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Aviators Africa Tower Award Winners 2023!



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Director's Message



**Dr. Serah Waitiki,
Ag. Director, EASA**

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I welcome you to yet another exciting edition of the EASA E- Newsletter. Amidst the pages of this publication, we embark on a journey that encapsulates the very essence of our school's mission.


As we celebrate 69 years of existence, allow me to take this early opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to every member of EASA community, past and present. You are the heart and soul of this organization, and your contributions are immeasurable. EASA has not only weathered storms but has also been a beacon of resilience and a force for positive change in the East African Community and beyond.

We remain grateful to the Ministry of Roads and Transport, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, Board Members, our Partners, Staff, Alumni and Students.

In the ever-evolving world of aviation, adaptability and knowledge are our wings, and our relentless pursuit of excellence is the fuel that propels us forward.

As the acting Director of this esteemed institution, I am immensely proud of the dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment exhibited by our students, instructors, and staff.

Together, we have created a nurturing environment that fosters not only the acquisition of knowledge but also the development of the skills and character necessary to thrive in the aviation industry.



This quarter has been a testament to our collective resilience in the face of challenges. We have overcome turbulence, both metaphorical and literal, by embracing adaptability and innovation. Our students have continued to excel in their studies, our instructors have remained at the forefront of aviation expertise, and our staff has worked tirelessly to ensure a safe and conducive learning environment.

In this newsletter, you will find inspiring stories of our alumni reaching new heights, updates on our latest accreditations, efforts EASA is making as far as climate change and conservation is concerned, and a glimpse into the extraordinary achievements of our current students.

As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that lie before us. The aviation industry is evolving rapidly, and we are well prepared to embrace these changes. We will continue to invest in cutting-edge training facilities, expand our curriculum to meet industry demands, and nurture the talents of our students. Together, we will not just adapt to the future; we will shape it.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire EASA community – students, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff– for your dedication, passion, and unwavering support. Let us embark on this journey together, as we strive for excellence, knowledge and innovation in the world of aviation.

Savor the read.

EASA- Preferred IATA Authorized Training Center 2023!

For the 4th time now, EASA has been recognized by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) as the 2023 Top Regional Performer in Africa and Middle East.



Award of Recognition

Presented to

East African School of Aviation

Kenya

ATC Preferred 2023

in recognition of outstanding performance in delivering IATA training programs in 2022

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Willie Walsh
Director General, IATA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Siouffi'.

Stephanie Siouffi
Director, IATA Training

2023



Our track record speaks for itself.

Achieving success is just the beginning. It takes continuous effort and adaptability to remain at the top.

What sets us apart is not just our academic achievements but also our vibrant and inclusive community. Joining EASA means becoming a part of a diverse and supportive network of students, parents and instructors who share a common vision of excellence.

We believe in fostering a well-rounded education, where students not only excel academically but also develop strong character, leadership skills, and a sense of social responsibility.

Join the ranks of excellence at EASA, by enrolling in the following
IATA Examined Programmes.

- IATA Diploma in Travel & Tourism (Foundation level)
- IATA Diploma Travel and Tourism (Consultant Level)
- IATA Diploma Managing the Travel Business
- IATA Diploma in Air Cargo Services (Introductory Level)
- IATA Diploma in Dangerous Goods Regulations.
- IATA Diploma in Advanced Cargo Rating and Marketing
- IATA Airline Cabin Crew/ Flight Attendants course



*Congratulations to
EASA*

**Adding yet another shining star to our constellation
of success!**



**Aviation Training
Organization Award**

Winner

East African School of Aviation



Aviators Africa Tower Awards is an annual event to recognize, celebrate and honor excellence as well as sustainability within the African Aviation Sector. This year, EASA won the tower award in the category of Aviation Training Organizations. Sharing with EASA Staff, the acting Director appreciated their efforts, thanked the DG and the entire KCAA management for their continued support.

*To all those who voted for the school.
Asanteni sana!*

New Students Orientation



On 7th September 2023, EASA Fraternity came together to orient and congratulate the new students who had been admitted to pursue Diploma in Aeronautical engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Telecommunication option), Airport operation, Certificate in Airline Cabin Crew, Tours and travel and Air cargo Management.

