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October, 2017



Ethiopian welcomed Africa's First
B 787-9 Dreamliner.

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Ethiopian Voted 2017 Middle East and Africa Airline of the Year by Airline Economics Magazine



Ethiopian Airlines Group has been recognized as Middle East and Africa Airline of the Year 2017 by Airline Economics, the largest aviation finance and leasing print publication in the world, at a Gala Dinner held in Dubai on October 3, 2017. Winners in the Middle East & Africa Aviation 100 Awards Category have been chosen among the airlines in the Middle East and Africa through customer survey conducted by Airline Economics Magazine. Ethiopian outperformed major airlines in the Middle East and Africa to win this prestigious award.

Ethiopian Topped Industry and Customer Choice Awards as the Rising Star Carrier of the Year



Ethiopian cargo has been crowned as the Rising Star Carrier of the Year both in industry and customer choice awards at Payload Asia Awards 2017 gala dinner and awards ceremony, held at Crowne Plaza Changi Airport, Singapore. Payload Asia magazine, a respected voice of the air cargo industry, honours excellence in the air cargo industry with more than 90 nominations competing for 20 awards categories and more than 25,000 online votes in the Customer Choice Awards; with the results ultimately audited by an independent auditing firm, Alpes Assurance.

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Ethiopian Group CEO meets AUC Chairperson



Ethiopian Group CEO Ato Tewolde Gebremariam met the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat at AUC office, to welcome him to Addis Ababa in his new assignment as AUC's Chairperson. The AU Commission Chairperson and Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO deliberated on the AU integration agenda and how Ethiopian Airlines, as a truly indigenous African carrier, which has Pan-Africanism and African integration ingrained in its DNA since its establishment, can contribute to achieving the AU guiding vision of Agenda 2063.

Ethiopian Airlines, Boeing Celebrate Delivery of First 787-9 Dreamliner



Ethiopian Airlines and Boeing celebrated the delivery of the carrier's first Boeing 787-9. Ethiopian is leasing the Dreamliner through an agreement with AerCap. Ethiopian's newest 787 touched down in Addis Ababa following a non-stop 8,354 mile (13,444 km) delivery flight from Boeing's Everett, Wash., facility. Ethiopian becomes the first carrier in Africa to operate the 787-9 and extends a tradition of setting aviation milestones. Ethiopian became Africa's first carrier to fly the 787-8 in 2012, and similarly introduced the 777-200LR (Longer Range), 777-300ER (Extended Range) and 777 Freighter. The 787 Dreamliner is the most innovative and efficient airplane family flying today. Since 2011, more than 600 Dreamliners have entered commercial services, flying almost 200 million people on more than 560 unique routes around the world, saving an estimated 19 billion pounds of fuel.

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Africa's First Ethiopian B787-9 touches down at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport!



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Africa's First Ethiopian B-787-9 Made Its Debut Flight to the Roof of Africa



Ethiopian Airlines Group is pleased to announce that its new B-787-9 aircraft has made its maiden commercial flight to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. Ethiopian operation with B-787-9 is part of its commitment to deliver exceptional level of service to the African market by operating the latest technologically advanced aircraft in the market. Passengers have enjoyed the unique onboard features of this latest technology aircraft such as on-board comfort thanks to their unique features such as the biggest windows in the sky, high ceiling, less noise, distinctive lighting, and higher air humidity.

Africa's First Ethiopian B 787-9 Touches down at Delhi International Airport



Ethiopian B787-9 Dreamliner that joined the airline's youngest and most modern operating fleet on October 27, 2017 made its debut flight to India's capital and metropolitan city of Delhi.

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Ethiopian received the 6th Airbus A350XWB dubbed 'Abyssinia'



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Ethiopian Graduates 262 Aviation Professionals



Ethiopian Aviation Academy, the largest and the most modern aviation academy in Africa, graduated 262 aviation professionals at a ceremony held October 7, 2017 at the Academy's Commercial and Cabin Crew Training center. The graduates include 50 pilots, 66 aviation maintenance technicians, 120 cabin crew and 26 Equipment and Facility Maintenance technicians (10 majoring in Industrial Mechanics and 16 in Industrial Electricity).

