



## JAA TO and AviAssist Join Forces for Aviation Safety in African Region

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The Joint Aviation Authorities Training Organisation (JAA TO), the leading non-profit aviation training organisation providing top-level training courses in multiple fields of aviation safety, and AviAssist, Africa's only independent and also non-profit organisation dedicated solely to the safety improvements in African aviation, have announced a partnership to further expand the AviAssist Safety Promotion Centre (ASPC) in Rwanda.

The partnership aims to establish a long-term mutually beneficial association in capacity building on aviation skills as well as business and leadership skills at the foreseen ASPC in Rwanda.

The ASPC-Rwanda is geared to become (East) Africa's leading aviation safety resource centre, making Rwanda and States in the East and Southern African ICAO region more self-sufficient at safety promotion. The centre imparts training and safety training that is crucial to support aviation experts in their role as safety leaders and champions.

**Paula V. de Almeida, Director of JAA TO:** "We are very pleased to launch this cooperation. JAA TO is committed to promoting the aviation safety around the world and this partnership helps us to achieve this goal in the high-growth African Region. The vision of ASPC is perfectly in line with JAA TO's mission and vision to increase the safety in the region and globally."

"We are thrilled to be able to bring the expertise, reputation and legacy of the JAA TO to our work in Africa", says **Tom Kok, Director of AviAssist.** "It is an unique opportunity to combine our safety promotion experience in Africa with the rich training capabilities of the JAA TO. This partnership will bring great benefits for the continuous professional development that the Foundation brings to Africa."

The signing was witnessed by Rwandair's Hellen Ndichu, Board Member of the AviAssist Foundation. RwandAir is one of the fastest growing airlines in Africa and is a co-founding partner of the ASPC-Rwanda.

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**The AviAssist Foundation** is the only nonprofit organisation dedicated to providing impartial, independent, expert safety guidance and resources for the African aviation industry. It provides its safety guidance & resources through training courses, social media and Africa's only dedicated safety promotion magazine - SafetyFocus. It works in close coordination with ICAO, stakeholders and safety support providers. More at [www.aviassist.org](http://www.aviassist.org)

The **Joint Aviation Authorities Training Organisation (JAA TO)** is a non-profit Dutch Foundation providing regulatory training courses in multiple fields of aviation to help improve aviation safety worldwide and promote the understanding of existing and new European aviation regulations, as well as regulations based on ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). JAA TO is an associated body of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC). It is also a leading member of the Virtual Academy of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the first ICAO Regional Training Centre of Excellence (RTCE) in the European and North-Atlantic region. [www.jaato.com](http://www.jaato.com)



From left to right: Tom Kok, Director of AviAssist; Paula V. de Almeida, Director of JAA TO; Hellen Ndichu, Board Member of AviAssist

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