

How Kenya will benefit from global aviation forum

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Kenya recently hosted the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Africa Conference in Mombasa where over 200 aviation professionals attended. Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) boss Captain Gilbert Kibe spoke to Financial Standard on the new aero-technologies, drones, plans of making Africa one airspace and JKIA's revival plans.

What will be the impact of CANSO meeting to Africa at a time when civil aviation authorities in the continent want to make Africa a single airspace?

CANSO being a gathering of aviation experts from across Africa and beyond is key to making Africa a single airspace, beginning with the East African airspace. Our main agenda has been for stakeholders who include air traffic management through Safety Peer Review Initiative to come up with a way forward for improved safety in African airspace. With better collaborative decision making in Africa and data sharing, CANSO will be recommending a way forward to air traffic efficiency and effectiveness in the continent and a single African airspace will be a dream come true.

Since key proposals involve governments, how is the council going to ensure the State buys into the idea?

Most of the things we do are technical solutions for our flying zones. They also involve data sharing mechanism. By helping make various stakeholders understand that issues like sharing crucial data with other partners and departments are important, that can be enough reason to make the authorities buy into this idea. They will further reduce the cost of different charges through taxation.

How can a single flying zone reduce the cost of aviation?

Most of the cost of tickets come from the tax imposed on tickets when flying to foreign destinations. Making Africa or East Africa a single airspace will domesticate our flights across Africa. Since 60 per cent of the ticket cost is from the tax imposed on foreign destinations, it

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be cheaper for airlines to operate just like domestic flights.

What are the new technologies that CANSO is striving to make work in Africa?

These technologies revolve around air traffic management, air navigation, air traffic management systems and also data sharing. They take the aviation industry way ahead in reducing flight time, operational costs and maintenance. Kenya has attained the last point of departure status to the US.

What does this mean for Kenya Airways (KQ)?

KQ can now fly direct to the US after American authorities gave us an OK. This is going to offer the national carrier new markets, routes, opportunities from American tourists, business people and even make Nairobi a hub for the Sub-Saharan region. This will increase revenues for the KQ and this is what will help get us out of the limbo.

Is the multi-agency charter that various State agencies signed to streamline KQ's its operations working?

Yes, it is working very well. Its stipulations are that all Government agencies at JKIA will be reporting to the managing director. Although it is not in place fully, things are working well.

How will the new fuel tax affect your profitability bearing in mind you made losses despite better crude oil prices globally?

The new tax on fuel is definitely going to affect KQ's operations. It is going to affect our operational costs. However, it will not affect KQ's revival plan since higher operational costs from the high price of fuel at times can be adjusted by charging more on tickets. KQ's profit-making the journey is still on.

How far is JKIA expansion plan? Have the works been stopped due to financial crunches?

The funding has already been secured for the refurbishment and modernisation of various terminals. This is what will make JKIA expand as a premier regional hub in East Africa and prolong its usefulness until at least 2024 when projections expect over nine million passengers a year. So, I can confirm to you that the expansion plan is not in limbo.

Is it time we made drones part of the air traffic management?

Yes, it is time. We are also having stakeholders meeting on the same after the first regulations were shot down by Parliament due to privacy and security concerns. This will help us in setting up regulations to be presented to Parliament for approval

Kenya's benefits from global aviation forum

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Regional aviation players call for more funding to improve air safety

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Regional aviation players want more funding to create a safer African airspace, as they push for interoperability that will see pilots receive seamless communication from any ground-based system.

They made the call recently at the Africa Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) conference in Mombasa, Kenya. The meeting sought to boost collaborative efforts towards air safety operations.

"Some aviation organisations are struggling to get up-to-date equipment and technology to safely manage their airspaces," said Africa CANSO chairman Hamza Johari, who is also the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority director-general.

The aviation players also said that the fee airlines pay to use their facilities was not enough to fund their infrastructure development and bring it at par with the International Civil Aviation Organisation standards.

