

AIR MAURITIUS

Press Release

AIR MAURITIUS OBTAINS IOSA CERTIFICATION

Air Mauritius was formally awarded its IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) registration on Friday April 20 2007. Air Mauritius thus becomes the 4th sub-Saharan African airline to obtain such an official worldwide recognition.

IATA's Director General and CEO, Giovanni Bisignani, officially presented the IOSA Registration Certificate to Air Mauritius' Chairman, Sanjay Bhuckory, during a special awards' ceremony held at IATA's offices in Geneva.



IOSA is the benchmark for global safety management in airlines and is designed to assess the operation management and control systems based on internationally recognised standards. By the end of this year, all IATA members will need to have successfully undergone the IOSA audit in order to achieve or maintain IATA membership.

Presenting the IOSA certificate to Air Mauritius Chairman, IATA's Director General and CEO, Giovanni Bisignani said: *"Safety is our industry's number one priority and last year was our safest year ever. By successfully completing IOSA, Air Mauritius has shown its leadership and commitment to improving safety even further."*





On behalf of Air Mauritius, Sanjay Bhuckory stated: *“IOSA has raised the standard of aircraft safety to new heights. Passing the IOSA test means that Air Mauritius is officially recognized, worldwide, to be beyond reproach on matters of safety. This is an honour for our national airline and our country. I have accepted this award, in all humility, in the name of the whole Air Mauritius family, and more particularly our operations and technical teams, who have contributed to this achievement. I wish to congratulate one and all for their relentless efforts to keep our airline safe and trusted. Such recognition from IATA is indeed an honour for Air Mauritius and Mauritius – It is also a milestone for our airline and all the Air Mauritius family which has successfully gone through the thorough audit procedures leading to Accreditation - I would like here to place on record and congratulate each and everyone who has contributed to such a laudable achievement – This also demonstrates, as the national airline of Mauritius, our total and uncompromising adherence to international standards in terms of operational safety management”.*

Sanjay Bhuckory, who is currently the President of the African Airlines Association (AFRAA), reminded the audience that, at its 38th General Assembly, last year in Cairo, AFRAA adopted a resolution to make IOSA registration a prerequisite to joining, and continued membership of, the Association, with effect from January 2009.

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Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of five Airbus A340-300, two A340-300E, two A319 and two ATR 72's. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty seven destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa.



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