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Ethiopian Avails Free Wi-Fi Connection at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport



Ethiopian Airlines Group and Ethiopian Airports Services are pleased to announce to their valued customers that they have availed free Wi-Fi connection at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport as of October 2017

Ethiopian Starts Night Services to Gondar and Axum



Ethiopian is pleased to announce the upgrading of Gondar and Axum airports' facilities to accommodate night flights, and the start of night services to the two cities effective as of October, 2017.

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Ethiopian Express Starts Flights to Shire Indaselassie



Ethiopian, the national flag carrier and the largest airline group in Africa, is pleased to announce that it will start scheduled operation to Shire, Indasilssie effective as of October 25, 2017.

Ethiopia Extends E-Visa service to Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE) Participants



Ethiopian Immigration and Nationality Affairs main Department in collaboration with Ethiopian Airlines Group has launched E-Visa service for African and international participants of Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions to be held in Ethiopia effective September 20, 2017. With the launching of the e-visa, participants of Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions to be held in Ethiopia, will be able to issue their visa online, book, pay and check-in their flight with Ethiopian, all online.

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Ethiopian Strategic Partner, ASKY to Resume Flights to Free Town, Monrovia and Banjul to Connect Accra to Ethiopian Newark flights in Lomé



Ethiopian strategic partner, ASKY Airlines, has finalized preparations to resume services to and from the West African cities of Monrovia, Freetown and Banjul effective November 1, 2017. Ethiopian also operates at its third hub Lilongwe, Malawi with equity partnership, technical and management contract with Malawian. Similar strategic partnerships with a view to form regional hubs and support national carriers are in the pipeline in many African countries.

Star Alliance announces the 21 winners of its 20th anniversary mileage millionaire competition.



As part of its 20th Anniversary celebrations, Star Alliance ran an online competition offering 21 winners, one from each of the 21 Frequent Flyer Programmes (FFPs) of the member airlines, one million miles or equivalent* to be credited to their selected FFP account. An independent panel selected the winning entries from a large number of high-class submissions. These feature cultural experiences from across the globe, stretching from the Grand Canyon in the USA, through the ancient cultures of South America, across various cities in Europe, to the stunning beautiful cultures of Africa and the diverse vibrance of Asia and the South Pacific. A map showing the winning entries can be found on the Star Alliance website at: www.staralliance.com/mileagemillionaire.

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Kenyan National Women's Volleyball Team Flew Ethiopian for their Match in the Africa Nations Championship



Malkia Strikers, Kenyan National Women Volleyball team, has traveled aboard Ethiopian Airlines to Cameroon, Doula to attend the 2017 edition of the Africa Cup of Nations. Ethiopian is pleased to have the opportunity to serve the Kenyan National Women Volleyball team on-board its flight from Nairobi to Doula with the latest New Generation B737-800 and the most modern game changing fleet, B787 respectively.

NDC office holds Travelport Product Day and Recognition Night event for travel agencies



National Distribution (NDC) office, under MD Ethiopian Express and Ancillary Services, held Travelport Product Day and Recognition Night event for around 300 guests from the travel agency community in Ethiopia on October 3, 2017 at Intercontinental Addis Hotel. Presentations were made on the features, advantages and benefits of a number of Travelport products to the agency community.

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Ethiopian and Airport Community Celebrate 10th National Flag Day



Ethiopian Airlines and airport community stakeholders colorfully celebrated the 10th National Flag Day this morning at the premises of Ethiopian Airport. ET Executive Management team and staff members, senior officials from Ethiopian Civil Aviation Authority, Federal Police and Airport Security attended the celebration. Trainees and Ethiopian staff paraded to the venue waving the national flag, adding color to the occasion.

Ethiopian Cargo Team celebrates Rising Star Carrier Award and 10th National Flag Day celebration



Ethiopian Cargo & Logistic Services staff and stakeholders community colorfully celebrated the 10th National Flag Day and Ethiopian Payload Asia Award on October 16, 2017 at the new Ethiopian Cargo Terminal, in the presence of Ethiopian Group CEO Ato Tewolde Gebremariam. The celebration of Ethiopian as the Rising Star Carrier of the Year both in industry and customer choice awards, on the national Flag Day has added color to the event.

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Ethiopian High Government Officials visited Ethiopian State-of-the-art facilities.



