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Air Mauritius to support the creation of a Ghanaian airline

On the 31 August, Air Mauritius signed an important memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Flysafe Ghana, an entity set up for the creation of a home-based airline for the Republic of Ghana.

The agreement was signed in the presence of the Ghanaian Minister of Aviation, Hon. Miss Cecilia Abena Dapaah. Chairman, Dr Arjoon Suddhoo and CEO, Mr Somas Appavou were signatories for Air Mauritius. The signatories from the FlySafe Ghana delegation were Mr. John Dekyem Attafuah, Managing Director, and Mr Charles Hanson Adu Group Executive, airport management of the Ghana Airports Company Limited.

Hon. Miss Cecilia Abena Dapaah arrived in Mauritius on Tuesday 29 August at the head of a seven-member delegation from the Ministry of Aviation of Ghana, the Ghana Airports Company Limited and the Ghana Civil Aviation Authority. The delegation visited Mauritius to explore the opportunities for collaboration for the setting up of an airline. Work sessions were held management and technical specialists from Air Mauritius on Wednesday. Members of the delegation also visited the facilities at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport as well as the facilities available at Air Mauritius.

Over its 50 years of existence, Air Mauritius has acquired expertise and experience of global standard. Its maintenance and operations processes are compliant with the requirements of Mauritian Department of Civil Aviation, IATA's IOSA and with those of the European Aviation Safety Agency. Air Mauritius has expertise in fields ranging from full aircraft maintenance and engineering, flight operations, full cabin crew training, ground operations, finance, IT systems, aircraft planning and scheduling, sales and distribution and regulatory quality systems, among others. Following its visit to Air Mauritius' premises and following the work sessions they had with company technicians, the Ghanaian delegation agreed on the terms of a collaborative agreement with Air Mauritius and will pursue consultations in the coming weeks.

Ghana is ideally situated to become a hub for Western Africa. It is less than 6 hours from Europe and at the heart of a region home to more than 350 million inhabitants. The neighbouring countries enjoy high economic growth rates and have seen the fast rise of their middle class, which means that the demand for air traffic is forecasted to increase. Air Mauritius' interest in Africa is in line with the country's economic strategy.

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Air Mauritius is the national carrier of the Republic of Mauritius. Created in 1967, it currently operates a fleet of four A340-300, two A340-300E, two A330-200, two A319-100 and three ATR72-500. Air Mauritius presently flies to twenty-three destinations in Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa and the Indian Ocean