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## FCT MINISTER PRESENTS 12,000 HECTARES OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AVIATION ROAD MAP IN ABUJA



■ The Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika receives the document of 12,000 hectares of Land from the Hon. Minister of Federal Capital Territory, Mohammed Bello for the development of Aviation Roadmap in Abuja

**T**he Minister of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Mr Mohammed Bello, has presented 12,000 hectares of land with the Certificate of Occupancy to his Aviation counterpart, Sen. Hadi Sirika for the construction of a second runway, MRO facility, Aviation Leasing Company, a training centre, building of cargo terminal, among others in line with the Aviation roadmap.

Bello made the presentation in Abuja when he led a team from his Ministry to pay a courtesy visit to Sirika in his office. The Minister said the vast land will make all aviation facilities be provided in one location.

He said "We have marked all the land you requested to cater for the second runway, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul

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## FG DETERMINED TO PURSUE COMPONENTS OF AVIATION ROADMAP - SIRIKA ... Aviation Sector in Nigeria is an Untapped Goldmine

**T**he Federal Government has restated its commitment to pursue all the key components of the Aviation roadmap and be delivered before the end of the present Administration in 2023.

The Honourable Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika stated this when declared open the maiden edition of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), National Aviation Conference with the theme, Advancing the Frontiers of

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■ Sen. Hadi Sirika, Minister of Aviation delivers his speech at the opening of the maiden edition of the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) National Aviation Conference in Abuja

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■ A group photograph after the presentation of the document



■ Minister of Aviation with FCT Minister displaying the document

(MRO) facilities, free trade zone, retraining facilities and aviation museum. "By law, any government building has to be done with the approval of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA).

He said "I want to employ you to direct all your relevant agencies that will be involved in these mega projects to ensure that the relevant body of FCT Administration is part and parcel of, emphasising that every building in Abuja has to go through a certification process through what is called development control.

The FCT minister affirmed that the projects would benefit many people as many jobs would be created.

Responding, Sirika thanked the FCT minister and his entire team. He gave assurance that the land would be used carefully according to the design in the documents presented to the Aviation ministry. He said the main aim of the Aviation roadmap is to have an aviation city with the structures of aviation activities.

Sirika thanked President Muhammadu Buhari for his commitment and support toward

achieving the objectives of the aviation roadmap. "We thank Mr President who has made such huge land available as a free zone. Lots of development are coming up in that location.

"Frankly speaking, the move will improve employment status, job will be massively created in the city. It will improve tourism and commerce, as well as trade. "I have discussed with the FCT minister that all structures that have no value or hinder general planning of the airport should go," he said.

## SIRIKA COMMISSIONS NIMET PILOTS' BRIEFING ROOM AT ABUJA AIRPORT

**T**he Hon. Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika has commissioned the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) Pilot briefing room at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja.

At the commissioning, Sirika explained that the briefing room which cuts across all other airports in

the country was a convenient place for Pilots to get their briefing on accurate weather before they fly.

Sirika commended NiMet for the laudable project, saying before now, Pilots go through a lot of hurdles to get their briefing but the innovation will give the most accurate weather. He said this will also increase efficiency and give Pilots the comfort

and most accurate weather for their operations.

"This will serve the pilots in a more efficient and friendly environment and I want to commend NiMet for this laudable achievement. The new management of NiMet has been taking the innovative lead to promote efficiency and security for our industry," he added.



■ Sen. Hadi Sirika, Minister of Aviation commissioning the Pilot Briefing Room at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja



■ Aviation Minister inspecting some facilities in the Briefing Room



## AIRPORT CONCESSION: MINISTER, AVIATION LABOUR LEADERS VISIT ISTANBUL AND BRASILIA AIRPORTS

**A**s part of efforts to ensure transparency, inclusiveness, demonstrate sincerity in the Airport concession programme and choose the right model, Aviation Minister, Senator Hadi Sirika has led a team comprising officials of the Ministry, agencies and organized labour in the aviation industry on an inspection tour of two successfully concessioned airports.

According to the Minister, the essence of the visit to the two airports was to dispel all doubts and suspicion regarding the sincerity of the Federal Government in respect of the concession programme and to reassure the Labour force of the inherent benefits of the programme. He further said that the choice of the two airports was based on their popularity, size and their success stories in concession which he said, will serve as a guide on the concession model and contribute to the successful delivery of the programme.

The team that visited the Istanbul Airport in Turkey and the Brasilia Airport in Brazil with the Minister included the Rector of the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Zaria, Captain Alkali Modibbo, the Acting Managing Director of the Nigerian



■ Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika along with the officials of Ministry, Agencies and Aviation's Union leaders during the inspection tour of the two successfully concessioned Airports in Turkey and Brazil

Airspace Management Agency, Matthew Lawrence Pwajok, the Transaction Adviser on Airport Concession, Dr Abba Ibrahim and the Director General of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission, Michael Ohiani.