"Within the region, we are doing way better given that governments in Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda have given their aviation regulators freedom and financial support. Some countries are not as lucky which brings about the issue of air safety, making the continent unattractive for aviation investment," said Mr Johari.

Aviation players say investments would boost efficiency at airports by reducing delays and improve the predictability of events during a flight.

Co-operation

"We want to work together more efficiently and transparently. This will help to refine the processes and information flow," said the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority director-general Captain Gilbert Kibe.

CANSO deputy director-general Simon Hocquard said that African countries need to harmonise their regulations in order to collaborate more efficiently.

"Almost all African countries have their own set of aviation regulations which hinders smooth collaborations," said Mr Hocquard.

"Partnerships are key to improving air traffic safety, operations and connectivity. We need solid partnerships at a strategic and practical level," he said.

CANSO Africa Conference identifies key steps for safe ATM operations in Africa

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CANSO, the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation, has identified key areas of focus for improving the safety, efficiency and effectiveness of air traffic management (ATM) in Africa and paving the way for a seamless sky.

From robust industry partnerships, to embracing tools and technologies and finding common solutions to common problems, CANSO has called on the ATM community in Africa to leverage the power of partnership and innovation and work together to improve performance across the region.

Speaking at the CANSO Africa Conference 2018, CANSO Deputy Director General, Simon Hocquard, said: "Within the Africa region, and anywhere in the world, partnership and collaboration are key to improving ATM safety, operations and boosting connectivity. In fact, I believe that achieving anything requires more than one person or company – we all need help from each other. Whether that is commitments across the industry or between CANSO Members, solid partnerships allow us to be effective advocates and cooperative partners on both a strategic and practical level.

"Furthermore, robust partnerships not only help to enhance operations on a strategic level, but also provide an effective vehicle for delivering practical solutions, tools and technologies. Since the CANSO Africa Conference last year, CANSO Members have together come a long way in developing tools and best practices that will enable the region's service providers to improve safety, service provision and boosting connectivity. This includes significant collaborative effort to improve the safety standards of ATM operations across the region, finding better systems and procedures for working together, and leveraging the knowledge and expertise of the global CANSO network to discover the latest tools available and better understand ATM challenges and requirements. Such peer-to-peer working and learning is essential for building the operational flexibilities and capabilities of ATM, and effectively tackling rising demand for air services in the region.

"CANSO is committed to finding common solutions to address common problems. As the event theme - Improving Efficiency through Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) and Air Traffic Flow Management (ATM) – highlights, the proactive engagement of industry partners and maintenance of shared processes and procedures is key to efficient operations. We therefore need to explore closely the multiple points of interaction within the aviation industry and continue to develop workable solutions for the benefit of all. This includes CDM, ATFM and performance-based navigation (PBN) best practice and a collaborative approach to new entrants to airspace. Ultimately we each hold the key to our own destiny, but together we can build a strong future for ATM in the Africa region."

ANSPs and aviation industry stakeholders in first steps on CANSO ATFM and CDM initiative

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African air navigation service providers (ANSPs) and aviation industry stakeholders have agreed to create and support an air traffic flow management (ATFM) and collaborative decision-making (CDM) initiative.

During the CANSO Africa Conference 2018, hosted in Mombasa by the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, CANSO Member ANSPs including Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, Civil Aviation Authority of Uganda, NAMA and ATNS, as well as key aviation industry stakeholders, agreed to create and support a CANSO ATFM and CDM initiative to help to further improve the safety, efficiency and effectiveness of African airspace.

