



***CELEBRATION OF INDIA 100 YEAR OF AVIATION,
A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR
AFRICA-INDIA COOPERATION IN AVIATION MEETING.***



Mumbai, India, 17 October 2011 – The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), in collaboration with the Government of India, organised in Mumbai, from 17TH to 22TH October, 2011 the Fourth (4th) International Conference on Air Services Negotiation. The Conference was inaugurated by the President of India, **Smt Pratibha Devisingh Patil**.

Seventeen (17) African States attended the event. The African Union Commission (AUC) was represented by **Mr. Adiron Alberto**, Senior Policy Officer (Air Transport).

One session of the first day of the afore mentioned Conference was dedicated to the cooperation for development of sustainable civil aviation in Africa and India in line with the implementation of Joint Action Plan and New Delhi Declaration of 9 April 2008 as well as the outcome of the second India-Africa Forum Summit held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, May 2011, as civil aviation is concerned.

The meeting discussed two main issues which are connectivity and training. With regard to connectivity, both side concluded that matter should be implemented under the global framework, i.e. by meeting the International Civil Aviation Organisation requirements on international air transport policies and regulations.

Matters concerning training deserved further consultation with African Stakeholders. In conclusion, both side agreed that a side-line consultation meeting would be organisation during the second session of the conference of African Ministers of transport scheduled to be held in Luanda, Angola, from 21 to 25 November 2011.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation Fourth International Conference on Air Services Negotiation (ICAN-INDIA 2011) took place at the time the Host Country (INDIA) was celebrating 100 years of aviation.