H.E. Amb. Kassa Tekleberhane the newly appointed Ambassador to the US visited Ethiopian state-of-the-art-facilities; Simulator, Aviation Academy and Ethiopian Cargo



H.E Mr. Berhane Gebre-Christos, the newly appointed Ethiopian Ambassador to China visited Ethiopian state-of-the-art facilities; Simulator, Aviation Academy and Ethiopian Cargo



H.E Dr. Hirut Woldemariam, Ethiopian Minister of Culture and Tourism visited Ethiopian state-of-the-art facilities; Simulator and Aviation Academy

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H.E Dr. Debretsion Gebremichael, Minister of Communication and Information Technology visited Ethiopian state-of-the-art facilities; Simulator, Aviation Academy, MRO, Catering and Ethiopian Cargo

High level officials from US embassy Visited Ethiopian State-of-the-art facilities.



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Area News

Madagascar Area Office organizes FAM Trip



As a continuation of introducing and promoting Ethiopian Airlines in Madagascar, a familiarization trip from selected Scandinavian countries was organized to the fascinating islands of Nosy Be and Diego Suarez from October 1-8, 2017. The FAM trip was coordinated by Ethiopian Airlines and CBI Netherlands, an organization based in the Hague and working to promote the tourism sector in developing countries.

Madagascar Area Office sponsors Malagasy Diaspora project



Ethiopian Area office in Madagascar has sponsored the Malagasy Diaspora project to be held with first part of a forum, from October 26-28, 2017 in Antananarivo. The official sponsorship by Ethiopian was praised by the Malagasy Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr Henry RABARY NJAKA during the media announcement and official launch of the project.

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New Delhi Area Office welcomes its new Traffic and Sales Manager



Ethiopian Area Office in New Delhi warmly welcomed Ato Kirubel Shitahun, the newly assigned Traffic and Sales Manager of the office, at a ceremony held on October 3, 2017. At the ceremony, the team members at the office introduced themselves to Ato Kirubel and held discussions.

New Delhi area office and STIC Travel organized a program to bid farewell to outgoing Sales Manager and welcome the newly appointed Traffic and Sales Manager and Manager Airport Services



Ethiopian Area Office in Delhi and STIC Travel, which is the General Sales Agent (GSA) of Ethiopia in North India, organized a program to bid farewell to Mahlet Kebede, outgoing Sales Manager Delhi, and welcome Ato Kirubel Shitahun, Traffic and Sales Manager Delhi and Tamirat Hailyesus, Manager Airport Services Delhi. The ceremony was held on October 18, 2017 at Ethiopian Cultural Center in New Delhi.

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Dublin Team Continue Their Push for Ethiopian Visibility in the Irish Market



Ethiopian Area Office in Dublin has sponsored the Wedding Journal Show for a second year. The show held on September 24, 2017 in the Republic of Ireland and October 2, 2017 in Northern Ireland was an event where Ethiopian is a main sponsor.



The Area Office also celebrated Heritage Day with South African Embassy. At the event hosted by the South African Embassy to celebrate South Africa's Heritage Day, the Ambassador of South Africa spoke eloquently about Ethiopian, describing it as the only African carrier connecting Ireland with Africa. He also urged all the participants of the event to give their support to Ethiopian.

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ETHIOPIA

The 10 most beautiful destinations on Earth – by the world's greatest photographers

Ethiopia by Eric Lafforgue



A camel caravan in the Danakil Depression CREDIT: ERIC LAFFORGUE

Ethiopia is not one country, but several countries all in one. Every time I go back there, I discover new things, as I've done ever since my first trip as a child in 1974. There's incredible diversity. You've got the rock churches in Lalibela with pilgrims dressed in white, just like in biblical scenes. And there are tribes from the Omo Valley, in the deep south at the border of South Sudan and Kenya, who are celebrating impressive ceremonies, dressed in cheetah skins and ostrich feathers, or fighting naked with giant sticks for village fame. There are salt lakes welcoming camel caravans in the legendary Danakil, with an active volcano spitting lava at your feet, and ancient Muslim cities, such as Harar, in eastern Ethiopia, where you'll be hypnotised by the chants of the Sufis. For the animal lovers, there's the endemic wolf from Bale Mountains National Park and the gelada baboon in the Simien Mountains.

