Addis-Ababa, 17 June 2014: The African Union Commission is organising at its Headquarters on 18 and 19 June 2014 a Meeting of air transport experts on the regulatory texts for the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision of 1999 on the liberalisation of air transport markets in Africa.

The Conference of African Ministers of Transport which was organised by the Department of Infrastructure and Energy in collaboration with the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and held in Malabo, from 7 to 11 April 2014 decided to organise this event in order to review the draft regulatory texts as well as their evaluation before submission to AU Organs for adoption. In that regard, the meeting of experts should be organised before end of June 2014 and its outcome should be submitted to the Bureau of the Conference of Ministers of Transport to be held in September 2014 for adoption before submission to the AU Summit of January 2015 for endorsement.

The key agenda items of the experts meeting are the review and validation the following draft regulatory texts for the implementation of the 1999 Yamoussoukro Decision on the Liberalisation of Air Transport Markets in Africa:

1. Competition Regulations;
2. Guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the regulations on competition in air transport services within Africa
3. Dispute Settlement Mechanism; and
4. Passengers Protection Regulations.

In attendance will be experts in air transport regulation and aviation law from the Member States, AUC, RECs, AFRAA, AfDB, UNECA and AFCAC to examine and finalise the draft regulations of the Yamoussoukro Decision.