



**A Challenge From Africa**

Thank you for the invaluable contribution that Flight Safety Foundation is providing to the aviation world. I feel that flight safety in Africa is being neglected due to lack of information, corruption, economic reasons and because there is lack of enforcement from the aviation authorities. The fact that the Foundation and many others are available on line does not directly translate to information being at the fingertips of those who earnestly need it. Flight safety in Africa is deplorable and something needs to be done about it.

I have been in aviation for about 20 years. I am focusing now on aviation safety and want to make a contribution specifically to safety in Africa. I am a Kenyan and currently work in Djibouti as an airline operations manager. I hold a Kenyan air traffic control license.

There are very few African safety forums that seriously look at improving safety of the African skies, and that is where Flight Safety Foundation comes in. How can we pioneer a reputable African safety organization with the backing of FSF that will fight for the enforcement, training, auditing, reviews, etc. of flight safety in African countries? Now that aviation is moving towards safety management systems, how will Africa fit in without the expertise in this field?

Sir, this is my challenge to Flight Safety Foundation.

David Muthoka  
Daallo Airlines

*FSF President and CEO William R. Voss replies: Mr. Muthoka, I am very familiar with the challenges you face in Africa, based primarily on my previous position as director of the ICAO Air Navigation Bureau. The Foundation is also up*

*to speed on the situation and actively involved. We are working with ICAO on their plans for Africa, and trying to obtain funding from certain Middle Eastern states for improvement of the African aviation infrastructure. We have joined forces with the recently established AviAssist Foundation in Zambia.*

*Last year, the Foundation presented a President's Citation for Outstanding Service to Maimuna Taal, the former director general of the Gambia Civil Aviation Authority, who refused permission for an operator to fly unairworthy 747s from her country. She paid the price of being dismissed and jailed, although she was eventually acquitted of the charges. Through this award and efforts to see that she is properly recognized and employed, we intend to let regulators know that they are not alone when they stand up to political pressure.*

*Thank you for the challenge. There is a great deal that needs to be done, but we are on the job.*

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