Ethiopia is a heaven for photographers. You can do it all: portraits, landscapes, street life, wild animals, events... Follow the link for more information: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/arts-and-culture/beautiful-destinations-by-leading-photographers/>

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International & Local Press Clippings

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With qualifications like this it's not hard to see why UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon nominated Ethiopian Airlines' CEO Tewolde GebreMariam to serve as a member of his High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport. The airline was also recognised by no less than US President Barack Obama, who visited the airline alongside a number of US senators and members of the House of Representatives during their official three day official visit to Ethiopia from 26 to 28 July 2015.

But it's not just about profit and prestige, Ethiopian Airlines has used its status to promote social progress, as they did with the All Woman Functioned Flight that operated from November 2015 from Addis Ababa to Bangkok. The flight was emblematic of their corporate commitment to "Women Empowerment for a Sustainable Growth"- the whole flight, from flight deck crew to airport operations and baggage handling, was operated by women.

The following year Ethiopian Airlines inaugurated a large, state of the art in-flight Catering Centre. The centre, which covers an area of 11,5000 square metres, encompasses a modern operations and food processing area that is fully-equipped with the latest high-tech cooking and bakery equipment, large capacity dishwashing and heavy-duty ice-cube machines, hot kitchen, storage units, cold rooms, stores, flow wrapping, loading bays, high lift trucks and vans, varieties of cooling facilities, and a dedicated Halal kitchen.



Ato Tewolde

2016 saw the company's fleet continue to expand, with Ethiopian Airlines introducing the very first two Airbus A350-900 planes to fly in African skies, flying to destinations as varied as Yaoundé Cameroon, Kigali, Nairobi, Lagos, Bujumbura, London Heathrow, Douala, Malabo, Southern Africa, Lusaka, Harare, N'Djamena and Entebbe.

2016 saw Ethiopian Airlines take a huge step in their training of the next generation of airline talent with the ICAO certification of their Ethiopian Aviation Academy as an ICAO Regional Training Center of Excellence. Following a rigorous assessment process the facility was quickly recognised for its training organization, training and Procedures manuals, facilities, training processes, qualification of staff and quality system.

Ever pushing for the cutting edge, the airline was a pioneer in introducing "Google Seat View", a service which allows passengers travelling from London Heathrow to Addis Ababa and back to get a close up look at the seat of their choice before they travel.

And yet all of this is only the start. Ethiopian Airlines has grand plans for the future.

VISION 2025

Currently Ethiopian Airlines' strategy is focused on the middle of the next decade, how they will remain the most competitive and leading aviation group in Africa. This means providing safe, market driven and customer focused passenger and cargo transport, aviation training, flight catering, MRO and ground services for the passengers of 2025. Everything is guided towards ensuring that Ethiopian Airlines can always offer quality, price and a value proposition that outstrips its competitors. Their plan seeks to benefit every stakeholder in the business, from passengers to employees, to investors.



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Pan-African aviation academy Producing competent personnel

BY MENGISTEAB TESHOME

ADDIS ABABA—Apart from meeting the domestic demand for competent aviation personnel, the Ethiopian Aviation Academy (EAA) has been contributing immensely to the development of African aviation industry.

The Academy has positioned itself as a center of excellence in the aviation industry by producing efficient operational divisions to both Ethiopian and many other airlines of African countries.

Of late, 34 trainees drawn from Cameroonian, Rwandese, Equatorial Guinean, Togolese, and Congolese airline service providers have completed their trainings at the Academy. The good reputations of *Ethiopian* as well as the Academy are the main reasons for the trainees to carry out their studies with EAA, say various officials.

The number of African and other countries' trainees is also on the increase.

Cameroonian Ambassador to Ethiopia Jacques-Alfred NDOUMBE-EBOULE [as he exactly writes his name.] supports the assertion. He says: "The track records of the pan-African airline, Ethiopian, and the EAA have made us to send our trainees to the institution."

