

**Joint Press Release by Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, Kenya Airports Authority and Kenya National Bureau of Statistics**

**Nairobi, 30.4.2024:** *Enhancing Aviation Sector Understanding and Measurement in Kenya*

Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) and Kenya Airports Authority (KAA), in collaboration with the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), have today launched the Aviation Satellite Account (ASA) project. This initiative aims to comprehensively measure and understand the economic contributions of civil aviation within Kenya, providing vital insights into its impact on the nation's economic development.

The ASA project is a significant step forward in enhancing the understanding and measurement of the aviation sector's economic significance. By adopting globally recognized methodologies, the project aims to bridge existing gaps in economic reporting and provide accurate data to inform policy and investment decisions.

The ASA project seeks to provide comprehensive data to assess the impact of aviation on various industries within Kenya. Further, it will assist policymakers and investors in making informed decisions related to resource allocation and infrastructure development. The Aviation Satellite account will also quantify the overall employment attributable to the civil aviation industry, advocating for investment in human capital development.

Speaking during the launch event held in Nairobi, KNBS Board Chairman, Stephen Wainaina said "this initiative will provide a comprehensive report on how aviation is contributing to the GDP." On his part, the KAA Acting Managing Director, Henry Ogoye said that new way of measuring aviation contribution to the economy will include data from both forward and backward aviation linkages. That way, aviation contribution will be accurately captured. On his part, the KCAA Director General, Emilie Arao emphasised the importance of reliable and accurate data in reporting the impact of aviation to the national economy, adding that "the current information on aviation impact is not comprehensive," a situation that will be corrected by the new approach that is now being commenced.

To make this project a success, KCAA, KAA and KNBS have embarked on a process to raise awareness of the Aviation Sector Account, garner support from key stakeholders and influence policy and investment decisions within the aviation sector. By working together, the three organisations will maximize the project's impact and ensure far reaching benefits to all stakeholders.

Present during the meeting were aviation leaders from the various aviation organisations in the country.

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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.