Others are the Senior Technical Assistant to the Minister, Yusuf Anas, Special Assistant to the Minister on Administration, Ahmed Sanusi, Secretary General of the Association of Nigerian Aviation Professionals (ANAP), Saidu Abdulrazak,

Secretary General of NUATE, Ocheme Abah, and Adenike Adesola (CSS).

He reiterated the Government's commitment to ensuring that the principles of transparency and accountability which have been the hallmark of the process from the inception will remain till the final delivery of the project.

At the two airports, the team was presented with visual stories of their transition and the positive impact of their concessions.

## NCAT, ZARIA GETS ICAO'S WORLD'S BEST AWARD FOR TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS

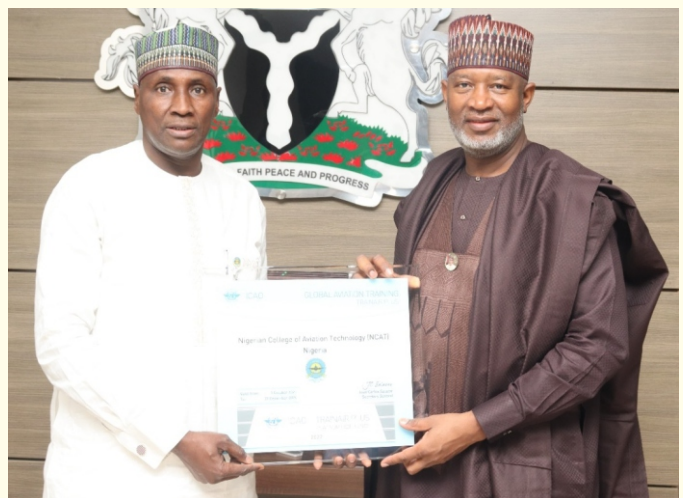
**T**he Nigeria College of Aviation Technology Zaria has again been recognised by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) as the best in the world, this time in the training of Instructors.

Presenting the Global Aviation Training Platinum Excellence award to the college at the ongoing ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium in Istanbul, Turkey, the ICAO Secretary General, Juan Carlos Salazar said the organization remains very proud of its achievements as a Training Centre of Excellence.

According to him, the organisation will continue to support member nations in achieving its objectives of ensuring air transport safety and particularly commended the efforts of the Federal Government in repositioning the nation's aviation industry.

Since the inception of the Buhari administration, the

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■ Rector of Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Zaria, Captain Alkali Modibbo presenting ICAO World's Best Award for Training of Instructors to the Hon. Minister of Aviation Sen. Hadi Sirika in his office in Abuja





# FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AVIATION

The Ministry under the leadership of Hon. Minister of Aviation Sen. Hadi Sirika is committed to delivering the key components of the Aviation sector Roadmap which is aimed at creating enabling environment for the industry to thrive. The roadmap comprises the following:

- i. Concession of four Airports
- ii. Establishment of a National Carrier (Nigeria Air)
- iii. Development of Agro-Allied /Cargo Terminals
- iv. Establishment of Maintenance, Repairs and Overhaul (MRO) Centre
- v. Establishment of an Aviation Leasing Company (ALC)
- vi. Development of Aerotropolis (Airport Cities)
- vii. Establishment of an Aerospace University.
- viii. Improvement in Aviation Safety and Security through upgrades and Modernization of Aviation Infrastructure and facilities.

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International Civil Aviation Organization has awarded NCAT Zaria the following:

1. Regional Center of Excellence, Africa (Platinum category),
2. Highest Number of Trained Instructors instructors in the World, as well as
3. Highest number of trainees in ICAO training packages in the world. 'The best safety in aviation is the best-trained Aviator'.

Reacting to the awards, Nigeria's Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika said they were testimonials of the good work that has been done in the sector since the coming of the present government and expressed appreciation to the world body for recognising the achievements. According to him, the best safety in aviation is the best-trained Aviator as the industry has zero provision for errors.

He thanked President Muhammadu Buhari for his commitment to the development of the aviation industry beginning with his approval and continued support for the Aviation Roadmap implementation. The Minister reiterated the Government's resolve to ensure full delivery of all the components of the roadmap before the Buhari administration winds down in 2023.

## ...FG DETERMINED TO PURSUE COMPONENTS OF AVIATION ROADMAP

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Possibilities for Safe, Secure and Profitable Air Transport held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja.