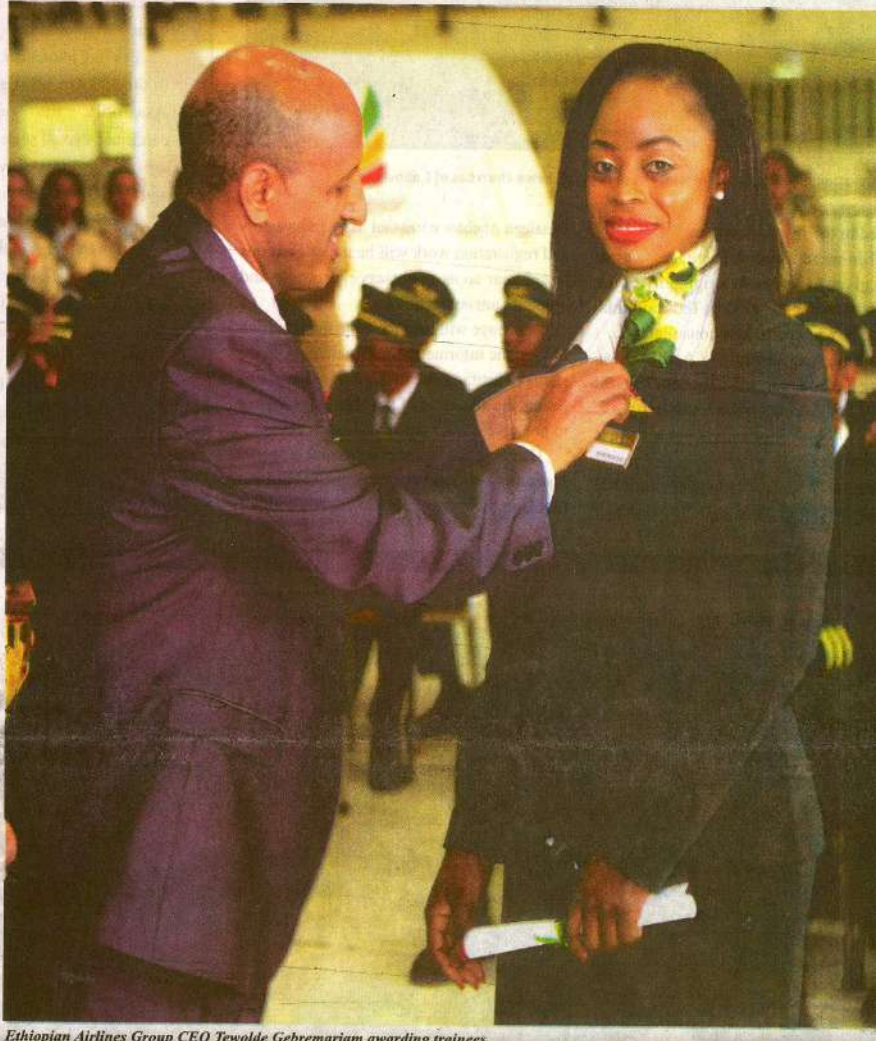
In fact, there are other academics engaged in training aviation workforce, he indicates, underscoring the fact that the Academy has world-class and more comprehensive training packages.

African countries will no more send trainees to academies abroad, he strongly believes. "We have common goals, building world-class aviation human capital through own institutions."

ENGR JOSHUA PAUL [as he exactly writes his name.], a trainee from Nigeria, builds on the Ambassador's view saying: "I had been enrolled in the Academy following the decision of my company, Presidential Air Fleet Abuja Nigeria. The wealth of experience, Ethiopia has secured over the past decades, is the main reason for the company for making the decision."

He further says he has learnt that Ethiopian has won best Airlines Staff Service in Africa Award for two rounds — in 2013

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Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Tewelde Gebremariam awarding trainees.

Another milestone for *Ethiopian*

A new state-of-the-art Boeing B787-9 Dreamliner jetliner, which will be owned and operated by Ethiopian Airlines, landed at the Addis Ababa Bole International Airport yesterday. Africa's first B787-9 has 315 seats —30 business 285 economy. The aircraft is powered by twin Rolls Royce Trent 1000K engines. *Ethiopian* named the new aircraft "Beijing". The B787-9, which flew from Boeing's plant in Everett, State of Washington for 15 hours, commanded by Yohannes Hailemariam (Capt.), senior captain and flight operations head,

demonstrated acrobatic maneuvers in its final approach for landing at Bole. Government officials, senior executive management of *Ethiopian*, members of the diplomatic corps, and renowned personalities warmly received the jetliner. Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Tewelde Gebremariam said *Ethiopian* has continued to lead the African aviation industry by introducing latest technologies. The new US Ambassador to Ethiopia, Michael Raynor, commended the achievement of *Ethiopian*.



