

AATO 4th General Assembly 2022

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We look forward to welcoming you to the Bravia Hotel, Niamey - NIGER, for the AATO 4th General Assembly Kindly hosted by EAMAC.

Our General Assembly is preceded by the AATO 25th Council meeting and runs from 1st to 2nd December 2022.

The AATO 4th General Assembly will unite around 200 senior aviation training managers, Instructors, Inspectors, ANSP delegates from Africa and beyond for two days of networking, debate, analysis and insight.

The AATO 4th General Assembly is kindly hosted by [Ecole Africaine de la Météorologie et de l'Aviation Civile \(EAMAC\)](#), one of ASECNA schools based in Niamey - NIGER.

An introduction to our General Assembly

Aviation is a sector of strategic importance that supports a broad set of economic and social development. The provision of quality aviation training is critical for the development of a sustainable, safe and secure air transport industry in Africa. As a region that faces shortages in critical skills in key areas of civil aviation to plan, coordinate, manage, operate, and oversee all complex operations in various aviation infrastructure, the growth of the industry will be influenced by the pace at which African organizations are able to develop and retain adequate and skilled human resources in compliance with ICAO provisions, plans, programs and required performance specified in ICAO SARPS

The establishment of AATO in Abuja in 2013 was key to the creation of a framework for harmonization and standardization of aviation training in Africa.

Since the third general assembly in 2019, AATO has made tremendous strides towards the realization of the objective. AATO has developed the African Aviation Training Roadmap so as to provide guidance on the development of training aviation personnel in Africa to meet future demands for the industry and in congruent with the ICAO strategic objectives, global and regional plans. The Road Map was aimed at helping stakeholders to develop and implement plans to ensure that they improve their human resource requirements in order to meet the ICAO standards and recommended practices. The AATO objective of providing harmonized and standardized quality training in Africa will empower ATOs and assist States in achieving the minimum safety and security standards.

The general assembly is expected to bring together aviation training organizations, individual professionals, and other organizations with interest in aviation training in Africa and beyond and will discuss the aviation training

roadmap and other pertinent safety, security and facilitation training issues as well as training and personnel strategies towards the implementation of the single African air transport market (SAATM).

The theme of the assembly is **“Unlocking Africa’s Aviation Skills Development for Recovery, Sustainability & SAATM Implementation.”**

Panel topics:

- The Role of Aviation Training Organizations in the industry recovery and sustainability.
- Aviation Training Organizations’ Role in improving Critical Element 4 (CE4) to enhance safety, security and facilitation.
- Collaboration and Cooperation Between ATOs: Strategies to meet ICAO Strategic Objectives, Global, Regional, and National Plans.
- Investment in ATOs towards the Achievement of the SAATM.
- Taking Aviation Training to the Next Level: Connecting the Dots. Empowering AATO for Sustainable Capacity Building Programs.

The discussions will be in English and French.

Please confirm your participation as soon as possible but not later than **11th November 2022**, by sending your details and filled registration forms to :

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Presentation de l’Assemblée Générale

L'aviation est un secteur d'importance stratégique qui soutient un large éventail de développements économiques et sociaux. La fourniture d'une formation aéronautique de qualité est donc essentielle pour l'essor dudit secteur de façon durable, sûre et sécurisée en Afrique. Notre continent fait face à des pénuries de compétences essentielles dans les domaines clés de l'aviation civile pour planifier, coordonner, gérer, exploiter et superviser toutes les opérations complexes au niveau des infrastructures aéronautiques. Par conséquent, la croissance du secteur aéronautique sera conditionnée par le rythme avec lequel les organisations africaines pourront développer et maintenir des ressources humaines adéquates et qualifiées conformément aux dispositions, plans, programmes et performances requises de l'OACI spécifiés dans les SARP de l'OACI.

La création de l'Association des Centres Africains de Formation aux Métiers de l'Aviation Civile (AATO) en 2013 à Abuja était un pas de géant vers l'harmonisation et la standardisation de la formation aéronautique sur le continent Africain qui passeront par la mise en système de « pooling » ou « mise en commun » des ressources humaines et des infrastructures de pointe des écoles membres.

