



Kenya Civil Aviation Authority Spearheads Validation of Draft Aviation Regulations to Enhance Sector Safety and Efficiency

Nairobi, 8.5.2024: During the last three days, Civil Aviation stakeholders in Kenya have convened to validate the draft Aviation Regulations in the country to enhance the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of the sector. In an exercise convened by the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA), the stakeholders have had a robust discussion on the regulations due for promulgation under the Civil Aviation Act.

This engagement signifies a critical step in the rule-making process, allowing aviation stakeholders to achieve consensus on regulatory provisions by the Statutory Instruments Act and Kenya's Constitution.

Speaking during the closing session of the meeting, KCAA Board Chairman, Mr, Brown Ondego applauded the stakeholders for offering crucial inputs to the regulations. "The feedback, insights, and constructive criticism provided during this exercise will undoubtedly enrich the final draft of the regulations, ensuring that Kenya promulgates a body of regulations that is robust and effective," said Mr. Ondego. He added that this collaboration will extend beyond the regulation-making process to ensure effective implementation of the regulations and committed that KCAA will remain available to support the industry.

On his part, Mr. Jacob Narengo, chairperson of the Licensing Air Services Technical Committee (LASTC) of the KCAA Board said the exercise reflected the shared commitment to fostering dialogue, promoting understanding, and collaborating to shape the future of civil aviation in Kenya, "This exercise underscores the Authority's commitment to ensuring compliance and meaningful stakeholder engagement, tailored to the unique scope and complexity of our aviation industry."

Aviation regulations are the foundation upon which operations are built, ensuring passengers' safety, airlines' efficiency, and the aviation industry's sustainability. Further, they reflect a country's dedication to maintaining the highest standards in all aspects of civil aviation to address emerging aviation security threats and challenges.

As a contracting state of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Kenya is bound by the provisions of the Chicago Convention. Article 37 emphasizes the obligation for states to collaborate in ensuring uniformity in regulations, standards, and procedures related to air navigation. This engagement is therefore about fulfilling an international obligation entrusted to Kenya. This responsibility goes beyond national borders and is essential for advancing a country's national interests.

When promulgated, the regulations will instil more confidence among passengers, airlines, and other stakeholders, aligning Kenya's aviation industry with international best practices, ultimately, creating a reliable and trustworthy aviation environment, supporting the country's growth and connectivity.

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Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) is the regulatory authority established by the Civil Aviation Act, 2013 as amended in 2016 with the primary functions of regulation and oversight of aviation safety & security; economic regulation of air services and development of Civil Aviation; provision of air navigation services, and training of Aviation personnel. KCAA undertakes these functions guided by the provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), the Kenya Civil Aviation Act, 2013, and the civil aviation regulations.