



## Nigeria's Aliu Elected ICAO Council President

**D**r. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, the Nigerian repre-



**Dr. Olumuyiwa B. Aliu**

sentative on the ICAO Council, has been elected, by acclamation, the fifth President of the ICAO Council following the unanimous

agreement of the 36 States which comprise ICAO's Governing Council during the body's 200th Session on 18 November, 2013.

Dr. Aliu, in his remark, thanked his colleagues on the ICAO Council for their support and recognition, adding: "Aviation today faces many challenges but its role in expanding tourism and market access has never been more important to modern society and to the lo-

cal, regional and global economic players who rely so significantly today on safe and dependable air transport connectivity. I will look forward to working with my Council colleagues over the next triennium, with the support of the ICAO Air Navigation Commission and Secretariat, as we seek to address aviation's key areas of priority."

Starting his new role on 1 January 2014,

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## NAMA Engineers Complete VOLMET Training at STR

**T**hree Air Traffic Engineers from Nigeria's sole air navigation service provider (ANSP), the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), have successfully completed a comprehensive training programme on

STR-SpeechTech's trailblazing StarCaster VOLMET Text-to-Speech system, which will be deployed at the two Nigerian FIR stations in Lagos and Kano and configured to interface seamlessly

with NAMA's AFTN/AMHS and ATC VHF Radio infrastructure for the automated broadcast of VOLMET messages to aircraft in flight.

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- TO ENSURE THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION OF ATSEPS.
- TO ENSURE THE CONTINUING SAFETY OF AIR TRAFFIC IN NIGERIA AND AFRICA.
- TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF GLOBAL ATM SERVICES.

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### Editor's Note



The much-talked-about Annual General Meeting (AGM) / Award Night of the National Association of Air Traffic Engineers (NAAE) has come and gone.

Appropriately tagged UYO 2013, the epoch-making AGM/Award Night took place at the EEMJM Hotel and Suites, Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State from 28 to 29 November, with the support and attendance of

the Government of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria, whose effort as far as the development of the state's civil aviation sector is concerned is, indeed, worthy of commendation.

We commend the National Executive Committee of NAAE for staging the event and for making it a hard-to-forget event.

We also wish to recognize the Lagos Chapter of

NAAE for the Inaugural Workshop/Symposium of the Chapter held on 5 December at the Headquarters Annex of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority in Lagos. The event actually justified its branding by the Chapter executive as an **Edutainment Treat**. We are hoping that other chapters of NAAE will emulate this exemplary initiative.

Thank you.

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Dr. Olumuyiwa Aliu will succeed Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez of Mexico—the fourth President of the ICAO Council—who was elected ICAO Council President in March 2006, effective 1 Au-

gust 2006, for his first ward Warner of the triennial term, following the premature re- United States of America (1947-1957); Retirement of Dr. Assad Binaghi of Argentina (1957-1976); Dr. Aliu becomes the Lebanon's Assad Kortaite (1976-2006); and ICAO Council. The Mexico's Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez (2006 Presidents are: Ed- -2013).□

### NAAE LAGOS HOLDS INAUGURAL WORKSHOP



Engr. E. Ajuwa  
Chairman, NAAE Lagos

The Lagos Chapter of the National Association of Air Traffic Engineers (NAAE) held its Inaugural Workshop/Symposium on 5 December, 2013.

The event, which took place at the Headquarters Annex of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority in Lagos, attracted a large number of audience and dignitaries, including the National

President of the National Association of Air Traffic Engineers, Engr. Ebenezer Mekanjuola.

The event, appropriately branded as an

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## FARID ZIZI APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF ICAO ANC

The Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has unanimously appointed Commissioner Farid Zizi to a one-year term as President of the ICAO Air Navigation Commission (ANC), the UN civil aviation Standards Organization's main technical body. Zizi was nominated for the appoint-

ment by France and his mandate begins on 1 January 2014.

Zizi has served as a Commissioner of the ICAO ANC since 2010. Prior to this, he headed the Education and Research activities for France's *École Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (ENAC)*, its national civil aviation training organiza-

tion, managing more than 1,600 students and 6,000 trainees per year. Zizi was also involved in Europe's SESAR research programme and served as Chairman of the EUROCONTROL Advisory Group for Air Traffic Management (ATM) training, after having led ENAC's ATM development efforts. □



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Edutainment Treat by the organizers with the theme 'The Role of ATSEP in the Aviation Safety Chain', featured a number of lecture sessions followed by Question and Answer Sessions.

A seasoned Air Traffic Controller, Mr. Pwajok, delivered a lecture on ATC in Nigeria in which he undertook an over-

view of the air traffic management process in Nigeria vis-à-vis operations with other regional FIRs (Flight Information Regions).

Engr. Basil U. Omamogho, the Head of the Electronic Communications Department at Lagos airport, tackled the question of Work Ethics, while Engr. Johnson Otitolaye x-rayed Radio Communications with particular emphasis

on the area control ATC Radio Communications infrastructure of the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency.

Engr. (Mrs.) U. Edosomwan gave a lecture on ICT in CNS/ATM operations, while Engr. A. Onyejiuwa and Engr. C.T. Nwachukwu handled the aspects of Navigation/Workshop and PABX/Cable Network respectively. □

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The training, with Cyprian U. Egwim, Adeyinka O. Osunwusi and Ahmad Ibrahim in attendance, took place from 25 November to 29 November 2013 at the Victoria, BC, Canada site of STR-SpeechTech Ltd, a company with worldwide

reputation as the leading supplier of text-to-speech systems. The training as well as the earlier FAT/Training sessions attended by personnel from the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) are components of the contract between NIMET and

STR-SpeechTech for the supply and deployment of all hardware and software for the StarCaster VOLMET system at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos and the Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano in Nigeria.

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NAMA Engineers with STR-SpeechTech's President and CEO, B. Craig Dickson, during a hands-on exercise.

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matically download information on weather and airport conditions in text formats and convert the text into clear and consistent VOLMET broadcasts to aircraft in flight. The VOLMET broadcasts include METAR, SPECI, TAF and SIGMET information packaged to meet ICAO and WMO (World Meteorological Organization) recommendations. □

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