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# Kenya Airways CEO Allan Kilavuka Receives African Aviation Leadership Award

**Nairobi, 24th May 2024** – Kenya Airways Group Managing Director & CEO, Allan Kilavuka, has been honoured with the 2024 African Aviation Leadership Award.

Established by African Aviation Magazine in 1999, this prestigious award recognizes individuals, companies, and organizations that have made significant contributions to the development of aviation in Africa.

Nick Fadugba FRAeS, CEO of African Aviation, praised Kilavuka's remarkable leadership, stating, "This award highlights Allan's exceptional leadership, visionary approach, and dedication to advancing the aviation industry across the continent. His innovative strategies and commitment to excellence have set new benchmarks in the industry, inspiring peers and driving significant progress."

Expressing his appreciation, Kilavuka said, "I am deeply honoured to receive the prestigious African Aviation Leadership Award. This accolade reflects the dedication and passion of the entire Kenya Airways team. It highlights our commitment to excellence, innovation, and enhancing connectivity across our continent."

The panel of judges for the award included notable professionals such as Nick Fadugba, CEO of African Aviation; Alfred Jones, Managing Director of Fulcrum Capital, USA; Richard Bouma, Chairman of ARC Group, South Africa; Joao Jorge, Former CEO of LAM-Mozambique; and Joachim Vermooten, Transport Economist at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

This year also marks the 32nd Anniversary of African Aviation's MRO Africa & African Aviation Training and Air Finance Africa Conferences, celebrating decades of excellence and progress in the industry.

Past notable recipients include Ethiopian Airlines, awarded "African Airline of the Year"; Michael Shirim, founder and Chairman of Precision Air, who received the "African Aviation Individual Achievement Award"; and Mr. Nick Fadugba, CEO of AFRICAN AVIATION, honored with the "African Aviation Lifetime Achievement Award."

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## **About Kenya Airways**

Kenya Airways, a member of the Sky Team Alliance, is a leading African airline flying to 45 destinations worldwide, 37 of which are in Africa. In 2022 the World Travel Awards recognized KQ as Africa's Leading Airline, Africa's Leading Airline Brand, Africa's Leading Airline - Business Class, and Africa's Leading Inflight Magazine (Msafiri). In 2023 KQ was awarded Best Airline Staff in Africa at the prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards. KQ's fleet comprises of wide-body Boeing aircraft that includes its flagship B787 Dreamliner and narrow-body Embraer E190 aircraft.

The on-board service is renowned worldwide and the lie-flat business class seat on the wide body aircraft is consistently voted among the world's top 10. Kenya Airways takes pride in being at the forefront of connecting Africa to the World and the World to Africa through its hub at the new ultra-modern Terminal 1A at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.



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