

Call for Papers

“Aviation in Africa”

Bremen, 30th June 2016

G.A.R.S. and the University of Applied Sciences Bremen are pleased to announce a workshop on Aviation in Africa to be held on the 30th June 2016 at the University of Applied Sciences Bremen.

We are happy to confirm the following key speakers:

- Prof Nicole Adler, Hebrew University, Israel
- Prof. Ken Button, George Mason University, USA
- Prof. Gianmaria Martini, University of Bergamo, Italy

While a vast literature exists on a broad-range of topics related to air transport in other regions of the world, comparatively little attention has been paid to aviation in Africa. Although in recent years an increasing number of studies have focused on air transport liberalisation and airline network development in Africa, the literature has devoted little attention to aviation infrastructure and airline business strategies on the continent.

This is surprising given that during the past fifteen years the continent has witnessed a remarkably rapid growth in both intra and intercontinental air traffic. This has been driven by various factors including high economic and population growth, the emergence of a middle-class, changes in the regulatory environment and increased regional and global integration. This growth trajectory is forecast to continue with both Airbus and Boeing, for instance, seeing immense potential in the region, with projections for a healthy 6.7% annual growth in intra-Africa air traffic through to 2033. In terms of volume, despite being home to 1/7th of the world's population, Africa's share in the global air transport industry remains insignificant, accounting for only 2.85% and 2% of global revenue passenger kilometre and global airport income respectively, along with about 1% of global air cargo. This can be explained by a combination of factors the most important being the fact that African airspace is highly fragmented, high levels of taxation, high fees and charges, and a comparatively poor safety standard.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Discuss the current state of commercial aviation in the region;
- Identify the key variables that help shape the current air transport environment;
- Contribute towards a deeper understanding of air transport in Africa.

Topics of interest

- Aviation and development
- The role of air cargo

- Economic regulation and aeropolitics
- Aviation and trade in Africa
- Aviation and tourism in Africa
- Airline franchising, alliances and joint ventures
- Airline and airport finance in Africa
- Distribution and marketing models
- The role of LCCs in Africa
- Airline competition in Africa
- Airline network development in Africa
- Commercialisation of airports in Africa
- The role of gateways on the continent
- Aviation safety in Africa
- Air Traffic Services
- Comparative studies and case studies

The above themes are not intended to be restrictive, and we encourage contrasting and critically engaged perspectives fitting within the broad theme of Aviation in Africa.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline: 30th May 2016

Notification of acceptance: 6th June 2016

Deadline for final paper submission: 26th June 2016

Please send an extended abstract (one page, about 300 words, including a short CV) until 30th May 2016, as pdf- or word-file to: shravana.kumar67@gmail.com

Venue: The workshop will take place at the University of Applied Sciences Bremen, Werderstr. 73

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