To continue the momentum, Tanzania CAA will host an implementation workshop for all Africa Members in the coming weeks which will create an implementation plan for development, implementation and successful delivery. The result will be the safer, more efficient, and harmonised flow of air traffic in Africa, with fewer disruptions and delays. CANSO will contribute its global expertise and best practice guidance in this area. Hamza Johari, Director General, Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority, and Chair, Africa CANSO CEO Committee (AFC3) said: "Air traffic across Africa is increasing rapidly, and it is our responsibility as air navigation service providers to provide safe, well-coordinated and efficient air transport – and to work with our industry partners to achieve this. Effective ATFM and CDM are key enablers, and we are committed to establishing the processes and procedures required for efficient implementation. The CANSO Africa Conference 2018 provides us with a unique opportunity to harness the power of partnership and establish a workable framework for improving operations in Africa, and CANSO ANSP Members look forward to putting those commitments into action".

Simon Hocquard, Deputy Director General, CANSO said: "CANSO is an important platform for the Africa ATM community and the broader aviation industry to come together and create initiatives that support aviation and improve day to day operations. ATFM and CDM provide key mechanisms to achieve a truly harmonised and collaborative air transport industry, and in addition to the cross-industry ATFM initiative currently underway in the Latin America and Caribbean region, CANSO welcomes and will work with its Members and industry partners in taking this important step to improve ATM in Africa".

CANSO identifies key steps for safe and seamless ATM in Africa

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“We all need help from each other” to establish robust partnerships, this will ensure ATM safety – the message from the CANSO Africa Conference 2018.



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The CANSO Africa Conference 2018 is being hosted by Kenya Civil Aviation Authority in Mombasa, Kenya, on 3-5 September 2018.

Kenya eyes air access and airports to develop tourism

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The East African country is hoping to woo UK-based carriers to fly to the region.

Kenya's Minister of Tourism, **Najib Balala**, has announced discussions with low-cost UK and European-based airlines in an effort to boost tourism to Kenya's coastal regions.

Speaking at the sixth Africa Civil Aviation Air Navigation Services Conference in Mombasa on Tuesday, Balala said: "We are developing a strategy to encourage low-cost carriers from the UK to fly here. I will be looking to start discussions with Ryanair and easyJet."

Balala said the UK was Kenya's second-largest source market, after the US. In October, national carrier, Kenya Airways, will launch [direct flights](#) between New York and Nairobi, servicing the US tourist market.

He added that the country had projected a climb in visitor numbers this year, boosted by improved security and infrastructure, including a new rail service. He said air access and poor standards in air travel on the continent had hindered growth for tourism in Africa. "Quite a number of airports in Africa are not up to standard. The frustrations of every client coming through our airports might make them not come back again," he said. He elaborated that ground handlers must work on their standards of service delivery: "Sometimes you might see the big international names coming to African airports, but the standard of their ground handler in Mombasa or Nairobi is different from those at Dubai or Heathrow airports."

Kenya Government calls for joint policies for air travel in Africa

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MOMBASA (Xinhua) -- Kenya on Tuesday called on African governments to device joint policies for the air travel within the continent.

Gilbert Kibe, director general of the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA), also said air travel in Africa is expected to increase tremendously in the near future but how airlines and airports work together to address this increase is still not very clear.

"Aviation is a rapidly changing industry with new technologies and entrants in the air traffic management operating environment presenting opportunities as well as challenges necessitating the need for a superior, efficient, effective, safe and seamless or unified airspace utilization among industry players," Kibe told a regional conference in the coastal city of Mombasa.

He said by spearheading the Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) process which is an enabler of Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), Africa will link up with other ATFM's so as to have real-time flight information for improved Air Traffic Management (ATM) efficiency.

The sixth edition of the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) conference brought together more than 200 aviation professionals from across the continent.

CDM in Aviation aims to improve operational efficiency at airports by reducing delays, improving the predictability of events during a flight and optimizing resources utilization.

The three-day conference aims to boost collaborative efforts to improve the safety standards of Air Traffic Management (ATM) operations across the region.

Najib Balala, tourism and wildlife cabinet secretary, called on the continent's aviation industry players to work together to increase the number of visitors to the region through standardized policies.

