful all our aviation stakeholders and our sponsors. The aviation industry is ever evolving and just as Jerry Crawford said, "To most people, the sky is the limit. To those who love aviation, the sky is home".