A strong Air Freight industry- the paramount necessity for Africa

It is said that nature abhors vacuum. With the opportunities in the European continent and America having become saturated, the airfreight industry is on the look-out for fresh pastures. The African continent presents this ideal opportunity. On the one hand, Africa is a source for rich mineral and oil resources which are in demand as raw materials in the industrially developed countries and on the other, Africa as a continent in dire need of economic growth to sustain itself. In the present day world, the air freight industry is a direct indicator of and contributor to the economic growth of a nation. In a global village, a continent larger than the size of Europe and America put together cannot afford to remain in isolation from the developments around it. Air freight, is therefore, a necessity for Africa to sustain itself.

Africa, as a continent presents a contrasting picture of opportunities and challenges. While opportunities for growth are aplenty, especially in countries like Nigeria, Angola, South Africa, Egypt, Kenya, the challenges of inadequate or very poor infrastructure remain. But the very necessity for economic growth will spur the nations to find ways and means to overcome the challenges and be a prominent player in the international arena and evolve as economically strong nations.

The biennial international air cargo events, AIR CARGO AFRICA has been an ideal forum to discuss these points. The 4th in the series of these biennial events, AIR CARGO AFRICA 2017 is scheduled to take place in Johannesburg from 21-23, February, 2017. The past events in these biennial series had generated quite a lot of interest both within and outside Africa. AIR CARGO AFRICA 2017 provides yet another opportunity for Manufacturers, Shippers, Airlines, Airports, Freight forwarders, charter providers, cargo handlers, IT solution providers in Africa and around the world to display their products and services and deliberate on topical issues concerning the exploration of opportunities for trade with Africa. This will also pave way for Africa’s emergence as an economically strong nation.

ABOUT AIR CARGO AFRICA:-AIR CARGO AFRICA is an international biennial series of events conceptualised to showcase Africa’s air cargo potential on a global scale. The third edition of these biennial events held in Johannesburg in 2015 gathered a record number of 80 exhibitors from 32 global countries and 29 African countries, 2915 trade visitors and 527 delegates. The event attracted 29 leading minds in the industry for deliberation on topical issues.


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