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1-Introduction

Transport Secretariat t-SWAp takes the pleasure to present to you its Bulletin Version 4. The bulletin highlights achievements and milestones in the sector and it covers Road Infrastructure Projects, Regional Initiatives, Air transport services, and public transport. The Secretariat acknowledges the valuable inputs

2- Sector Highlight

Rwanda Secures Investor for New Bugesera International Airport (NBIA)

Rwanda's ambition to become a regional aviation hub received a major boost when the government signed a deal with a Portuguese firm to begin construction of Bugesera International Airport.

On September 1, 2016, The Minister of Infrastructure, Honorable James Musoni and Mota Manuel, the CEO of Mota-Engil, Engenharia e Construção África, S.A. signed a major deal with a Portuguese investor to begin construction of National Bugesera International Airport (NBIA) project at a tune of \$818 million.

The project has so far \$418 million of initial investment and is scheduled for completion by December 2018 in its first phase, which will deliver a facility with a capacity to receive 1.7 million passengers every year.

Upon completion of this phase, extension works will be undertaken, to upgrade the capacity to 4.5 million passengers annually. The extension will require additional \$ 400 million, bringing the total cost of the project to \$818 million.

The agreement comprises of financing construction and operation of the airport project over a period of 25years with an optional 15 years extension.

Once completed, Bugesera International airport will become Rwanda's largest International Airport, serving commercial flights. It is expected

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to boost the country's economic growth and development.



Finance Minister Amb. Claver Gatete and James Musoni Minister of Infrastructure represented the government at the signing ceremony

RwandAir Acquires Airbus A330-200 and Africa's first Boeing 737-800NG



Boeing 737-800NG performs a low pass at the airport

On 28 September 2016, RwandAir acquired a new wide body Airbus A330-200 and becoming the launch operator of the type in East Africa. The carrier also has an A330-300 on order, which will also be delivered in November. The A330-200 is configured in a three-class cabin layout with 20 seats in business, 21 in premium economy and 203 seats in economy class.

RwandAir also becomes the first airline in Africa and second globally to acquire a Boeing 737-800NG equipped with in-flight connectivity on a line-fit programme, including WiFi, touched down at Kigali International Airport on November 17th, 2016. The brand new aircraft was given the local name 'Kalisimbi. The 154-seater aircraft is a dual-class cabin configuration and identical to the two Boeing 737-800NG with the first Boeing Sky Interior in Africa purchased six years ago. The 737 delivers the superior reliability, fuel efficiency and high-value returns operators require in competitive market. The aircraft's exceptional versatility and lower maintenance and operating costs provide a competitive edge regardless of business model or market, officials said.

RwandAir signed a lease agreement with Aircraft Lease Corporation, an American based lessor to acquire two brand new Boeing 737-800 Next Generation. The next 737 (Muhabura) is expected to be delivered in May next year.

The acquisition of the two aircraft will significantly enhance RwandAir's capacity to meet the growing demand, especially as the national carrier prepares to open routes to Asia and European markets.

Aviation players say the acquisition of the two other aircrafts will significantly enhance RwandAir's capacity to meet the growing demand, especially as the national carrier prepares to open routes to Asia and European markets.

RwandAir launches flights to Cotonou

RwandAir's has launched its maiden flight to Cotonou in Benin. The national carrier's decision to fly to Benin is an opportunity that will help promote trade and tourism between the two countries.

The business community hailed the national carrier's decision to fly to Benin saying it is an opportunity that will help promote trade and tourism between the two countries. The flights to Cotonou are currently tagged to the existing Kigali -Douala and Libreville, and are part of the strategy to enhance connectivity between East Africa and West Africa, the RwandAir senior manager in charge of grounds operations, said.



Passengers board a RwandAir plane heading to Cotonou at Kigali International Airport.

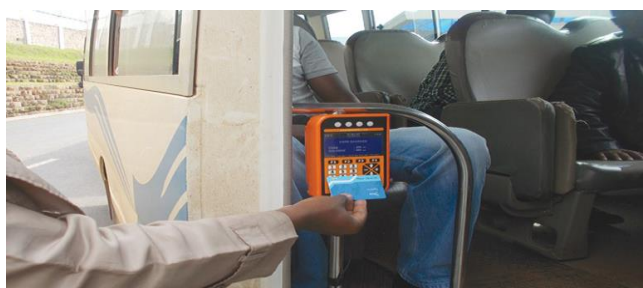
The airline will be flying to Cotonou and Abidjan thrice a week, on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, while the return flights will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Cotonou and Abidjan routes have increased the airline's growing network to 19 destinations. Currently, the airline flies to more than 17 destinations, including Nairobi, Entebbe, Mombasa, Bujumbura, Lusaka, Juba, Douala, Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro, Johannesburg, Dubai, Lagos, Libreville and Brazzaville, among others.

Public Transport

Automated fare collection in the City of Kigali

Public Transport Operators in the City of Kigali have worked with AC group Ltd to introduce the Automated fare collection system using smart cards. The system is fully integrated and one card can be used across all the Companies in the City of Kigali. The system aims at reducing time taken in payment processes, Safety issues as people carry cash onto the bus, Ascertaining the real revenue collections etc...



A passenger swipes his card on the device in one of public transport buses in Kigali.

Rwanda secures \$72.5 million funding for Kigali roads upgrade

Rwanda entered into a \$72.5 million agreement with the Export-Import Bank of China to upgrade 51.5 kilometers road network in the City of Kigali.

The loan agreement between the Rwandan government and the Chinese Exim Bank was signed in Beijing. The project aims to reduce traffic jams through construction of bypass roads and expansion of the existing roads.

The mega project will see the expansion and upgrading to dual carriage the route from Kigali City centre roundabout through Muhima, Nyabugogo to Gatsata, Rwandex-Sonatubes-Prince House in Remera; and overlaying, replacing streetlights along Kanogo-Rwandex road, Kimihurura road network that comprises Rwandex-Gishushu, Rwandex-Mu myembe and Mu myembe-Kimihurura (Primature) Roundabout, construction of the Nyamirambo-Cyumbati-Gikondo road, Nyamirambo-Rebero-Kicukiro (Nyanza) road, Kagugu-Batsinda-Nyacyonga road, the Kimisange-Cyumbati road and the city centre-Yamaha road.

The works will be carried out by China Road and Bridge Corporation for a period of 32 months.

When complete, the project is largely expected to improve the traffic capacity of Kigali urban roads while easing and facilitating smooth transportation of passengers and goods.



Road construction works expected soon in CoK