Currently, Balala said, only 60 million of the 1.4 billion global travelers come to Africa. "The standards of service delivery must be international. We cannot have standards that are in Africa only and they are better in the First World," Balala said.

He said there are frustrations that international visitors experience in African airports that make them never want to come back again.

"Our aspiration is to see us become efficient to the levels of Singapore and Dubai," he said.

"To this end, Kenya is committed to providing technical assistance and support to our counterparts in our areas of expertise with a view of attaining comparable levels of Effective Implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and enhancement in provision of air navigation services. This will ensure improved aviation safety and security performance in the region," said Balala.

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Hamza Johari, CANSO Africa chairman and the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority director general, said Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) approach taken by African aviation industry players will go a long way to removing some obstacles that prevent international travelers from coming to Africa.

Johari, however, said technological challenges in most African countries prevent the provision of seamless air navigation services.

"We have the human resource but these need more training on the right technology required to offer better air navigation services," Johari said.

He also noted that flight information regions differ in African countries in terms of policies and regulations making flying across African airspaces hectic for most airlines. This makes some airlines avoid African routes.

"We want to have seamlessness in these flight information regions so that when an airline gets into a North African region airspace it will fly seamlessly into the South African region," Johari said.

Kibe said there is need to involve all stakeholders in decision-making in matters concerning air navigating services.

"Usually, we would be in a cocoon and only sit as the particular air navigation service provider or the particular airport and make decisions by themselves," said Kibe.

Now, the approach is to involve the air navigation service providers, the civil aviation authorities, the airlines, ground handlers, customs, immigration departments, and other stakeholders to jointly make a decision.

New regulations to be presented to Parliament for use of drones – KCAA

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Kenya has been a subject of criticism from aviation players and other professionals who often draw comparison with Rwanda on how they have used drones to save lives/CFM NEWS

From people to technology; but is this sustainable like in the case of drones, where players say their use has been put under a strict set of rules.



Kenya has been a subject of criticism from aviation players and other professionals who often draw comparison with Rwanda on how they have used drones to save lives.

In Rwanda, drones are used to deliver blood products to transfusion clinics among other economical things.

"We need regulations already since every sector wants to use drones," were Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala's sentiments at the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (Canso) Africa Conference in Mombasa.

Though he appreciates the need of a secure environment, the CS said Kenya "cannot continue hiding under security concerns."

Currently, Kenyans use drones for recreation and private purposes.

Kenya Civil Aviation Authority Director General Captain Gilbert Kibe told Capital FM News that a new set of regulations will soon be presented to Parliament for approval on "the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) or drones into current and evolving traffic management systems."

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Air navigation service providers say RPAS or drone operations are already presenting safety and efficiency challenges for Air Traffic Management (ATM) operations.

There is a stakeholders meeting set to be held in a week's time according to Captain Kibe.

"The first regulations were annulled by Members of Parliament because of security and privacy reasons," he said.

Kenya is not alone since many other African countries are also struggling with establishing acceptable regulations that will not kill innovation.

How is the situation in Tanzania?

Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority Director General Hamza Johari says they are currently engaging stakeholders.

But like Kenyan stakeholders, Johari said drones "are very important for the economic development for any state."

Any regulations, he said must include a detection and interception mechanism as well as a surveillance infrastructure.

"The surveillance infrastructure will ensure they (users of drones) are not endangering the safety of other airspace users," he said during an interview with Capital FM News.

"Then you will have enforcement mechanism in case they are violating the rules. In that case, authorities will have to intercept."

Late last year, the Nairobi County Government had plans of introducing use of drones to monitor payment of parking fees, an initiative that never materialised.

JamboPay Chief Executive Officer Danson Muchemi, then stated that they had developed an aerial imagery compliance data-gathering module that will deploy a drone to collect parking compliance data.

Such economic initiatives will only be put to fruition, once KCAA regulations are approved by Parliament.

Aviation players in the ongoing Civil Air Navigation Services Organization Africa (CANSO) Conference are set to propose internationally acceptable standards to regulate the use of drones.