The Minister described the Conference as an avenue to discuss, evaluate, analyse and synergize for the advancement of Aviation in Nigeria.

He reiterated that at the inception of the present administration, the Aviation Sector Roadmap was developed to address the immediate and remote causes of the lack of desired growth and efficiency in the sector.

The Minister pointed out that some of the key elements of the roadmap such as the National Carrier, Airport Concession, MRO/ALC have reached advanced stages of implementation.

He said, "The aviation sector in Nigeria is a goldmine, with lots of latent potentials waiting to be explored. Our vantage position in terms of regional positioning, population and natural resources has positioned us strategically as a continental leader. The core variables driving air transport are safety and security. Therefore, we must continue to discuss issues that border on these. Also, while we continue to emphasise safety and security, we must operate profitably, so as to achieve efficiency and sustainability".

"On the part of the government, our doors are open and we are always willing and ready to discuss business, and partner with investors to bring the desired growth and development to the industry," he said.



■ Minister of Aviation, Sen. Hadi Sirika with Managing Director FAAN, Captain Rabiul Yadudu at the opening of the maiden National Aviation Conference in Abuja

Sirika congratulated FAAN for the initiative and expressed a desire that the Conference will be institutionalized as a platform where great ideas that will propel the Nigerian Aviation sector into a global reckoning will be developed.

The Managing Director, FAAN, Capt. Rabiul Yadudu explained that the Conference aims to present a holistic platform for all stakeholders in the industry to discuss the state of the industry in Nigeria with emphasis on the prospects and challenges of the air transport industry.

"The event will also feature a trade and investment section where opportunities for investments at our

various airports will be highlighted. Rather than send Nigeria's human resources and flying machines for training and checks abroad and expending huge foreign exchange in the process, we not only domesticate such activities but also earn foreign exchange from it when other countries send their machines here for checks and their manpower for training in Nigeria." He said.

Present at the event were the Senate and House Committee Chairmen, President of Airport Council International (ACI) African, NCAA, NIMET and NAMA. Aviation stakeholders and professionals in the industry.



## PICTURE STORY

HONOURABLE MINISTER OF  
AVIATION, SEN. HADI SIRIKA  
INSPECTING THE ONGOING  
CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE  
NIGERIA AIR OFFICE COMPLEX AT  
THE NNAMDI AZIKIWE  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ABUJA



## FG SEEKS FOR PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AEROTROPOLIS (AIRPORT CITY)

**T**he Federal Ministry of Aviation has released a request inviting private firms or consortiums to participate in the qualification process for the selection of private partners through a competitive bidding process for the development of Aerotropolis (Airport city) in Abuja.

The objective of the project (Aerotropolis) is to enhance commercial activities within and around the international airport and seek to key into the robust growth of Nigeria's international air travel and cargo market by transforming the international airports into a regional hub of bustling commercial and industrial activity.

"About 3500 hectares of land adjoins Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport

is designated for the project," the Ministry said. Interested firms are requested to check national dailies for more information or it can be downloaded on [www.nigerianaviationpppprojects.com](http://www.nigerianaviationpppprojects.com).

The statement explained that "selected private partners shall undertake the design, build finance, operate, maintain and transfer based on terms and conditions to be set out in the concession agreement.

The overall objective of the selection process will be the successful procurement of a concessionaire with the technical and financial capability to implement the project".

"Request for Qualification (RFQ) is the qualification stage of the procurement process for the project



and interested firms/consortia are expected to meet the qualification requirements specified. Only qualified parties shall be invited to the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage" it added.

## NCAA PRESENTS AIR TRANSPORT LICENCE (ATL) TO NIGERIA AIR

**N**igeria Air has received the Air Transport Licence ATL from Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the Director-General Cpt. Musa Nuhu presented the certificate to the interim management of Nigeria Air in Abuja.

Nuhu said that the ATL was a prerequisite for the airline to acquire Air Operation Certificate (AOC) to start operating.

According to him, NCAA works and supports all operators currently existing and aspiring in the industry to get the necessary documents after meeting all the requirements.

"This ATL has gone through all the processes. So, at this point, I will like to do the presentation. We look forward to the fulfilment of the AOC process so that we can hand over the AOC certificate to you.

"As the regulator, we work with operators. That is a goal to promote the growth of the industry. It is important to have strong airlines in Nigeria given the Single African Transport Market.

"Also, because of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area which can make a significant contribution to the growth of the Nigerian economy, "



Director General NCAA, Capt. Musa Nuhu presenting the Air Transport License (ATL) of Nigeria Air to the Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nigeria Air, Mr Dapo Olumide at the NCAA corporate headquarter in Abuja

he said.

