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IFATSEA concludes the 53rd General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa

Cape Town, South Africa – November 14, 2025 - The International Federation of Air Traffic Safety Electronics Associations (IFATSEA) proudly announces the successful conclusion of its 53rd General Assembly, held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 9 to 14 November 2025.

This landmark event, held at the Cape Town Marriott Hotel – Crystal Towers, brought together air traffic safety electronics personnel, regulators, industry leaders and stakeholders from across the four IFATSEA regions to address one of the most pressing challenges in modern aviation: cybersecurity threats to Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) systems, under the theme **“Addressing cyber threats against CNS/ATM systems through collaboration, training, system thinking, and data-driven decision-making.”**

The assembly was officially opened by the Air Traffic and Navigation Services company chairman of the board, **Mr Zola Majavu CD(RSA)**, who emphasized the critical need for a unified global approach to recognise the imperative role the ATSEP play within the air safety value chain, and further elevated the significance of merging collaborations with strategic industry stakeholders and professional bodies within the aviation community.

Delegates in attendance, through panel discussions, explored strategies to strengthen resilience against cyber risks, enhance workforce competencies, and leverage data-driven insights for proactive decision-making. The assembly further delved into key issues spearheaded by the panel of experts and technocrats, with the focus on emerging cyber threats and mitigation strategies, which should include the formulation of responsive technical standards and policies.

The assembly was further graced by the International Civil Aviation Organization Chief of CNS and Spectrum, Mr. Loftur Jonasson, who delivered a presentation on global activities within ICAO. The IFATSEA President, Ing. Frank K. Apeageyi, delivered the welcoming address and emphasized an integral role IFATSEA aims to play within the air safety value chain. “Hosting this assembly in Cape Town has been an honour. The discussions here will shape global strategies to protect CNS/ATM systems and maintain the integrity of air traffic management worldwide” says Ing. Apeageyi.

The assembly concurred that cybersecurity is no longer a peripheral issue, it is central to aviation safety. Our systems are interconnected and vulnerable, and only through collaboration and continuous training can we ensure resilience. The aviation industry must embrace system thinking and data-driven decision-making. These approaches allow us to anticipate threats before they materialize and respond effectively when they do.

The 53rd General Assembly not only addressed current challenges but also set the stage for future innovations in aviation safety. By prioritising collaboration and knowledge-sharing, IFATSEA continues to play a pivotal role in ensuring the integrity and reliability of global air navigation systems within the air safety value chain.