Speaking to Capital FM News at the sidelines of the conference, CANSO Deputy Director General Simon Hocquard called for harmonization of the regulations among African states.

"Each country has different regulations but that can get to the global standards. But there will always be local differences," he said.

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– About CANSO –

This is the first time Kenya is hosting the international conference, a gathering of aviation experts from across Africa and beyond who include Air Traffic Management professionals, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), Air Traffic Management system manufacturers and airline operators/carriers.

It has featured high-level panel discussions, interactive sessions and workshops addressing opportunities, challenges, best practice and future Air Traffic Management developments in rapidly developing regions.

Participants have also been showcasing the latest technologies to improve Air Traffic Management performance developed by Canso members.

The main focus for stakeholders has been Air Traffic Management (ATM) Safety Peer Review Initiative, in a bid to come up with a way forward for improved safety in Africa through Collaborative Decision Making.

They are also reviewing the status of Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) in Africa and recommending way forward to air traffic efficiency and effectiveness.

“Air-flow traffic management (ATMF) and collaborative decision making are two important mechanisms for managing and facilitating air traffic growth efficiently and effectively. Each is based on the basic principles of the protective engagement of industry partners and maintenance of shared processes and procedures,” Canso Director General Jeff Poole pointed out in a statement.

Through collaborative decision making, he expressed optimism that aviation players will seamlessly share relevant data. For long, he noted that crucial data has been “hidden inside legacy systems of various stakeholders, making it only visible to partners but also to other departments within the same organization.”

Kenya is a member of Canso Africa and is represented by the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority

Service key to Africa's tourism sector – Balala

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Tourism Cabinet secretary Najib Balala during the 6th Africa's Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) Conference at Whitesands Hotel. /JOHN CHESOLI

Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala has said poor services by African airlines and at airports keep away travellers

He said out of more than 1.4 billion world travellers annually, only 60 million come to Africa, which can be attributed to the poor services by airlines and at airports.

Balala said the frustrations by security and immigration officers at Airports in Africa also contribute to the poor performance of Africa's aviation industry

Speaking on Tuesday at the opening of the Africa Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation Conference in Mombasa, he said African airports should strive to achieve the status of Singapore and Dubai airports.

"Quite a number of airports in Africa are not up to standard. The frustrations of every client coming through our airport might make them not come back again," said Balala.

He said in leading world airports travellers take ten minutes from the moment the plane lands to the moment they are on their way to their hotels.

"Why do we take two hours, from the moment an airline lands in Africa to the minute we depart to go to our hotels? Those are the frustrations our visitors are experiencing," he said.

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"If the airport immigration officer is going to ask so many questions, frustrating and harassing the client, that is one reason the visitor will never come again to that country. Yes, we need to take care of security, but not frustrate the client."

The CS said service providers in the African airports further contributed to the agony of travellers because of their substandard services.

"Sometimes you might see the big international names coming to African airports, but the standard of their ground handler in Mombasa or Nairobi are different from those at Dubai or Heathrow airports," said Balala.

He said Kenya is working on resolving such problems at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport which through a multi pronged approach.

"We took a strategic position, we formed a coalition between the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Transport. We have brought together the security, customs and ground handlers to work under one command," he said.

Kenya eyes higher rating after airports' upgrade

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Kenya is lobbying players in the African aviation industry to have the rating of its air travel sector upgraded. This, Transport and Infrastructure Cabinet Secretary James Macharia said yesterday, is aimed at giving the country more clout in the rapidly expanding African aviation sector, where players such as Ethiopia, South Africa and Mauritius have made huge leaps. Mr Macharia said Kenya continued to invest heavily in air travel infrastructure and targeted to get a rating upgrade by December from the African chapter of the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO).

