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Kenya Airways and IOM Kenya Unite to Combat Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Migrants

Nairobi, Kenya, 2nd July 2024 – Kenya Airways and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Kenya have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on a strategic partnership aimed at intensifying the fight against trafficking in persons and enhancing the protection of migrants.

The collaboration brings together IOM Kenya's expertise in migration governance and Kenya Airways' extensive aviation network, to implement robust measures that will identify, prevent, combat trafficking in persons and facilitate regular pathways. This partnership is a testament to the commitment of both organizations to uphold human dignity and support the most vulnerable individuals on the move and promoting regular pathways.

Kenya Airways Group Managing Director and CEO, Mr. Allan Kilavuka, said, "The collaboration with IOM Kenya demonstrates our dedication to corporate social responsibility and the well-being of all travellers. We are committed to providing our staff with the necessary training and resources to assist migrants, particularly those in vulnerable situations."

Ms. Dimanche Sharon, IOM Chief of Mission, stated, "This MOU marks a significant milestone in our efforts to safeguard the rights and dignity of migrants. By joining forces with Kenya Airways, we can enhance our outreach and impact, ensuring that migration is safe and beneficial for all."

Key initiatives under the MOU:

Training and Awareness: Kenya Airways staff will receive specialized training from IOM to recognize and respond to improve coordination to assist migrants in vulnerable situations.

Policy Development: Joint efforts will be made to advocate for policies that create a safer travel environment and disrupt traffickers' operations.

Information Sharing: A framework for sharing information between the airline and IOM will be established to facilitate timely interventions.

The partnership represents a significant step towards ensuring the well-being and rights of migrants are upheld, contributing to a more inclusive and supportive society. Together, they will make a difference.

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Kenya Airways (KQ), *The Pride of Africa*, is Kenya's national carrier and a leading African airline on a mission to propel Africa's prosperity by connecting its people, cultures, and markets. We fly to 45 destinations



worldwide, 37 of which are in Africa, connecting over 5 million passengers and over 70,000 Tons of cargo annually through the Hub at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

As the sole African carrier in the SkyTeam Alliance, we open up a world of possibilities for our customers, connecting them to over 1,060 destinations in 173 countries. We take pride in offering a delightful flying experience with a caring African touch. Our exceptional African hospitality has consistently earned us global recognition including the prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards where we were honoured with the Best Airline Staff and Best Airline Cabin Crew in Africa in 2024.

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[About IOM Kenya](#)

IOM Kenya delivers on the promise of migration by working with the Government of Kenya, development partners, private sector, civil society organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to seize the opportunities and tackle the challenges of migration, while supporting the transformative journeys of migrants, vulnerable communities, and refugees.

IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society to save lives and protect people on the move, drive solutions to displacements, and facilitate pathways for regular migration.