Nuhu said Nigeria stood to get the best from the AU Agenda 2063 Air programme is one of the largest markets in Africa.

He said participating in the Single Africa Air Transport Market as a nation would increase Gross Domestic Products (GDPs).

Responding, the Acting Chief Executive Officer of Nigeria Air, Mr Dapo Olumide, thanked the NCAA for the good job executed, leading to the present ATL to Nigeria Air.

Olumide said the team would double efforts in order to fulfil all necessary processes to receive an AOC certificate from NCAA to start flying.

"We already have aircraft identified because that is one of the requirements for the NCAA. We are waiting for the terms of the agreement with the Provider of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).

"What we need now is to go through stages to get an AOC certificate from the NCAA. No magic in the process. It is not something that can be issued because they like your face.

"When you have an AOC and ATL, you can commence commercial scheduled operations. The date to start operation is largely based on the process one is following to get the AOC certificate ". he said.



## Ag. MD NAMA RECEIVES AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR, TOUR FACILITIES AT ABUJA AIRPORT

**T**he Ag. Managing Director, NAMA Matthew Lawrence Pwajok has received Austrian Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency Thomas Schlesinger who was in the company of the Embassy Secretary Ms. Antonia Bierbaumer and the Managing Director of AVSATEL Communications, Mr George Eder, tour NAMA's facilities at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja. The Ag. MD told the Ambassador that the statutorily responsible of the agency is the provision of air navigation services, including air traffic services, aeronautical information services, aeronautical communication services and aeronautical search and rescue services, supported by the deployment of communication, navigation and surveillance infrastructure. He said the Agency is currently responsible for the provision of these services and facilities at 40 federal, state and privately-owned airports, as well as at jointly used military airports. Mr Pwajok recalled to the Ambassador that "AVSATEL provided NAMA with one of the best equipment ever, I must confess. One of the very first projects that brought Nigeria to the limelight internationally, with the provision of automated or electronic air traffic management systems in our Control Towers in 2007". He said that the effectiveness

and efficiency of the equipment has greatly enhanced safety in the Nigerian Airspace over the years.

The facilities visited include the Abuja airport Control Tower, where the safe tower equipment was first installed and currently undergoing soft and hardware system upgrades. Also visited, were the newly deployed ATC Mobile Control Tower for surface movement and ground control and Abuja Radar complex.

The Ambassador commended Mr Pwajok and his team for enhancing the safety, efficiency and economy of air navigation, by partnering with AVSATEL Communications Limited in the provision of world-class Air Traffic Management systems, Communication systems, Surveillance Monitors and Meteorological systems at Lagos, Abuja, Kano and Port Harcourt Control Towers, under the Safe Tower Project that automated the provision of air traffic services at Nigerian international airports.

Speaking during the tour at the Agency's headquarters in Abuja, Schlesinger said, "I am very humbled by your responsibility here because the lives of passengers and the lives of military personnel in-flight rest in your hands. And that is something which we always have to be reminded of when you rightly recall the sad air accidents of 2005 and 2006 because, at that time, you didn't have this safety-critical equipment

that has now transformed the air navigation system in Nigeria.

So, it is also very reassuring as private persons because we frequently sit in aeroplanes whether in Nigerian planes or other international planes, and it's good to know that our safety is guaranteed. And I'm very grateful, very grateful. I am very impressed by the beautiful work you are doing."

The NAMA MD rounded off the visit by highlighting some safety-critical projects that have been completed or are ongoing under the Government of President Muhammadu Buhari, including the successful installation of Instrument landing Systems, Category III, at Abuja and Lagos; successful installation of ILS Category II in 10 airports; successful installation of Doppler VORs in 10 airports; procurement of a new flight calibration aircraft; as well as ongoing deployment of Surface Movement Radar at Lagos and Abuja Airports; Traffic Sequencing Arrival Manager and Departure Managers at Lagos and Abuja; ongoing installation of ILS Category III at Kano, Katsina and Port Harcourt; deployment of Wide Area Multilateration System in the Niger Delta and Upgrade of Total Radar Coverage nationwide, etc.

At the end of the tour/ Pwajok thanked the Austrian Ambassador/ AVSATEL Communication Limited and member of the team for the visit.



■ Austrian Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency Thomas Schlesinger (middle), Ag MD NAMA, Mr Pwajok (3rd right), Embassy Secretary, Ms Antonia Bierbaumer (2nd right), Managing Director of AVSATEL Communications, Mr George Eder (1st left), Director, Safety Electronics and Engineering Services (DSEES) of NAMA, Farouk Ahmed Umar and others, during a courtesy visit to the NAMA's headquarters in Abuja recently.







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