

# International Federation of Air Traffic Safety Electronics Associations



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### 15th IFATSEA Africa Region Meeting concludes successfully in Kampala, Uganda

**Kampala, Uganda – June 21, 2025** — The 15<sup>th</sup> International Federation of Air Traffic Safety Electronics Associations (IFATSEA) Africa Region Meeting was successfully held from **17 to 20 June 2025** at the prestigious Speke Resort Convention Centre in Kampala. Hosted on behalf of IFATSEA Africa Region by the Uganda Air Transport Safety Engineering Association (UGATSEA), the event brought together aviation safety engineering professionals, stakeholders, and experts from across the African continent.

Under the theme “**Digital Transformation in CNS/ATM: Strengthening ATSEP Competencies for a Safer and Sustainable Future**”, the four-day conference featured a high-level conversation with IFATSEA President, technical presentations and closed session discussions aimed at enhancing the safety, efficiency, and modernisation of air traffic management in the era of artificial intelligence, and other emerging technologies.

The meeting was officially opened by the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority Chairman of the Board, **Honourable Justice Dr. Steven Kavuma**, representing the **Minister of Works and Transport, Honourable General Edward Katumba-Wamala**, who emphasised the critical role of Air Traffic Safety Electronics Personnel (ATSEP) in ensuring the integrity and reliability of aviation systems. Keynote speakers included IFATSEA President Ing. Frank Kofi Apegyei, representatives from the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers Associations (IFATCA), Africa and Middle East Region, Mr. Tonny Keppler, Association of African Aviation Training Organisations (AATO) Secretary General, Ms Margaret Kyarwenda, and other regional industry bodies.

#### **Highlights of the event included:**

- Presentation on the evolving role of ATSEPs in the era of the fourth industrial revolution.
- Panel discussions on predictive maintenance in CNS/ATM environment, the Artificial Intelligence in Aviation – exploring the impact of AI on aviation safety and cybersecurity
- Panel discussion on regional collaboration on drones for flight inspections
- Presentation on virtualisation and remote towers in Africa.

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UGATSEA President Eng. Isaac Kamugo expressed gratitude to all participants and reaffirmed Uganda's commitment to supporting regional efforts in aviation safety engineering. "This meeting has not only strengthened professional ties but also laid the groundwork for future innovations and partnerships across Africa," he said.

The IFATSEA Africa Region Director, Mr Sam Mahlangu, expressed his appreciation to all presenters and panel members for the insightful discussions aimed at advancing the delicate responsibility of safeguarding and ensuring safe, reliable and sustainable skies. "The meeting created opportunities for further collaboration, and the Affiliates must contribute to the body of knowledge through working papers and concretise partnerships that are geared towards improving safety on the continent and beyond," he said.

The IFATSEA Africa Region will continue to play a pivotal role in promoting excellence and standardisation in air traffic safety electronics, and the success of the Kampala meeting marks another milestone in its mission.

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