Depuis la troisième assemblée générale en 2019, l'AATO a fait d'énormes progrès vers la réalisation de son objectif. Ainsi, l'AATO a élaboré la feuille de route de la formation aéronautique en Afrique afin de fournir des orientations sur le développement de la formation du personnel aéronautique pour répondre aux demandes futures du secteur et ce conformément aux objectifs stratégiques de l'OACI et aux plans mondiaux et régionaux. La feuille de route vise à aider les parties prenantes à élaborer et à mettre en œuvre des plans pour s'assurer qu'elles assurent la satisfaction de leurs besoins en ressources humaines afin de répondre aux normes et pratiques recommandées de l'OACI. L'objectif majeur de l'AATO, qui est de fournir une formation de qualité harmonisée et standardisée en Afrique, permettra de renforcer les écoles membres et aidera les États à atteindre les normes

minimales de sûreté et de sécurité. C'est d'ailleurs la raison principale qui a conduit à la prise d'une résolution forte en faveur de la reconnaissance de ce rôle de l'AATO lors de la dernière réunion AFI tenue à Abuja au Nigéria.

Les assemblées générales de l'AATO ont toujours été de véritables opportunités d'échanges et de visibilité pour les écoles membres et leurs partenaires, notamment par la possibilité d'utiliser les stands pour exposer leurs produits.

Après Zanzibar (Tanzanie) en 2014, Kampala (Ouganda) en 2016 et Accra (Ghana) en 2019, la 4^{ème} assemblée générale, que les écoles de l'ASECNA sont honorées d'abriter à Niamey, réunira des organisations de formation aéronautique, des organisations et des autorités du secteur aéronautiques en Afrique et au-delà et discutera de la feuille de route de la formation aéronautique y compris en matière de sûreté, de sécurité et de facilitation et d'autres sujets pouvant conduire à la mise en œuvre du marché unique du transport aérien africain (MUTAA).

Ainsi, le thème de l'assemblée est "**Libérer le développement des compétences aéronautiques de l'Afrique pour la reprise de l'industrie et la mise en œuvre du MUTAA**".

Cinq (05) panels seront organisés et animés par des experts des centres de formation aéronautiques de toutes les régions du continent et des partenaires de l'AATO sur le continent et au – delà. Les thèmes des panels sont les suivants :

- **Rôle** des organismes de formation aéronautique dans la relance et la pérennité de l'industrie.
- **Rôle des** organismes de formation aéronautique dans l'amélioration de l'Elément Crucial 4 (EC4) (Qualification et formation du personnel technique) dans le système de supervision de la sécurité pour renforcer la sûreté, la sécurité et la facilitation.
- **Collaboration et** coopération entre Organismes de Formation Aéronautiques (OFA) : Stratégies pour atteindre les objectifs stratégiques de l'OACI, les plans mondiaux, régionaux et nationaux.
- **Investissement** dans les OFA en vue de la réalisation du Marché Unique de Transport Aérien Africain (MUTAA).
- **Porter la formation** aéronautique à un niveau supérieur : Tirer les leçons des expériences en vue de l'autonomisation de l'AATO pour des programmes de renforcement des capacités durables.

Les discussions et présentations se feront en Anglais et en Français.

Veuillez confirmer votre intention de prendre part à ce grand rendez-vous en remplissant et en envoyant le formulaire d'inscription ci-joint le plus tôt possible, mais au plus tard le **11 Novembre 2022** aux contacts suivants :

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Provisional agenda

DAY ONE : Wednesday, 30th November 2022 – AATO COUNCIL MEETING

09.00 - 10.00 Opening Ceremony

- Speeches
- Introductions
- Group photo

10.00 - 10.30 **Coffee Break**

Sponsor (s)

10.30 – 13.00 AATO **Agenda Item discussions**

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch Break**

Sponsor (s)

14.30 – 15.30 **Agenda Item discussions**

15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee break**

Sponsor (s)

