

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF AVIATION ROUND TABLE QUATERLY BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEETING (BBM) HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018 AT GOLFVIEW HOTEL & SUITES, GRA, IKEJA, LAGOS.

TOPIC

Evaluation of Safety & Security Performance of Aviation Agencies in The last Four Years

PARTICIPATION

Over 100 participants drawn from across Nigeria's aviation sector participated in the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

At the end of the meeting, participants resolved that:

1. As the federal government works towards the establishment of a new national airline, a level playing field should be provided for all players in Nigeria's aviation industry to thrive.
2. Increased inter-agency relationship on data inter-agency relationship on data gathering is advised to avoid future conflicting figures in passenger, ticket sales and other necessary statistics.
3. The NCAA should improve on economic regulation of the industry and review upwards, the two-aircraft AOC condition for establishment of airlines.
4. Aviation agencies should conduct a study on the role of owner-manager syndrome in the collapse of local airlines over the years, with a view to addressing it.
5. Agencies with technical shortfalls are advised to explore training opportunities in various fields as aviation waits for nobody. These organizations are also encouraged to look inwards where human capacity is insufficient in line with the various Executive Orders on local content.
6. The Nigerian judiciary should be notified on the implications of issuing court rulings that defy the Cape Town Protocol, an international agreement to which Nigeria is signatory.
7. As NCAA issues licenses for operation of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), there is a need to go beyond just licensing and putting measures in place to avoid incidence of drone jacking.
8. FAAN should expedite the repair of night landing facilities of runway 18 left as a matter of urgent concern while they were also challenged to address the seeming mis-communication between it's marshallers and pilots in command.
9. The government should as a matter of urgency and critical safety concern address the shortfall in Air Traffic Controllers and Engineers.
10. The ministry of transport under whose purview the agencies operate a consolidated passenger statistics and ticket sales figure should re-evaluate the figures presented to the public due to the large difference when compared to figures given by independent bodies such as FOS & NANTA. These figures are used for planning, attract investors and often times used for the assessment of industry performance, so we must get it right.

11. The AIB is commended for improved technical training, equipment optimization, international collaboration and the gradual release of accident reports: they are enjoined to go further by pushing for the implementation of safety directives as stated in some of these reports.