



THE 12th JOINT TRANSPORT SECTOR REVIEW

Theme: Road safety; a Critical Element for an Efficient Road Network.

improve Uganda's trade competitiveness through reducing travel time.

The total length of the project in Uganda is 1,724Kms, the project will be developed in phases with the Eastern route (Malaba – Kampala) of 273Kms first. Other routes will be developed subsequently. The SGR project in Uganda includes the construction of the main SGR which will transport 95% freight and 5% passengers to contribute to the alleviation of traffic congestion in the GKMA. To date, land acquisition and compensation on the Eastern route is in advanced stages. I urge all Ugandans in the affected areas to cooperate with our staff to enable the Country deliver the project in time.

Development of Inland Water Transport has over the past years mainly focussed on operation of ferry services as road bridges and construction and maintenance of landing sites. The subsector has been greatly underfunded and without clear administration. I am happy to report that Cabinet approved the Establishment of the



Hon. Monica Azuba (4th Left) with the EU Head of Delegation, H.E Ambassador Kristian Schmidt, in a group photograph at the workshop.

Maritime Administration Department under the Ministry of Works and Transport and the drafting principles for Inland Water Transport Bill. On the other hand, the Sector is very appreciative for the support and interest the Development Partners have shown in the development of Inland

Water Transport. The Sector is keenly waiting to implement all the programmes under appraisal.

Uganda needs to take advantage of its geographical location and develop Entebbe International Airport as a regional hub. Currently,

works on the expansion of the Airport are underway. I urge the Civil Aviation Authority to expedite the project in a timely manner so as to achieve the intended benefits. Upgrade of upcountry aerodromes in Arua, Gulu, and Soroti is underway. The closure of Uganda Airlines left Uganda without a national airline, subsequently fares and services were left at the mercy of foreign airlines which in most cases not in our favour. H.E the President directed the Sector to revive the national carrier. A Cabinet Memo has been drafted to this end.

On behalf of Government and on own behalf, I want to thank our Development Partners for their continued support to the Sector.

With these few remarks, it is my honour to declare the 12th Joint Transport Sector Review workshop officially open and I wish you fruitful discussions.

Thank you all for your attention

Air Transport

Air Transport in Uganda is dominated by operations at Entebbe International Airport (EBB). Government has designated five other airports as potential entry/exit (international) airports, namely Arua, Gulu, Pakuba, Kidepo and Kasese. There are a further 8 airfields, namely: **Soroti, Kisoro, Jinja, Lira, Tororo, Masindi, Mbarara and Moroto** which can receive charter flights. The rest of the upcountry airports are either privately owned or managed by

Local Authorities

International passenger traffic missed the target by 5.15% mainly due to reduced traffic to Juba caused by political instability in South Sudan and the general decline in tourists to Uganda. Transit passengers were above target by 22.28% resulting from the grant of the 5th Freedom to a number of airlines (Rwandair, Ethiopian Airlines and Kenya Airways) by Uganda. Domestic passenger traffic missed the target by 22.69% mainly due to declined tourist numbers to Uganda. Export cargo by air surpassed the target by 5.7% due to increased demand for relief aid in South Sudan.

Achievements

a) The Master Plan and Detailed Engineering Designs for Kabaale (in Hoima) Airport were completed.

b) For the expansion and upgrade of Entebbe International Airport the following was achieved as at 30th June 2016:

- Obtained a loan of **USD200 Million** from EXIM Bank of China
- Ground breaking for the project held on 29th August 2015.
- Site handed over to the Contractor
- Contractor established the campsite.

c) The Pre-feasibility study for the revival of the National Airline was completed



An artistic impression of the new passenger terminal at Entebbe.

Performance measured against Golden Indicators

No.	Traffic Item	Actual 2014/15	Target 2015/16	Actual 2015/16	Performance Against Target (%)
1	International Passengers (Nos)	1,337,261	1,437,556	1,363,477	94.85
2	Transit Passengers (Nos)	107,016	115,042	140,678	122.28
3	Domestic Passengers (Nos)	17,476	18,350	14,186	77.31
4	Imports (Tonnes)	20,747	21,369	21,490	100.57
5	Exports (Tonnes)	31,867	32,823	34,693	105.70
6	Commercial Aircraft movements (Nos)	25,583	26,350	28,073	106.54
7	Non-commercial Aircraft movements (Nos)	14,101	14,524	12,636	87.00
8	Overflights	15,168	16,381	14,397	87.89

d) Trained staff in various technical areas like apron control, runway safety management, terminal operations and management, marine operations, approach radar, ILS maintenance, etc.

e) Maintained, operated and kept all aerodromes in serviceable status

f) Attained ISO 9001:2008 Certification for Aeronautical Information Services (AIS)

g) Carried out flight calibration of the NAVAIDs

h) Carried out Manufacturer reviews of the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Radar and Airspace

Management System

i) Digital survey mapping (eTOD) of 5 aerodromes namely; Entebbe, Soroti, Arua, Gulu and Kasese. Progress estimated at 70%

j) Rehabilitation of Nakasongola Airport completed

k) Participated at International Tourism Bourse (ITB) and World Travel Market (WTM)

l) Completed construction of the long-term car park extension

m) Construction of the perimeter fence for Kasese Airport Development land was completed

n) Construction of the perimeter fence at Kidepo and Pakuba Airports was completed

o) Power supply improvement in Upcountry Aerodromes of Kasese, Kisoro and Mbarara was completed

p) Successfully conducted Airport Quality Service surveys and held a stakeholders' meeting about issues raised

q) During the AFCAC Plenary held in Cairo, Egypt from **8 to 10 October 2015**, Uganda represented by Civil Aviation Authority was elected to serve as Vice President for

Eastern Africa Region on the AFCAC Bureau, the governing body for the next three years. Uganda will be representing the following States; **Eritrea, Djibouti, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, Kenya, Comoros, Seychelles, Rwanda and Madagascar**. The Authority, with the help of Government funding, undertook development projects and major rehabilitation programmes.