The new determined and focused faces sat through the orientation speeches from the Registrar Finance and Administration, finance office, examinations office, Heads of Training, school nurse and a sensitization session against corruption.

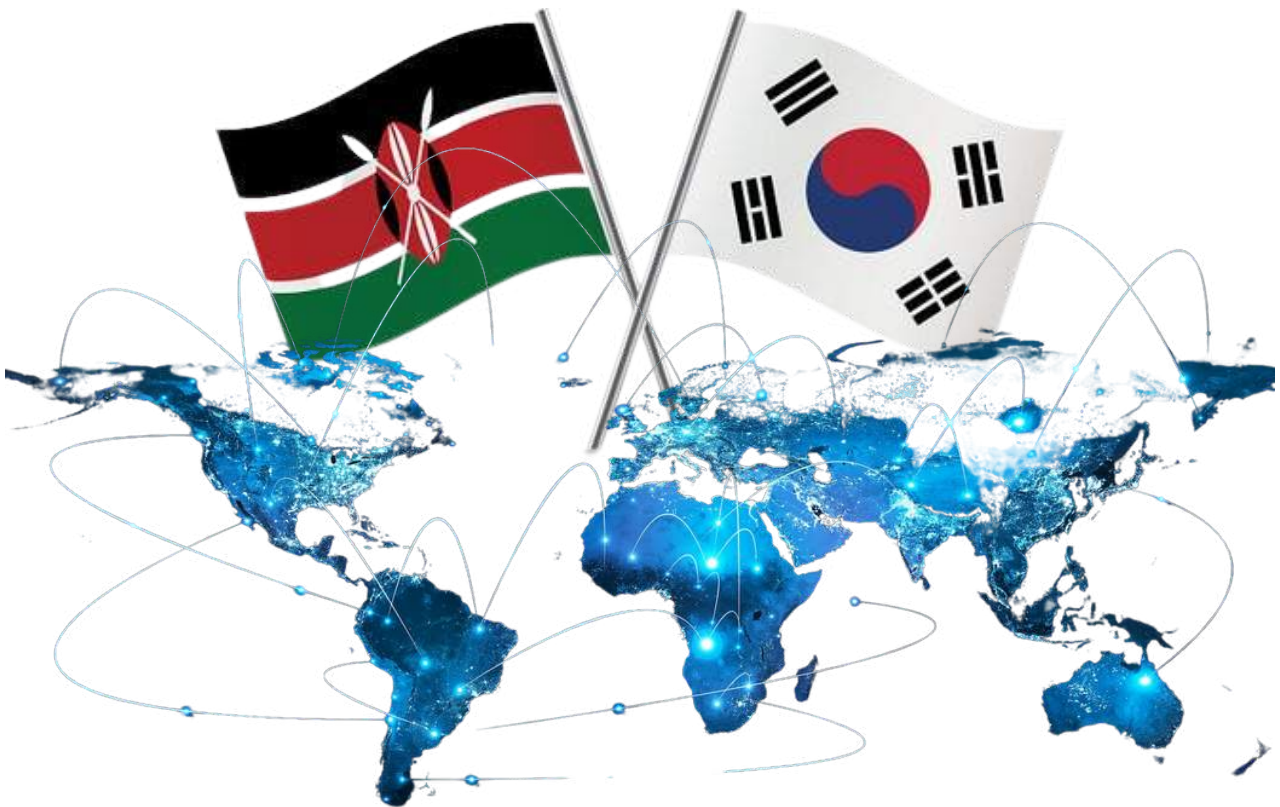


Welcome aboard, to a thrilling and rewarding journey in EASA.

Good things happen when we come together; EASA & Incheon Airport Aviation Academy

There are many reasons why collaboration is crucial in aviation training, but we summarize it all when we acknowledge that, no single person can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.

Aviation being a global industry, collaboration among organizations from different countries ensures that training standards remain consistent worldwide and that aviation professionals can seamlessly transition between roles in different regions. By working together, organizations can regularly review and update training programs to incorporate new technologies, safety measures and best practices.



This quarter, EASA conducted the Aerodrome Inspector course in collaboration with Incheon Airport Aviation Academy, Korea. The course ran from 11th - 15th September 2023 and attracted course participants from Botswana, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority and Kenya Airports Authority.

