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AviAssist elects Munyagi on its Board

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The AviAssist Foundation announced today that the Board of Governors has elected a new Board member. In recognition of her leadership and commitment to raising aviation safety in Tanzania and Africa, Mrs. Margaret Munyagi, former Director General of the Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (rtd.) was elected on the AviAssist Foundation's Board at the spring 2011 Board meeting. Mrs. Munyagi, in her role as Director General of Civil Aviation, campaigned to bring best practices and global standards to Tanzania and the region and introduced new safety regulations in compliance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). She is also one of the founding Board members of one of Africa's regional safety oversight organisations, the Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA) of the five countries of the East African Community.

"Mrs. Munyagi has been involved in Aviassist activities from the very start in 1996 when it was still a program of the Netherlands Ministry of Transport. She has been the driving force behind the transformation of safety oversight in Tanzania over the past decade. The Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) became a major player in African regulatory safety oversight under her leadership", commented Tom Kok, Director of the AviAssist Foundation. "At the same time, Mrs. Munyagi demands professionalism, honesty, integrity and discipline in the conduct of aviation business in Tanzania and beyond. I don't think we can adequately describe the enormous amount of work Mrs. Munyagi has done in her efforts to raise the level of aviation safety in Tanzania as well as connect it to the global aviation community. We are pleased to have this new perspective join the Board following Mrs. Munyagi's retirement from her position at TCAA. As the Foundation grows, the Board has to ensure it remains fully engaged and having Mrs. Munyagi on the Board is an important part of that engagement."

Board members are elected to a three year term and may serve two terms total. The Board meets twice a year and provides strategic guidance to the Foundation.

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The AviAssist Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that promotes professionalism in African aviation safety. It provides safety support to African regulatory institutions, airports as well as (commercial) operators. As regional affiliate of the Flight Safety Foundation, it identifies threats to aviation safety, analyzes the problems and works on practical solutions to them. It aims to replicate safety successes from elsewhere on the African continent. It does so in close coordination with the Flight Safty Foundation (of which the AviAssist Foundation is the regional affiliate), ICAO, key African stakeholders and global safety support providers. More information can be found at www.aviassist.org