



SAVE THE DATE**EXPERT SESSION FOR THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP ON OPERATIONALISATION OF A SINGLE AFRICAN AIR TRANSPORT MARKET AND CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON THE YAMOUSSOUKRO DECISION REGULATORY TEXTS****18th – 22nd February 2019, Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia**

The African Union Commission in collaboration with the African Civil Aviation Commission, is organising the Experts Session for the fifth meeting of the Ministerial Working Group of the Single African Air Transport Market and a capacity building workshop on the Yamoussoukro Decision Regulatory Texts. The meeting will bring together Senior Officials and Aviation Experts of all Member States and RECs as well as Experts from the key industry Stakeholders including AFCAC, AFRAA, African Airlines, NEPAD, UNECA, AfDB, World Bank ICAO and IATA. The overall objectives of the meeting are twofold:

(i) *Capacity building on the Yamoussoukro Regulatory Text including the Competition and Consumer protection regulations, scheduled for 18th -20th February 2019; and*

(ii) *to further facilitate consultative talks on existing bilateral air service agreements between Member States which have subscribed to the Solemn Commitment, to consider State reports on the implementation of the immediate measures as well as signing of the Memorandum of Implementation on the operationalisation of the SAATM.*

Senior Officials and Experts of all Member States and RECs are invited as sponsored participants, to attend the **Capacity Building Workshop**. The **Monitoring Body** of the YD will also meet in the afternoon on the sideline of the meeting on the 20th February 2019 to consider the external policy guidelines on negotiation of air services agreement with third countries and the draft dispute settlement mechanism.

Senior Officials, Senior Airline Officials and designated focal persons of the Ministerial Working Group for States subscribed to SAATM are invited as sponsored participants to attend the Experts Session for the fifth Ministerial Working Group meeting scheduled on the **21st – 22nd** February 2019.

Invitations and other details of the workshop, detailed agenda and programme will be formally communicated to you as soon as possible. Available working documents can be requested directly from the contact below.

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PLEASE ENSURE TO INCLUDE THIS IMPORTANT WORKSHOP AND MEETING IN YOUR CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES TO START THE NEW YEAR 2019