

AFRICAN AVIATOR AWARD

1. Background

Every day, thousands of professionals in Africa contribute to making commercial aviation the safest form of transportation. They do so not because they expect special recognition. They think safety and act in ways that promote safety because they know the aviation industry depends on it, and because it is the right thing to do. However, aggregate data for the entire continent masks the gains from their professionalism and their role as safety champions. The AviAssist Foundation cannot salute all these men and women individually, although it pays tribute to them through its work.

But each year, it will single out individuals, organizations or teams that have made especially outstanding contributions to risk reduction, often during long periods or entire careers and award the African aviator award.

Each year of awarding, the AviAssist Foundation will select a particular aviation profession as the focus for the award. The awarding event will take place in front of a distinguished audience of industry leaders at a major aviation event in the African region.

2. African aviator award 2012

The AviAssist Foundation is instituting the African aviator award, which includes a trip to the awarding event, US\$500 and a hand-lettered citation. The AviAssist Foundation African Aviator Award will be awarded to leading aviation professionals who demonstrated exceptional commitment to safety improvements and risk mitigation. For the launch edition in 2012, the profession of air traffic management has been selected in co-operation with CANSO.

Through the related press, the African aviator award aims to reward safety champions and promote entry of Africans in the aviation industry.

The award recognizes notable achievement in the field of aviation safety — civil or military — in method, culture, reporting, procedure or other improvement. The award's recipient is selected for a "significant individual or group effort contributing to improving aviation safety, with emphasis on original contributions," and a "significant individual or group effort performed above and beyond normal responsibilities." Professionals in air traffic management and air traffic control, preferably outside of top administrative positions will be considered. The contribution need not be recent, especially if the nominee has not received adequate recognition.

3. Nominations

If you would like to place a nomination for this prestigious award, please submit a completed nomination form together with a one page detailed explanation of your reasons for nomination. Indicate the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the Award, his or her accomplishments and any previous recognition received. Please include your name, contact information and be sure to provide an email address.

On the nomination form, briefly describe the ways in which your nominee has contributed to the goals of the award and provide any other reasons why you believe this person merits special recognition as African Aviator for 2012. Nominations deadline for the 2012 African aviator award is September 1, 2012.

Submitters are asked to comment on their nominee's contributions in the areas of professionalism, technical knowledge, contributions to a culture of safety and contributions to the broader aviation safety community.

4. Judging

Nominations will be assessed by a panel of experienced judges. The winner of the 2012 award will be selected from a shortlist and the award will be presented during an award dinner and awards ceremony at the CANSO Global ATM Safety Conference in Cape Town, South Africa in front of industry leaders and colleagues.



Call for Nominations - African Aviator's Award

Established in 2012, the African Aviator's Award recognizes significant contributions by African professionals to aviation safety. Each year, a different professional group will be selected for eligibility. For the launch edition of 2012, professionals working in the Air Traffic Management/Control profession are eligible.

The Award will be presented at the CANSO Global ATM Safety Conference in Cape Town, South African from October 29 until November 2, 2012.

Name of Nominee: _____

Position/Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax/Email: _____

Please attach a one-page letter to support your nomination. Samples of the nominee's work must be provided, although they may be sent separately from the nomination form and letter. Nominations without a support letter detailing the nominee's contribution will not be considered by the Award Board.

Nomination submitted by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please provide a short summary of reason(s) for your nomination. An elaborate one page letter needs to be attached.

Deadline: September 1, 2012

Please return to AviAssist Foundation by mail, fax +31 84.832.5185

or by e-mail to: safetyfocus@aviassist.org

Attention: African Aviator's Award - Thank you for your nomination

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