

**UGANDA'S BID TO HOST IFATCA 66TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2027 IN KAMPALA,
UGANDA**

Presented by: Uganda Air Traffic Controllers' Association (UGATCA)

SUMMARY

The Uganda Air Traffic Controllers Association (UGATCA) is proposing Kampala, Uganda as a host destination for the 66th Annual International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Association (IFATCA) Conference, in the period of April – May 2027

UGATCA's bid to host IFATCA will be submitted in collaboration with the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA).

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Uganda Air Traffic Controllers' Association (UGATCA) is honoured to present its bid to host the IFATCA Annual Conference in 2027 in Kampala, Uganda.
- 1.2 Located in East Africa, well connected with the rest of the world, and with a track record of hosting many prominent international events, Uganda is well-positioned to host IFATCA 2027. With a fast-growing aviation industry, a rich history, world-class facilities, and warm hospitality, Uganda offers an ideal venue for delegates to convene, collaborate, and experience the unique blend of culture, adventure, and professional engagement.

2. VENUE: SPEKE RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE – MUNYONYO.

- 2.1 The proposed venue for Conference is the **SPEKE RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE**, a luxury five-star lakeside resort hotel in the outskirts of Kampala, renowned for its state-of-the-art conference facilities, luxurious accommodations, and serene environment.
- 2.2 The venue is well equipped to host IFATCA in 2027, and offers:
 - A grand conference hall with a variety of configurations that can accommodate over 500 delegates.
 - Multiple breakout rooms for side meetings and workshops
 - High-speed internet and modern audio-visual equipment
 - On-site restaurants offering diverse international and local cuisine
- 2.3 **Accessibility:** Speke Resort Munyonyo is a 30-minutes' drive from Entebbe International Airport and 10-minutes' drive to the central business area of Kampala city. Public transport

of mini-buses is easily accessible just outside the hotel. Taxi is also a very convenient and affordable way to travel in Kampala including; Uber, Bolt and private special hire taxis.

2.4 Accommodation at the Conference Venue: The cost of accommodation at the Speke Resort and Conference Centre ranges between USD 200 – USD 250. However, when our bid is successful, we shall negotiate for discounted accommodation rates.

3. TRAVEL & VISA PROCESSING

3.1 International Accessibility: Uganda is easily accessible via Entebbe International Airport, which is well connected to major international hubs.

3.2 Visa: The government of Uganda guarantees Simplified visa processing. Many nationalities can visit Uganda without visa while the rest can obtain e-visa services and visa-on-arrival.

3.3 Special facilitation for IFATCA delegates: In coordination, and with the assured support of concerned authorities, we shall ensure a smooth arrival experience, efficient airport transfers with designated conference shuttles.

4. AFFORDABILITY & COST ADVANTAGES

4.1 UGATCA is committed to ensuring affordability for all delegates. The conference package will include:

4.2 Competitive registration fees; Uganda Air Traffic Controllers Association (UGATCA) has managed to secure a partnership with the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA) so as to ensure that the cost of the conference is maintained to bearable levels. Given the support that will be received from the UCAA we foresee that the registration fee will be no more than USD 240 for CAT 1 MAs, USD 210 for CAT 2 MAs, and USD 180 for CAT 3 MAs.

4.3 Affordable accommodation options, ranging from five-star hotels to budget-friendly hotels and guesthouses which are within the vicinity of the conference venue. Mindful of the right to choose, and understanding that not all delegates will be seeking accommodations at the venue hotel, other hotels have been identified, some in walkable distances to the conference venue providing good accommodation up to as low as USD 50 per night. These include;

- Kazi Beach hotel USD 110 per night
- Alfa hotel USD 80 per night
- Casa Solada hotel USD 150 per night
- Meley Impala hotel USD 50 per night
- Lake Victoria Serena hotel USD 240 per night
- Marie's Royale hotel USD 70 per night

When our bid is successful, we will coordinate with these hotels and others to establish exclusive accommodations, including special arrangements such as discounted rates and tailored services, ensuring a seamless and exceptional experience for the delegates.

4.4 Reasonable meal and transportation costs; Uganda is one country that is blessed with a wide variety of food options and at pocket friendly prices, allowing delegates to enjoy the event without financial strain.

5. CULTURAL & TOURISM EXPERIENCE

Kampala and Uganda at large offer a unique blend of cultural and tourism experiences. Delegates will have the opportunity to:

- **Visit the Kasubi Tombs (UNESCO Heritage Site):** A significant cultural and historical site for the Buganda Kingdom.

- **Explore the Source of the River Nile:** Take a boat ride or engage in adventure activities such as white-water rafting in Jinja.
- **Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest:** Witness the majestic mountain gorillas in their natural habitat.
- **Experience Murchison Falls National Park:** Enjoy game drives and witness the breathtaking Murchison Falls.
- **Tour Lake Bunyonyi:** Relax at one of Africa’s most scenic lakes, known for its islands and serene environment.
- **Explore Uganda Wildlife Education Centre (UWEC):** A conservation center near Entebbe showcasing Uganda’s diverse wildlife.
- **Discover Sipi Falls:** A series of stunning waterfalls located in the foothills of Mount Elgon, ideal for hiking.
- **Engage in Kampala’s Vibrant Nightlife and Cultural Experiences:** Enjoy live music, dance performances, and Ugandan cuisine.

6. SECURITY & SAFETY

Uganda prides itself on being a **safe and secure destination**. The government, alongside aviation authorities, will ensure:

- Full security coordination at the venue and in key accommodation areas
- Dedicated police liaison officers for the duration of the conference
- 24/7 medical and emergency response support

7. SUPPORT FROM KEY STAKEHOLDERS

The bid is supported by key aviation and government institutions, including:

- Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA)
- Ministry of Works and Transport
- Uganda Tourism Board
- Leading hospitality and corporate sponsors

8. CONCLUSION

Hosting the IFATCA Conference in Kampala in 2027 presents an opportunity for delegates to experience a **professionally rewarding and culturally enriching** event with **top-notch African hospitality**. UGATCA is fully prepared to deliver a world-class conference that will be memorable for all attendees. We invite the esteemed IFATCA members to endorse Uganda as the host country for the 2027 Annual Conference.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Pearl of Africa!

Note: Please be advised that the prices quoted in this working paper are provisional and reflective of the rates available at the time of drafting. These prices are subject to revision and may fluctuate. Finalized rates for the hotels will be confirmed upon completion of commercial negotiations with the respective venues.

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