Good things happen when we come together



The acting Director EASA, acting Registrar Academic Affairs, Instructors and course participants during the official opening of Aerodrome Inspectors course.

Aerodrome Inspectors is an ICAO STP course that provide aerodrome inspectors with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to ensure that aerodrome inspection procedures are implemented appropriately in order to achieve the goal of safe and efficient aerodrome operations.

Target Audience

- Aerodrome Rescue and Fire Fighting Service Officers
- Civil Aviation Authority/Regulatory Aerodrome Safety Inspectors
- Apron Control Officers
- Operational staffs in the airside Safety Department
- Air Traffic Control Officers



Empowering Africa's Skies

10th to 21st July 2023, EASA hosted course participants from Senegal, Mali, Mauritania, Madagascar, Central African Republic, Niger, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Comoros, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Chad and Cameroon for the following courses;

- Advanced General English Refresher including Phonetics
- English Language Proficiency Interlocutor/Rater Recurrent and
- Initial English Language Proficiency Interlocutor/Rater Training.

The 13 African states represented are all members of our esteemed aviation training partner, ASECNA. Offering these 3 courses exemplified a positive synergy, where diverse cultures, talents and experiences converge to cultivate a brighter future for aviation in Africa. This training was conducted in collaboration with Global Air Navigation Services (GANS).



The acting Director, Head of Curriculum Development Unit, Course manager EASA, GANS Instructors and Course participants from ASECNA during the official course opening of the English Language Proficiency Interlocutor.

Empowering Africa's Skies

By Rose Mumbo- AIM Instructor, EASA

EASA hosted African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP) PBN Airspace Design Workshop from 18-22 September 2023. The workshop attracted participants from Gambia, Eswatini, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mozambique, Somalia and Togo.



AFPP is a non-profit joint ICAO/State Programme; as such all trainings and workshops are free of charge for the active members. The training programme is approved by the states for the benefit of all African states. However, a State or an Organization can request a special training or assistance.

The PBN airspace design workshop was approved by the AFPP steering committee held in 2022 in Dar es Salam, Tanzania to assist States and Air Navigation Service Providers in building their capacities in the emerging concept of the PBN Airspace Design as presented in the ICAO reference documents.

The next steering committee is planned for 23 October 2023 in Lomé, Togo.

AFPP can be joined directly or through the ESAF and WACAF ICAO Regional Offices.



Collaboration among AATO members

by KAMATE Joel, Mali



Mr. Kamate is the AATO Focal Point for EAMAC, Aviation English language instructor and an ICAO language proficiency Rater.

The Association of African Aviation Training Organizations (AATO) whose main purpose is to harmonize and standardize aviation training on the African Continent has been doing everything possible to achieve this goal since 2013, when the organization was established.

Thus, most of the efforts of its council members are focused on collaboration among members. This includes exchange of programs, pooling of infrastructure and human capital and joint actions.

The African School of Meteorology and Civil aviation (EAMAC), which is a statutory body in charge of aviation training provision for at least 17 African countries, is a founding member of AATO and member of the Council. EAMAC is one of the agencies for Air Navigation Services in Africa and Madagascar.

EAMAC's formal collaboration with EASA – Kenya started last year with the planning and execution of recurrent trainings to ASECNA officers. Many more EAMAC Instructors have already been enrolled in various courses at EASA for the rest of the year and the trend will not drop.



English Language Proficiency Interlocutor training at EASA

EAMAC will pursue partnerships with other AATO members in order to meet staff training needs. In ASECNA, we believe that the availability of affordable aviation training on the continent is possible only through strong partnerships among the African training institutions.

Climate change, and Aviation

by Kevin Mbundu, Air Traffic Controller- KCAA



The greenhouse effect is a natural phenomenon that warms the Earth's surface and atmosphere by trapping some of the sun's energy. However, human activities such as burning fossil fuels, deforestation and agriculture have increased the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, enhancing the greenhouse effect and causing global warming.

One of the sectors that contributes significantly to greenhouse gas emissions is aviation, (Yes, our industry) which accounts for about 2.5% of global carbon dioxide emissions. Aviation also produces other pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, water vapor, and contrails that have additional warming effects.

