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Air Mauritius hosts the 39th Annual General Assembly of the African Airlines Association (AFRAA)



Pictured above is Acting Prime Minister, Dr The Hon. Rashid Beebeejaun with AFRAA President, AFRAA Secretary General and Chairpersons/CEOs attending the Conference

Air Mauritius hosted the Annual General Assembly of the African Airlines Association (AFRAA) at Le Méridien Hotel from the 9th to the 11th of December 2007. Some 200 delegates from African airline companies, manufacturing partners and support organisations attended the two day Conference, whose theme was 'Doing Business Together'. Speakers from various sectors of the industry shared their views on a variety of subjects including safety, liberalisation of air access in Africa, restructuring of African airlines, developing a competitive edge, and the environment.

The Assembly took note of the progress of member airlines with regard to IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA), E-ticketing, Simplifying the Business, and AFRAA's Joint Fuel Purchase Scheme. Three other projects were discussed, namely Joint Ground Handling, Joint ICT Solutions and Pan African Leasing.

AFRAA's President Sanjay Bhuckory, who is also Chairman of Air Mauritius and a Governor of the Board of IATA, stated: "We were honoured to have hosted the AFRAA Summit in Mauritius, and to have welcomed so many distinguished personalities. AFRAA is back on track. We have become an important catalyst in making African airlines stronger, safer and more profitable. It is refreshing to note that our airlines are more eager to interact and ... Do Business Together!"

Incoming President, Mohamed Ghelala, CEO of Air Burkina, said: "This is by far the best Conference ever organised by AFRAA. Air Mauritius has raised the bar very high. We will have to lift our game to deliver yet another great Conference in Ouagadougou next year. I shall continue the mission set by my predecessor, Sanjay Bhuckory".

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Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of five A340-300, two A340-300E, two A319-100 and two ATR72-500. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty six destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean.



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