



## ATR AND AVIASSIST ENTERS INTO A PARTNERSHIP IN AFRICA

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**A partnership agreement was signed between ATR and AviAssist, the independent non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting African aviation safety.**

Through this partnership, ATR continues to strengthen flight safety awareness and accident prevention actions. Since 2015, ATR has participated in the annual Safety in African Aviation Conferences (SiAAC) organised by AviAssist. ATR is also a member of the Conference Committee.

Commenting on the signature of this partnership agreement, Tom Kok, Director of AviAssist declared: “We are thrilled to include the expertise, safety dedication and funding of ATR to our work in Africa and our ASPCs (AviAssist Safety Promotion Centres). This partnership demonstrates ATR’s leadership in flight safety. ATR aircraft play a crucial role in the development of new routes across the globe and in Africa. In turn, route development is promoted by the African Union with its Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) initiative. SAATM aims to open up Africa's skies and improve intra-African air connectivity. This partnership enables us to empower ever more safety champions throughout Africa to

## **support SAATM.”**

Christopher McGregor ATR Flight Safety Officer said at the signing: “As the leader in the regional aviation market, it is essential for ATR to share its expertise to improve flight safety in the regions we serve. ATR recognises the success of AviAssist in driving safety improvement. We look forward to further strengthening the existing co-operation through training and dedicated safety promotion activities for regional operations. We thank AviAssist for putting their trust in ATR.”

More than 120 ATR aircraft are operated in 22 African countries by 30 airlines. According to our market forecast, the number of turboprops in Africa is expected to exceed 350 within the next twenty years.

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