Is aviation inclined with climatic change? and what efforts have we put?

The aviation industry is constantly evolving and facing new challenges. So, until Skydweller Aero Inc. goes largescale, and it becomes a big reality, let us try the much we can. (Skydweller Aero has been on the forefront of designing solar planes.)

Some recent events focusing on different aspects of climate and aviation have been held:

- a) In January 2023, Dublin hosted the Airline Economics Growth Frontiers Global Dublin, a four-day event that brought together leading aviation companies and experts to discuss topics such as aviation leasing, air freight, air cargo, asset management, lessor finance, capital markets, airline restructuring, airline economics, fuel hedging, decarbonization, regional aircraft specialist leasing, and eVTOL.
- b) In February 2023, Brussels welcomed AIR OPS 2023, a two-day event that connected business aviation flight operations professionals, ground handlers, airports and FBOs with trip-planners and operators.
- c) In March 2023, Amsterdam hosted the Passenger Terminal Expo 2023, a three-day event that showcased the latest innovations and solutions for enhancing the passenger experience and improving the efficiency and profitability of airports attracting over 10,000 attendees.

Additionally, one of the recent events that focused on the issue of climate change and its impact on Africa was the Africa Climate Summit 2023, which was held in Nairobi, Kenya (September 2023). The summit brought together leaders and experts from across the continent and beyond to discuss the challenges and opportunities for achieving a low-carbon and climate-resilient development in Africa.

His Excellency Hon. William Samoei Ruto's convoy consisted of electric vehicles powered by renewable energy. This gesture was meant to demonstrate Kenya's commitment to promote green growth and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

What more can we do?

Aviators can take several actions to encourage green energy in the aviation industry. Here are some possible steps they can consider:

- a) Improving aircraft efficiency through technology: Jet aircraft today use 80% less fuel per seat per kilometer than they did in the 1960s.
- b) Electrification and alternative fuels: Exploring the use of electric and hydrogen-powered aircraft, as well as Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF).
- c) Targeting airports: Focusing on airports to improve their energy efficiency and reduce emissions.
- d) Regulation, policies, and economic tactics: Implementing regulations, policies, and economic incentives to promote sustainable practices in the aviation industry.



Transitioning to green energy is not only vital for protecting our planet but also for safeguarding democracy. Climate change poses a great challenge for democracy, and its endurance—probably the greatest challenge it has ever seen. If greenhouse gas emissions are not reduced and global warming kept within the targets set in the Paris Agreement, the impact on populations, infrastructure and nature will be dire, while governing systems and democratic frameworks will be brought under severe stress.

September; The Clean -Up Month (Mentally and Environmentally)



Clean-Up the World Day is a global environmental event that is commemorated every third weekend of September. It is a day that creates a platform for awareness on the need for a clean and healthy environment. This day provides an opportunity for the whole World to come together for a massive clean-up.

EASA marked this day in collaboration with Embakasi East County Team in CSR; on 15th September 2023. We cleared the drainage and swept the road from Nyayo Gate B to Church road and on 22nd September we swept the road, unblocked clogged drainages and collected litter along EASA-Kabansora road as we prepared for the El-nino rains predicted to fall within September to December 2023.

10th September marks the World Suicide Prevention Day and "Creating Hope Through Action" was the triennial theme for the World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021-2023. This theme serves as a powerful call to action and reminder that there is an alternative to suicide and that through our actions we can encourage hope and strengthen prevention.

Suicide is a mental health outcome and a major public health problem with far-reaching social, emotional and economic consequences. It is estimated that there are currently more than 700,000 suicides per year worldwide, and we know that each suicide profoundly affects many more people.