16.00 – 17.00 AATO **Closing**

15.00 – 18.00 General Assembly **Registrations**

18.30 – 20.30 **Welcome cocktail party & networkings**

- *Welcome speech – Host EAMAC*
- *Welcome speech – AATO President*

Host : EAMAC

DAY TWO : Thursday, 1st December 2022 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

08.00 – 09.00 **Registrations**

09.00 – 10.00 **Opening Ceremony**

- Speeches delivered by officials
- Official opening by his Excellence The Minister of Transports of the Republic of Niger

10.00 – 10.30 **Photo session**

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee Break**

Sponsor (s)

11.00 – 11.15 **Election of Assembly Chairperson**

11.15 – 12.15 **AATO Report**

Deliberations

12.15 – 13.15 Panel 1 : The Role of Aviation Training Organizations in the industry recovery and sustainability.

Moderator : African Aviation Services Ltd – Nick Fadugba

Speakers : ATOs – EAMAC- EASA- **Charles Twum**

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Discussions

13.15 – 1400 Lunch Break

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14.00 – 15.30 Panel 2 : Aviation Training Organizations' Role in improving Critical Element 4 CE4) to enhance safety, security and facilitation .

Moderator : ICAO ESAF

Speakers : ATOs – NCAT, ATNS – ERSI

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15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

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16.00 – 17.00 Panel 3 : Collaboration and Cooperation Between ATOs: Strategies to meet ICAO Strategic Objectives, Global, Regional, and National Plans.

Moderator : GAT

Speakers : ICAO WACAF - ASECNA

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Discussions

DAY THREE : Friday, 2nd December 2022 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

08.30 – 09.30 Panel 4 : Investment in ATOs towards the Achievement of the SAATM.

Moderator : AUC

Speakers : AFCAC – ASECNA- ATNS -Halidou

ATOs – GATA, CATC

NAVSAT (JPO)

AFRAA

Discussions

09.30 – 10.30 Panel 5 : Taking Aviation Training to the Next Level: Connecting the Dots. Empowering AATO for Sustainable Capacity Building Programs.

Moderator : AFCAC

Speakers : ATOs – ERSI – **TCHAGBELE**

EU-EASA

EATEO

CAA – Uganda CAA

NAVSAT (JPO)

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee Break**

Sponsor (s)

11.00 – 12.00 **General Assembly Resolutions**

12.00 – 12.30 **Election of AATO Council members**

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch Break**

Sponsor (s)

14.30 – 15.00 **Closing Ceremony**

Speeches

Vote of thanks

The Minister of Transports of the Republic of Niger

15.00 – 17.00 **Guided tour (EAMAC facilities)**

19.00 – 22.00 **Closing Gala Dinner**

- *Speeches*
- *Gifts giving*

Host : EAMAC

Venue, travel and hotel information

The Venue is : **BRAVIA HOTEL NIAMEY**

Cases Allemandes – Quartier Plateau B.P. 11 114, Niamey – République du Niger +227 20 35 40 00 | 20 35 40 01 – info-niamey@braviahotels.com – www.braviahotels.com

As for accommodation at **BRAVIA HOTEL**, the special rate for the AATO GA per night for a **Standard Room (inc breakfast) is : 77 000 CFA FRANC Inc VAT.**

To book your stay at the BRAVIA HOTEL NIAMEY, please contact our AATO GA Booking agent :

Mrs BALKISSA

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Should you prefer to get your accommodation in a different venue, the link below will give you hotel options.

- **Homeland Hotel Niamey** (*at about 800 m from the venue*)

www.homeland-hotel.com

+227 20723282

AATO GA SPECIAL RATE for a standard room:

- **44 000 CFA FRANC** (inc breakfast)
- **40 500 CFA FRANC** (breakfast excluded)

To book your stay at the HOMELAND HOTEL, please contact :

Mrs Mariama :

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- **Hotel Restaurant « LE WATTA »** (*about 1,5 km from the venue*)

[Email : Hot.rest.lewatta@gmail.com](mailto:Hot.rest.lewatta@gmail.com)

AATO GA SPECIAL RATE for a standard room :

- : **39 000 CFA FRANC** (inc breakfast)

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We recommend that participants contact the hotels directly for room reservations and send a copy to the host EAMAC at the following email address: azajek@yahoo.fr

Participants residing outside the recommended hotels shall arrange their own transportation from their hotel to the meeting venue.