"I believe Kenya has invested heavily in infrastructure in order to meet the Aviation System Block Upgrade (ASBU) requirements of moving from Block 0 to Block 1 by December 2018," said the CS. Best in Africa Macharia spoke at the Africa CANSO 2018 Conference in Mombasa. The country has in recent years invested heavily in upgrading its key airports, including the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport that was ranked best airport in Africa and 38th globally in the recent worldwide rankings 2018 done by Airhelp.

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Kenya eyes higher rating after airport upgrade

<http://www.kenya24news.com/business/kenya-eyes-higher-rating-after-airport-upgrade/48702-news>

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Passengers stranded at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) over delay of flights.
[Boniface Okendo/Standard]

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"Aviation is a rapidly changing industry with new technologies," he said.

Africa's Aviation Industry Players Call for Stronger Collaboration to Improve Air Traffic Efficiency

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Nairobi, Kenya, 4th September, 2018: Air travel in Africa is expected to increase tremendously in the near future, how airlines and airports work together to address this increase is still not very clear, however, sector players know there is an urgent need to address this. This is the key discussion item when over 200 aviation professionals from across the continent meet for the next three days at the White Sands Hotel in Mombasa. The aviation professionals are attending the Africa CANSO 2018 Conference in Mombasa with the aim to boost collaborative efforts to improve the safety standards of Air Traffic Management (ATM) operations across the region under the theme: "Improving Efficiency through Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) and Air Traffic Flow Management (ATM)."

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CDM in Aviation aims to improve operational efficiency at airports by reducing delays, improving the predictability of events during the progress of a flight and optimizing the utilization of resources.

The activities of airlines and airports are complementary in nature but the industry is in need of better coordination between all the aviation partners; that is Airport Operations (Airport Operators, Ground Handlers), Airlines and Air Traffic Controllers if operational efficiency is to be expected. Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) enables the partners to share information and work together more efficiently and transparently with the common goal of improved overall performance, bringing a common situational awareness between all partners involved as well as refining the processes and information flows.

Speaking at the CANSO Africa Conference 2018, CANSO Deputy Director General, Simon Hocquard, said: "Within the Africa and Indian Ocean (AFI) region, and anywhere in the world, partnership and collaboration are key to improving ATM safety, operations and boosting connectivity. In fact, I believe that achieving anything requires more than one person or company – we all need help from each other. Whether that is commitments across the industry or between CANSO Members, solid partnerships allow us to be effective advocates and cooperative partners on both a strategic and practical level."

In aviation, interoperability is the capability of two or more networks, systems, components or applications to exchange information and to be able to use this information for technical or operational purposes, so enabling them to operate effectively together. The intention is for an aircraft to be able to fly anywhere in the world with just one set of equipment that will be interoperable with any ground-based aviation system, and with just one set of accompanying procedures.

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From robust industry partnerships, to embracing tools and technologies and finding common solutions to common problems, CANSO called on the air traffic management (ATM) community in Africa to leverage the power of partnership and innovation to work together to improve safety, efficiency and effectiveness of air traffic management performance across the region and pave way for a seamless sky.

Officiating the opening of the conference on behalf of Hon. James Macharia, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Transport; Hon. Najib Balala EGH, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife reiterated Kenya's commitment towards compliance with global aviation safety and security standards and commended CANSO for convening expert discourse through which recommendations that will see the region plug into ICAO initiatives such as the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan and the "No Country Left Behind" Initiative.

"To this end, Kenya is committed to providing technical assistance and support to our counterparts in our areas of expertise with a view of attaining comparable levels of Effective Implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and enhancement in provision of air navigation services. This will ensure improved aviation safety and security performance in the region," said Hon, Balala.

Currently, Kenya's score on compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) stands at 78.15% and 87.13% as audited under the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) and Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach respectively, a performance which is above the global average.

This 6th CANSO Africa Conference and the first time it is being hosted in Kenya, a gathering that has brought together aviation experts from over 20 countries across Africa and beyond including Air Traffic Management (ATM) professionals, Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs), Air Traffic Management (ATM) system manufacturers and airline operators/carriers.

