

## Press Release

### **Airbus enters partnership with government of Côte d'Ivoire**

MoU to develop aerospace industry in Côte d'Ivoire

**Toulouse, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018** – Airbus and the government of Côte d'Ivoire signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework of collaboration to support the development of the country's aerospace industry which has been identified as strategic for its economic development.

The MoU was signed today by his Excellency Amadou Koné, Minister of Transport of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and Mikail Houari, President Airbus Africa Middle East in the presence of his Excellency Daniel Kablan Duncan, Vice President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and Guillaume Faury, President Airbus Commercial Aircraft.

Under the terms of the MoU, Airbus and the government of Côte d'Ivoire will explore channels of cooperation in developing the aerospace sector in Côte d'Ivoire in various areas.

"We are confident that this partnership with Airbus will contribute to Côte d'Ivoire's economic growth as well as support us build a stronger framework for industrial development, creation of jobs and capacity building for our country," said his Excellency Daniel Kablan Duncan, Vice President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. We are committed to deliver on our vision and make Côte d'Ivoire a hub for aerospace technology in Africa," he added.

"Collaboration between the public and private sector is essential to facilitate economic and industrial growth. Through this MoU we will work closely with Côte d'Ivoire's government, share expertise, discuss opportunities and support efforts in building a robust and sustainable aerospace sector. At Airbus, we are committed to supporting the sustainable socio-economic development of Africa through partnerships such as this. " said Guillaume Faury, President Airbus Commercial Aircraft.

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