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DREAMS COME TRUE



Hirut Zemene (second from left), state minister of Foreign Affairs, Tewolde Gebremariam (centre), CEO of Ethiopian Airlines Group, Michael Raynor (centre-right), the United States ambassador to Ethiopia, and Hirut Woldemariam (PhD) (right), minister of Culture & Tourism proudly saunter after welcoming the brand new Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. The 787-9 landed at Bole International Airport on October 27, 2017, making Ethiopian the first African Airline to operate such an aircraft.

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Ethiopian strategic partner, ASKY, to resume West Africa flights

The strategic partner of Ethiopian Airlines, ASKY Airlines, has finalized preparations to resume services to and from the West African cities of Monrovia, Freetown and Banjul effective November 1, 2017.

Tewolde Gebremariam, CEO of Ethiopian Aviation Group said, "As an indigenous African Airline, we have always been committed to connect African states together and with the rest of the world through efficient and seamless network."

"In line with our multi-hub strategy in Africa, we are proud of the successful partnership with ASKY and we have been successfully serving the needs of passengers travelling within, to and from West and Central Africa through our Lomé hub," he said.

The addition the three cities would provide travellers from these cities added convenience to seamlessly connect to more than 100 international destination via Ethiopian global network in five continents.

Moreover, in addition to these cities, Accra will be able to connect to Ethiopian flights to Newark via Lomé, giving Ghanaian travellers convenient connectivity to the New York Tri-state area."

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Ethiopian, Zambia to jointly establish national airline in Lusaka

National flag carrier to invest in Air Djibouti

By Kaleyesus Bekele

Africa's fastest growing airline, Ethiopian Airlines Group, is in final talks with the Government of Zambia to jointly establish a new national airline in Zambia that would be based in Lusaka and serve the Southern African market.

Since the demise of Zambia Airways in 2009, the country, which is known for its copper mines, does not have a national airline. Ethiopia has a daily flight to Lusaka.

In an exclusive interview with *The Reporter* Ethiopian Airlines Group CEO Tewolde Gebremariam said that Ethiopian Airlines and the Zambian government are about to sign an agreement to establish a new airline in Lusaka, Zambia. "We are in the final stage to sign shareholder contract," Tewolde said.

According to Tewolde, the planned national airline would serve the Southern African market from its hub in Lusaka. Zambian Airways ceased flying on January 12, 2009. Zambian Airways was a scheduled airline based in Lusaka operating an extensive domestic route network within Zambia as well as international flights to South Africa, Tanzania and DR Congo.

Tewolde said that Ethiopia is also in the process to be registered as a domestic airline in Mozambique. The Mozambican government has invited international carriers to establish a domestic and international airline that would be based in Mozambique. In response to that, Ethiopia has started registration process to serve as a domestic airline in the country known for its vast gas discoveries in recent years.

In a related news, Ethiopian Airlines has started negotiations with the Government of Djibouti to partner with Air Djibouti. Ethiopia has shown a keen interest to invest in Air Djibouti.

Tewolde told *The Reporter* that the executive management of Ethiopian Airlines group has started negotiation with Air Djibouti. According to Tewolde, of late, the socio economic development in Djibouti is very encouraging.

"China for the first time has established a military base in neighboring Djibouti. The major political powers have big military vessels in Djibouti. The country is expanding its seaport and airport. So it can serve as the Dubai of Africa if we do the right thing together," the CEO said.

Tewolde said his management made several discussions with chairman of Air Djibouti and the port. "We are going to establish a joint venture on Air Djibouti."

Air Djibouti - a fully state-owned airline - was out of operation for many years but the government of Djibouti partially relaunched



Tewolde Gebremariam

it in 2015 as a cargo airline. After losing a Boeing B737-400 passenger airplane from a GE-based company, Cardiff Aviation, the small airline commenced scheduled passenger flights in early 2017.

The tiny Red Sea state's government has outlined a long-term development plan

dubbed Vision 2035 designed to develop Djibouti as a regional hub for commercial and logistics services. To support this, two new airports are being built at a total cost of 600 million dollars capable of handling over 1.5 million passengers annually.

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