

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF NIGERIA

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Introduction

Nigeria is located in the western part of Africa with over 209 million people, having 36 states with 524 native languages, with English being the Official language. Now talking about Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) was established in 1999 but was passed into Law in 2006 by the Nation Assembly and was approval by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria the same year.



Why is CAA Important in Nigeria? The CAA helps to improve the aviation safety standards in the local and international Airports and aircrafts of Nigeria because it is the biggest country in Africa with a lot of international and local trade among different countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and many more[1].

Local and International Airports in Nigeria. Nigeria has 31 Airports both Local and International and all of them are involved in intense operation today for

passenger and cargo transportation.

11 main International Airport located in states/capitals are (Sokoto, Port Harcourt, Kaduna, Enugu, Kano, Jigawa, Delta, Kebbi, Ilorin, Lagos, Abuja).

Lagos located in Ikeja, Lagos State, Nigeria, and it's also one of the biggest airport in Nigeria (Murtala Muhammed International Airport) with 27 different Airlines and over 42 (countries) destination and also having the longest runway in Nigeria. **Abuja** (Nnamdi Azikiwe) **Airport** named after the first president of Nigeria, it's one of the biggest airport which is the busiest airport in Nigeria. **With 20 Local Airport** in Nigeria we have over 14 airlines. Main or most popular airlines are (Ank Air, Air Peace, Kabo Air, Dana Air, Allied Air, Max Air and Azman Air).

History of civil aviation in Nigeria.

First airport in Nigeria Mallam Kano International Airport is the oldest in Nigeria, and the first aircraft that landed in Nigeria was in Kano in 1922.

The first aircrafts based at this airport were small and powered by piston engines. These aircrafts did not require long run ways.

The most famous and respected personalities among Nigerian aviators are the first female pilot **Chinyere Kalu**, born in 1970 (age 51 years) who has worked with different types of passenger aircraft in Nigeria for over 20 years with different airlines

and Past President of ICAO (1 January 2014, to 31 December 2019) **Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu.**



He was born on the 13th of April 1960 in Nigeria. Did his primary and secondary school also in Nigeria and then travelled to Ukraine, to get his, PhD in Aeronautical Engineering, in Kiev's Institute of Civil Aviation Engineers [2].

Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu do not forget his, Alma mater – NAU and visited to University for several times having both local and International awards: African Airlines Association (AFRAA) in the year 2011; African Aviation Leadership Achievement Award, 2010.

Modern state of Nigeria civil aviation. Today Nigeria has a modern civil aviation. Fourteen aviation companies operate here, which have quite modern aircraft fleet such as Boeing 777, 737-

700 NG, Regional Jet CRJ 400/900, Dash 8-400Q, Business Jet/Turboprop, Helicopters, B777. They annually transport tens of thousands of passengers both to European capitals and many countries in Asia and Africa, the United States and Canada. These airlines employ 130 licensed pilots in accordance with the ICAO requirements of 2343 Cabin Crew Licence. There are also 1659 Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Licence with validation and technicians working here. They perform the entire range of maintenance and repair of modern aircraft. Air traffic control in Nigeria's airspace is provided by about thousands of licensed air traffic controllers and Aircraft Dispatchers' Licence.

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