



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR WORKS AND TRANSPORT, HON. PROF. MAKAME M. MBARAWA (MP) TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION DAY, 7 DECEMBER 2021

December 7 each year is the International Civil Aviation Day (ICAD), where the world commemorates the birth of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). Today ICAO is marking its 77th anniversary with theme “**Advancing Innovation for Global Development**”.

ICAO is UN arm which supervises and provides Standards and Recommended Practices as well as guidance at international level to provide for a safely, orderly and regular economic growth of civil aviation globally. ICAO is committed to the spirit of fostering a smooth, harmonious and seamless development of civil aviation systems, facilities and procedures for peaceful purposes in a manner that all peoples of the world (nations) will benefit.

Despite Covid 19 impact to the aviation sector, air transport has remained the only rapid global means of transport, moving peoples and cargo from one end of the world to the other. Places where people spent days and days to reach by other means of transport can now be reached within hours by air transport. Figure show that, 4.5 billion passengers used air transport in 2019.

Economically before Covid-19 hit, the global air transport industry supported 87.7 million jobs worldwide and contributed \$3.5 trillion (4.1%) to global GDP. However, due to Covid 19, the number of jobs supported by aviation dropped to 41.8 million, this is equivalent to 52.5% drop. Similarly, the contribution of aviation to global DGP dropped by 51.5% to reach USD 1.7 trillion from the level of USD 3.5 trillion during pre - Covid 19.

As ICAO marks 77 years of its existence, Tanzania is proud to be an active member of this global air transport body. Tanzania ratified and officially became a contracting state to convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention) on 23 April 1962 and thereafter has served as a member of ICAO council in the years 1968, 1977, 1983, 2013 & 2016.

The United Republic of Tanzania recognises that the achievement of ICAO objectives to the international civil aviation is greatly dependent on co-operation and support of its member States. Tanzania is an active participant in regional initiatives for enhancement of aviation safety and security particularly the Southern Africa Developments Community (SADC) and East African Community (EAC) as well as the entire African continent through AFCAC.

Through ICAO and also through bilateral arrangements or membership to various bodies, Tanzania has collaborated with international organisations such as Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO). In recognition thereof, currently Tanzania, through its Director General of Civil Aviation (DG CA) serves as CANSO chair for Africa Region for a next term of three years after serving the title for the last term. Being a chairperson at CANSO Africa, the DGCA becomes an executive committee member of CANSO global; this has allowed our country to be part of global air navigation policy makers and developers.

Due to its geographical location, the United Republic of Tanzania contributes to international civil aviation by supporting and providing air navigation services to aircraft operating from Northeast of the continent heading to South and vice versa as well as from the Indian Ocean Islands. In 2019 Tanzania handled over 234,235 air traffic movements, 5.6 million passengers and 26,608 tonnes of cargo. It has therefore installed air navigation facilities and communication systems which ensures safe, efficient, and orderly flow of air traffic transiting our airspace or landing in Tanzania.

The United Republic of Tanzania promotes and has supported the regional approach in safety and security oversight. It's a founder member of the East African Community Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA) and is

actively supporting and participating in similar initiative for SADC. It contributes financial and technical experts in those regions bodies.

As we look into the future, Tanzania is determined to improve further and sustain industry growth by increasing the level of effective implementation of ICAO SARPS from 67.3% to higher results.

In compliance to ICAO global theme for this year, '**Advancing Innovation for Global Development**', despite challenges brought in by Covid 19 pandemic that effected the Tanzania aviation industry adversely, Tanzania remained resilient and continued to foster development in the sector by implementing various projects for the development of the sector.

Our air traffic surveillance capacity have improved after completing the installation of the 67.3 TZS billion radar project which has enhanced surveillance capacity on air traffic management greatly.

The completion of Terminal III at Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) has increased the capacity to handle passengers from 2 million passengers handled by terminal II to 6 million passengers per annum.

The country is in a continued effort to revive the National Airline (Air Tanzania) currently with 12 aircrafts and more others are expected in the near future.

With this note, I wish all Tanzanians, a very happy International Civil Aviation Day.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022