

Kenya Airways and Air Tanzania Sign Strategic MoU to Enhance Regional Cooperation

28 July 2025, Dar Es Salaam – In a significant development for the East and Southern Africa region, Kenya Airways and Air Tanzania have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening strategic cooperation and enhancing connectivity.

The MoU sets the foundation for increased collaboration between the two airlines, focusing on regional and international partnerships that promote cooperation over competition. Both airlines will utilize their resources and internal capabilities to ensure sustainable and cost-effective growth.

Areas of collaboration outlined in the MoU include the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and best practices in various domains such as human resource training, engineering, aircraft maintenance, technical cooperation, cargo operations, maintenance and repair operations (MRO), safety, and innovation reflecting the shared ambition of both airlines to provide more unified travel options and efficiencies of air services within the region.

During the ceremony, Mr. Allan Kilavuka stated, "This partnership underscores our commitment to building regional capacity to support economic growth, trade, and tourism across East Africa. By collaborating closely with Air Tanzania, we can jointly offer our passengers and cargo clients more flexible and efficient travel solutions."

Air Tanzania CEO Mr. Peter Ulanga remarked, "This collaboration marks a significant milestone in our efforts to expand our regional presence and better serve the growing demand for air travel in Africa. Together with Kenya Airways, we are creating a stronger, more connected aviation landscape that will benefit our economies and our people."

The signing ceremony took place at the Johari Rotana Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where Allan Kilavuka, Group Managing Director and CEO of Kenya Airways, and Peter Ulanga, Chief Executive Officer of Air Tanzania, formalised the agreement.

The partnership paves the way for a more integrated, efficient, and competitive African aviation sector, one that will drive sustainable growth, unlock new markets, and create greater opportunities for both airlines and the communities they serve.

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About Kenya Airways

Kenya Airways (KQ), The Pride of Africa, is a leading African carrier 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 our 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.

About Air Tanzania

Air Tanzania Company Limited (ATCL) is the national airline of Tanzania, carrying with it the national treasure and pride of Mt Kilimanjaro as its slogan - 'The Wings of Kilimanjaro'. Based in Dar es Salaam, with its hub at the modern state-of-the-art Julius Nyerere International Airport out of Terminals II and III. The airline is IOSA certified and a proud member of IATA. ATCL has been a member of the African Airlines Association (AFRAA) since its establishment in 1977 following the dissolution of East African Airways. ATCL is a government-owned airline with a fleet of 16 aircrafts; one Dash 8-Q300, five Dash 8-Q400, four Airbus A220-300, two Boeing 737 Max 9, three Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner and one Boeing 767-300F (Cargo Freighter).

With a young fleet, ATCL maintains its position as the leading airline in Tanzania, providing extensive domestic and international connectivity with over 120 weekly flights to more than 15 destinations. Air Tanzania currently operates more than 10 domestic destinations from Dar es Salaam hub, namely: Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Kigoma, Mpanda, Geita, Mbeya, Mtwara, Mwanza, Bukoba, Songea, Tabora, Iringa, Arusha and Zanzibar. Beyond our borders, ATCL operates to Dubai (UAE), Mumbai (India), Guangzhou (China), Johannesburg (South Africa), Lubumbashi & Kinshasa (DRC), Nairobi (Kenya), Hahaya (Comoros), Ndola and Lusaka (Zambia), Harare (Zimbabwe), Bujumbura (Burundi), Entebbe (Uganda). Soon we will be adding, Juba (Southern Sudan), Lagos (Nigeria), Accra (Ghana), Muscat (Oman) and London (United Kingdom).

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