



TANZANIA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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Dear Aviation Stakeholder,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Authority, I would like to take this opportunity, to wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2009.

As I glance at 2008 through the rear view mirror, I note that 2008 had a lot of challenges for the industry. Safety wise, accidents and fatalities were very high compared to the previous year (2007). In total, in 2008, eleven (11) people were killed in four accidents compared to only one (1) in 2007. This trend must be reversed in 2009!

Further, ICAO audited Tanzania under the Comprehensive ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme. One of the findings forced the Authority to promptly suspend ATCL's AOC. However, I am glad that ATCL were re-certificated yesterday (30 December 2008) and hopefully, will commence operations as soon as possible.

Traffic wise, passengers for 2008 are expected to grow by around 5% compared to year 2007, indicating a slower growth compared to last year's growth of more than 10%. The poor performance of ATCL is seen as one of the contributory factors.

However, the looming global recession, whose negative effect on tourism has already been observed, is a real threat to the aviation industry. Consequently, this will entail even closer cooperation amongst ourselves to ensure that we emerge from the crisis less bruised.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate TAOA (Tanzania Air Operators Association) its positive initiatives seen in 2008. One is the study of the industry's regulatory regime which is expected to help in its improvement. Second is the election of a new Executive Committee. I congratulate the new leadership and reiterate the Authority's commitment to work with it for the enhancement of safety and efficiency of the industry.

I thank you for your support and cooperation during 2008. Let us resolve to work even more closely in 2009. Remember, **SAFETY IS A PARTNERSHIP.**

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