By creating hope through action, we signal to people experiencing suicidal thoughts that there is hope, we care and want to support them. It also suggests that our actions, no matter how big or small, may provide hope to those who are struggling. These two key activities have a few things in common; awareness creation, positive health benefits, togetherness in purpose and a better tomorrow



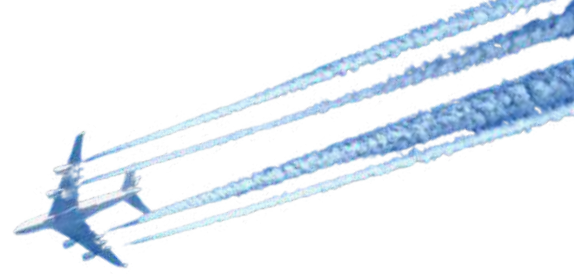
In case you or a friend is experiencing suicide tendencies; Just as you would in a clean-up, take a chill pill and do a hypothetical clean up; call yourself for a meeting nyuma ya tent and do a critical self-assessment and always remember it is ok not to be ok. Move out of toxic relationships that may increase the risk of experiencing abuse, move out of neighborhoods/mbogi/friendships that expose you to harmful habits.

Always remember when the going gets tough, you can reach out to us in the Dean's Office, REASA, close faculty members, peer educators in your class, a church member, sibling, parent or guardian. Don't go through it alone.

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ALUMNI CORNER

The Gambia



I am Adama Colley, employed as an Aeronautical Service Cadet at The Gambia Civil Aviation Authority.

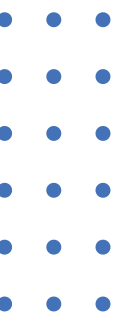
Over the course of my career in aviation, I have observed that women have historically encountered formidable challenges and barriers within the industry.

Adama Colley, Aeronautical Service Cadet- The Gambia

In my country, I have faced similar challenges, working in a predominantly male-dominated organizational environment where I have often been the sole female present in meetings.

Women frequently contend with stereotypes and discrimination, which can create formidable impediments to entering and excelling in male-dominated fields. However, these challenges should not deter us from our pursuits. Instead, we must exhibit unwavering determination and resilience to compete effectively within such domains and surpass the achievements of our male counterparts.

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ALUMNI CORNER

Ivory Coast



My colleagues and I were sent to Kenya (Nairobi) at the East African School of Aviation (EASA) to train for a period of 8-months. I have completed and acquired the basic Air Traffic Controller Certificate, which is the first of three certificates to acquire, before the end of the training.

Ibrahim Dosso, Air Traffic Controller – Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).

The environment at EASA is welcoming, from the great infrastructure to the amazing staff members. The school is well equipped with the best facilities that help in making our understanding easier.

My colleagues and I are enjoying the nice experience and adventures at EASA during this period.

I surely recommend the EASA for Air Traffic Control Training, because all the requirements, materials and quality personnel are second to none.”



News Pictorial



23rd August 2023: Laura Camastra, Chief ICAO GAT and Marco Merens, ICAO ANB visited EASA and were warmly received by the Ag. Director EASA, Dr. Serah Waitiki and members of the School Management Committee. EASA's strong partnership with ICAO has propelled Aviation Training to greater heights of success within Africa and the world at large.



Being an ICAO Platinum Training Centre of Excellence, a lot is expected of us. The visit by Ms. Laura and Mr. Merens led to meaningful discussions geared towards quality, accessibility and affordability of ICAO courses to member states.

The delegation also took a tour of EASA facilities; the 3D ATC Simulators and the Aircraft Maintenance Labs.

This remarkable visit was then marked by a tree planting session.



Hon. Bernard Kitur, Member of Parliament Nandi Hills Constituency paid a courtesy call to the acting Director EASA, Dr. Serah Waitiki at her office. They discussed about Aviation training and possible future collaborations aiming towards creating awareness about aviation training and careers.

News Pictorial



The Registrar Finance and Administration (RFA) EASA, hosted Hon. George S. Mulbah- Director General, Liberia Civil Aviation Authority, Nuah padmore, Director Aviation Security, Liberia CAA and Joseph B. Johnson, Administrator Liberia Airports Authority.

The team was on an official mission, attending the Africa Climate Summit and ended the visit at EASA to look into possibilities of getting into a training partnership with EASA.

RFA EASA(Left) Liberia CAA DG (Right)



News Pictorial



His Excellency Honorable Kalonzo Musyoka shared a few words of wisdom with EASA Student Governing Council at KSG Mombasa as they underwent the Young Students Leaders Program. The program ran from 25th to 29th September 2023.



Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka (Right), EASA school nurse representing office of the Dean, Ms. Jedidah Kasaine (Centre), and Peter Quest (Left) from KSG.

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