



PRESS RELEASE

KAA Boosts Kisumu's Economy With A KSH 10M East African Wildlife Symposium Conference

KISUMU MAY 28, 2014 – The Kenya Airports Authority today hosted a seven country regional meeting in Kisumu that brings in various experts in the area of mitigating the hazards of birds and wildlife incidents on aircrafts.

The delegates numbering over eighty in total will inject an estimated KSHs. 10 million into the local economy incurred through conference tourism expenditure says Dominic Ngigi, the KAA Corporate Affairs Manager.

The delegates hail from Zambia, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Burundi, Tanzania, Kenya South Sudan and Ethiopia with Kenya Airports Authority being the host. The Symposium will run from 28th to the 30th of May 2014. Said Mr. George Amutete, KAA Manager Wildlife Control.

According to the experts, the African region spends an estimated KSHs. 1 Billion per annum to mitigate against the risks of bird strikes which occur mainly when aircrafts land and takeoff.

“The main objective of this symposium is to facilitate the exchange of aviation wildlife hazard information, enhance capacity, discuss upcoming trends and innovations within the industry and create a strong network among stakeholders that will effectively reduce the wildlife strikes within the East African aviation industry.” Said Mr. Ngigi.

The theme for this year's symposium is, “Wildlife Hazards, Land use and Aviation Safety: Impact, challenges and opportunities for synergy.”

The symposiums which is on its third year attracts participation from aviation stakeholders and their associations, international agencies, universities and research institutions, land use planners, technology providers, aviation safety regulators and leaders among others. The symposium will be of high value to all participants as it offers a great opportunity for participants to learn, share views and experiences on bird and wildlife hazards management issues and associated challenges.

Ends..



About Kenya Airports Authority

The Kenya Airports Authority is an autonomous body established in 1991 through an Act of Parliament and is charged with an umbrella responsibility of providing and managing a coordinated system of airports in Kenya. KAA manages 4 International airports, 4 domestic airports and several airstrips. The main airports managed by KAA are:-Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Moi International Airport (MIA), Eldoret International Airport (EIA) and Kisumu International Airport (KIA). All the airports handled a total of 8 million passengers in the year 2012 with JKIA, the flagship currently handling 6 million passengers per annum.

For further information please contact Dominic Ngigi, Corporate Affairs Manager, Kenya Airports Authority. Email: Dominic.Ngigi@kaa.go.ke OR visit www.kaa.go.ke.