



## **Ethiopian Airlines to Host the Second ICAO Global Air Cargo Development Forum**

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Africa's largest airline group, Ethiopian Airlines, is pleased to announce that it will host the ICAO Global Air Cargo Development Forum with the theme: "Action for the Sustainable Development of Air Cargo in Africa", to be held at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) conference hall from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

The forum is anticipated to allow policy-makers, air transport regulators, representatives from the aviation industry and other stakeholders, to review progress towards implementation of the Lomé Declaration, identify challenges and opportunities and building on the decisions of the 39<sup>th</sup> ICAO Assembly.

Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, said: "As the largest cargo operator in Africa, we are pleased to host this vital communication platform, which builds upon the Declaration on the development of Air Cargo in Africa and commit a roadmap for priority actions. With the aim of complementing the booming African economy, Ethiopian Cargo and Logistics Services has availed the most efficient air cargo services within, to and from Africa: expanding cargo destinations across the globe; inaugurating the first phase of a state of the art cargo Terminal II, which together with the second phase has annual uplift capacity of 1.2 million tons, and automating its entire cargo business process with one of the best cargo IT systems. I believe, this forum will create an ample opportunity for participants to see the immense potential Ethiopian Cargo and Logistics Services has developed to ensure easy cargo movement across the continent and beyond, while enjoying side visits to the beautiful natural and historic attractions at the Land of Origins."



The forum is also expected to contribute to the cooperative activities between ICAO, the World Customs Organization (WCO) and The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA).

Ethiopian Airlines has availed 15% discount on business class and 12% of discount on economy class fares to all participants departing from all Ethiopian on line cities to Addis Ababa travelling to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> ICAO Meeting on Air Cargo Development.

It is to be recalled that Ethiopian Airlines has hosted ICAO Global Aviation Training and TRAINAIR PLUS Symposium with the theme: “Together, Enhancing Training to Build Capacity” earlier in April, 2017.

#### About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seven decades of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent’s leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success.

Ethiopian commands the lion’s share of the pan-African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 95 international destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787, Boeing 777-300ER, Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing 777-200 Freighter, Bombardier Q-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of five years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate these aircraft.

Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2025 that will see it become the leading aviation group in Africa with seven business centers: Ethiopian Domestic and Regional Airline; Ethiopian International Passenger Airline; Ethiopian Cargo; Ethiopian MRO; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian In-flight Catering Services; and Ethiopian Ground Service. Ethiopian is a multi-award winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past seven years.

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