KCAA opposes relocation of Kibarani dumpsite to Mwakirunge

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MOMBASA, Kenya, Sep 4 – The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority Director General Captain Gilbert Kibe says the Mwakirunge dumpsite in Mombasa is on a flight path.

Last week, Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho's administration announced that the controversial 12-acre Kibarani dumpsite has been decommissioned and all the 2,200 tonnes of garbage produced in Mombasa per day will now be taken to Mwakirunge dumpsite.

However, there has been concern that Mwakirunge is on flight path and that the birds that scavenge on garbage would be a risk to planes.

All planes landing at Moi International Airport in Mombasa use this path.

On Tuesday, Kibe warned that KCAA will not allow the relocation of the Kibarani dumpsite to Mwakirunge because of the danger posed by the birds.

"Planes fly overhead Mwakirunge at a very low level and having a dumpsite at Mwakirunge might be a problem because of the scavenging birds. We do not support to have the dumpsite taken there," said Kibe.

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Kibe's remarks might now affect Joho's plan. The governor has been under pressure to make sure Kibarani is closed down because it had become an eye-sore to the city.

However, Kibe said they are currently engaging the Mombasa County Government on the issue.

"Talks are ongoing on that issue between KCAA and Mombasa County Government," said Kibe.

In May this year, A plane was forced to make an emergency landing at Moi International Airport after a bird strike.

Coast regional police boss Noah Mwivanda confirmed that the plane, which was flying tourist to Zanzibar from Mombasa, was forced to land after a bird strike.

The incident is to have happened shortly after take-off from the airport at 9.30am.

Mwakirunge dumpsite poses danger to planes, KCAA tells Mombasa county

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Kenya Civil Aviation Authority Director General Captain Gilbert Kibe and Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala during the 6th Africa's Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) Conference at Whitesands Hotel. Photo/JOHN CHESOLI

The Kenya Civil Aviation Authority boss Captain Gilbert Kibe on Tuesday opposed the relocation of the Kibarani dumpsite to Mwakirunge, saying it is on a flight path.

Kibe said the birds scavenging at the Mwakirunge dumpsite pose a security threat to planes landing at the Moi International Airport.

Last week, Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho's administration announced that the controversial 12-acre Kibarani dumpsite has been decommissioned and the 2,200 tonnes of garbage generated in Mombasa daily will now be taken to Mwakirunge.

Speaking during a press conference on the sidelines of the 6th Africa's Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) Conference at Whitesands Hotel, Kibe warned that KCAA will not allow Mombasa to continue dumping at Mwakirunge.

"You see, planes fly overhead Mwakirunge at a very low level and having a dumpsite there might be a problem because of the scavenging birds. We do not support to have dumpsite taken there," he said.

In Mombasa, the aggressive Indian Crows, which mostly scavenge at the Mwakirunge dumpsite are a big risk to planes approaching the airport.

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In May this year, a plane belonging to German leisure airline Condor was forced to make an emergency landing after a bird strike.

Two crows are said to have been sucked in one of the plane's engine.

Coast regional police boss Noah Mwivanda confirmed that the plane, which was flying tourist to Zanzibar from Mombasa, was forced to land after a bird strike.

Joho has been under pressure from locals, government agencies and private companies to shut down Kibarani dump site because it had become an eye-sore to the coastal town of Mombasa.

Unesco had also warned that Mombasa might lose its Island status because of the crazy sea reclamation that was ongoing at Kibarani.

Speaking at the same event, Tourism CS Najib Balala challenged airlines and airports in Africa to up their game to match the services offered in other world's best airports.

According to Balala, there are over 1.4 billion World travellers every year, but only 60 million come to Africa, and this could be as a result of poor services offered by airlines and airports.

"Quite a number of airports in Africa are not up to standards. The frustrations of every client coming through our airport, might make them not come back again," said Balala.