

### EDITORIAL NOTE

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During a recent press briefing in Ethiopia, we shared Airbus forecast for air traffic growth in Africa over the coming 20 years which is around 6%.

We expect over 1,100 deliveries of new passenger aircraft of more than 100 seats, which represent 4% of World deliveries. An impressive percentage showcasing steady economic development and growth in a continent where Airbus' historic relations date back to our first delivery of A300 to South African Airways in 1976. As we give you a snapshot on Africa's 20 year forecast, Asfaar's next issue will highlight 2011-2030 Global Market Forecast for North Africa region.

We are also proud to highlight another A350 XWB milestone with the first aft fuselage built and the recently announced strategic partnership to develop the A330P2F conversion programme.

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 First A350 XWB aft fuselage built



 Airbus A350 XWB landing gear test bench ready for service

 Gulf Air and Saudi Arabian Airlines take delivery of new A321 aircraft

 Jazeera Airways receive new A320 aircraft this month

 Emirates take delivery of another A380 aircraft

## Africa - one of key markets for our region's carriers, require 1,101 new aircraft worth US\$126 billions

Historically, the great rivers of Africa have been used as the means of mass transportation of people and goods through a difficult environment. As air transport developed, so too did its use on the African continent. Today, a map of the continent showing cities and routings that serve them visibly demonstrates how these can save time, effort and cost as they overfly difficult terrain and national boundaries, a benefit that only rivers could provide in the past.

Africa's future Air travel forecast is supported by a number of key indicators:

- From 1998, Africa's economic growth has been stable and above world average
- Workforce population will increase in Africa, reaching more than 1 billion people in 2040
- With higher rate of urbanisation, The United Nations Population Division estimates that the urban population of Africa will reach 56% of its total population in 2040
- Macroeconomic stability for Africa has improved with countries diversifying their economies
- Africa's business attractiveness has increased as more investments projects have been initiated

### 2011 - 2030 GMF results for Africa

Airbus forecasts Africa's air traffic to grow at an average 20-year rate of 5.7% annually. Traffic for African based airlines is expected to grow at an average of 5.6% for the same period.

Because of this strong demand and replacement needs, we expect over 1,100 deliveries of new passenger aircraft of more than 100 seats to Africa, which represents 4% of World deliveries.

Africa Traffic (yearly growth)	2010 - 2020	2010 - 2030
Total passenger traffic	6.5%	5.7%
Domestic & intra-regional traffic	7.4%	6.4%
International traffic	6.4%	5.6%
AFRICA Fleet in-service & deliveries	2010 Fleet in-service	Deliveries 2011 - 2030
Passenger (>100 seats)	594	1,101
Passenger (<100 seats)	450	480
Total Aircraft	1,044	1,581

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## Airbus to launch A330P2F cargo conversion programme

Airbus, ST Aerospace and EADS EFW have signed an MoU for a strategic partnership to develop the A330 Passenger-to-Freighter (P2F) conversion programme.

The A330P2F programme includes two versions – the A330-200P2F and the larger A330-300P2F. Of the two models, the larger A330-300P2F will be particularly suitable for integrators and express carriers thanks to its high volumetric payload capability with lower-density cargo. Complementing this will be the A330-200P2F which will be optimised for higher-density freight and longer range performance. Entry-into-service for the first A330-300P2F is targeted for 2016.

For the project, ST Aerospace will lead the A330P2F engineering development, working with Airbus and EADS EFW who will subsequently be responsible as programme lead during the industrial phase, and will undertake most of the conversions at its facilities in Dresden, Germany.

Tom Enders, President and CEO of Airbus says: "Alongside our highly efficient A330-200F factory-built freighter, Airbus has always been committed to extending its freighter portfolio, and the A330P2F is the perfect next step to building the Airbus Freighters Family."

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