Airport transfers

Bravia Hotel Niamey Airport is located about 18 min (12,1 km) from the Venue. Shuttle buses, organised by EAMAC will be available between the airport and the General Assembly hotel and the recommended hotels only. The same shuttle bus service will also take you back to the airport.

Participants staying outside the recommended hotels will have to arrange their own transportation.

Taxis are also available. The average cost of the trip from the airport to BRAVIA HOTEL and from the hotel to the airport is around 6000 CFA (local currency) or EUR 10.

Visas

Nationals of ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) can enter Niger without a visa, with a valid passport. Nationals of CEN-SAD states can enter Niger without a visa, with a diplomatic or service passport.

To check if you need a visa or if you are eligible to obtain one on arrival contact your nearest Niger embassy or visit www.diplomatie.gouv.ne

It is recommended that you to get a visa at the nearest Niger embassy with the required documents asked. The passport must be valid for at least **six months**.

Those who are unable to proceed as indicated above should send an email to azajek@yahoo.fr or kamatejoe@asecna.org and attach copy of passport, flight reservation and hotel booking as early as possible due to the long processing time to gain support from the host EAMAC. Please state in the email subject "AATO 4th General Assembly – visa application".

Visas will be delivered on arrival to those who cannot get them before their travels under the following conditions :

Send the following data to azajek@yahoo.fr at least 5 days before your travel

- your flight booking,
- a valid passport copy (6 month validity)

Three (03) ID photographs will be required on arrival.

Total Visa fee is 30 000 CFA FRANC (about 48 USD) including (OK for boarding fee (5000 CFA FRANC) + 01 month VISA fee (25000 CFA FRANC) will be paid on arrival in Niamey.

Health

Some travelers are required to have certain travel vaccinations/certificates to gain entry to Niger, for example a yellow fever certificate. Please check with your local health provider what is applicable to you.

Participants must have a valid insurance for coverage of all medical care during their stay in Niamey.

Covid-19 Pandemic related

Prior to entry to Niger you are required to provide:

- a complete vaccination card issued with or without QR code
- a negative COVID 19 PCR test at most 72 hours from the date of sample

Languages spoken

The official language of the Republic of Niger is French. The national languages are mainly Zerma and Haoussa.

The conference will be conducted in English and French with simultaneous interpretation provided during the conference and conference workshops.

Weather and local time

The first month of the winter, December, is still a hot month in Niamey, Niger, with temperature in the range of an average low of 18.5°C (65.3°F) and an average high of 33.5°C (92.3°F).

Average average high-temperature in December, with an of 33.5°C (92.3°F), are the coldest months.

Humidity : In Niamey, the average relative humidity in December is 15%.

No changes, UTC +1 hour all of the period.

Current Offset : UTC/GMT +1 hour

Local currency and foreign exchange rates

The currency used in Niger is the CFA Franc BCEAO (XOF)

The basic unit of the currency is one (1) FCFA. There are coins of 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 200, 250 and 500 FCFA. Notes are issued in denominations of 500, 1000, 2000, 5000 and 10,000 CFA.

EUR 1 = 665.957 CFA and 1 US dollar (\$) is worth around about 669.8 FCFA.

All banks provide exchange facilities. Most banks operate from 08 :00 to 12 :30 and from 15 :00 to 17:30 from Monday to Friday. Others operate on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 to 12:00.

There are ATM services at arrivals in DIORI HAMANI International Airport of Niamey. Most shops and hotels accept Credit cards including visa cards.

Electricity supply (220v)

Two pin electrical outlets are used in Senegal. It is therefore necessary to provide adapters where your electrical outlets are different.

Telephones

From abroad dial 227 followed by the required number.

WI-FI ACCESS

There will be Wi-Fi available at the venue and at all recommended hotels.