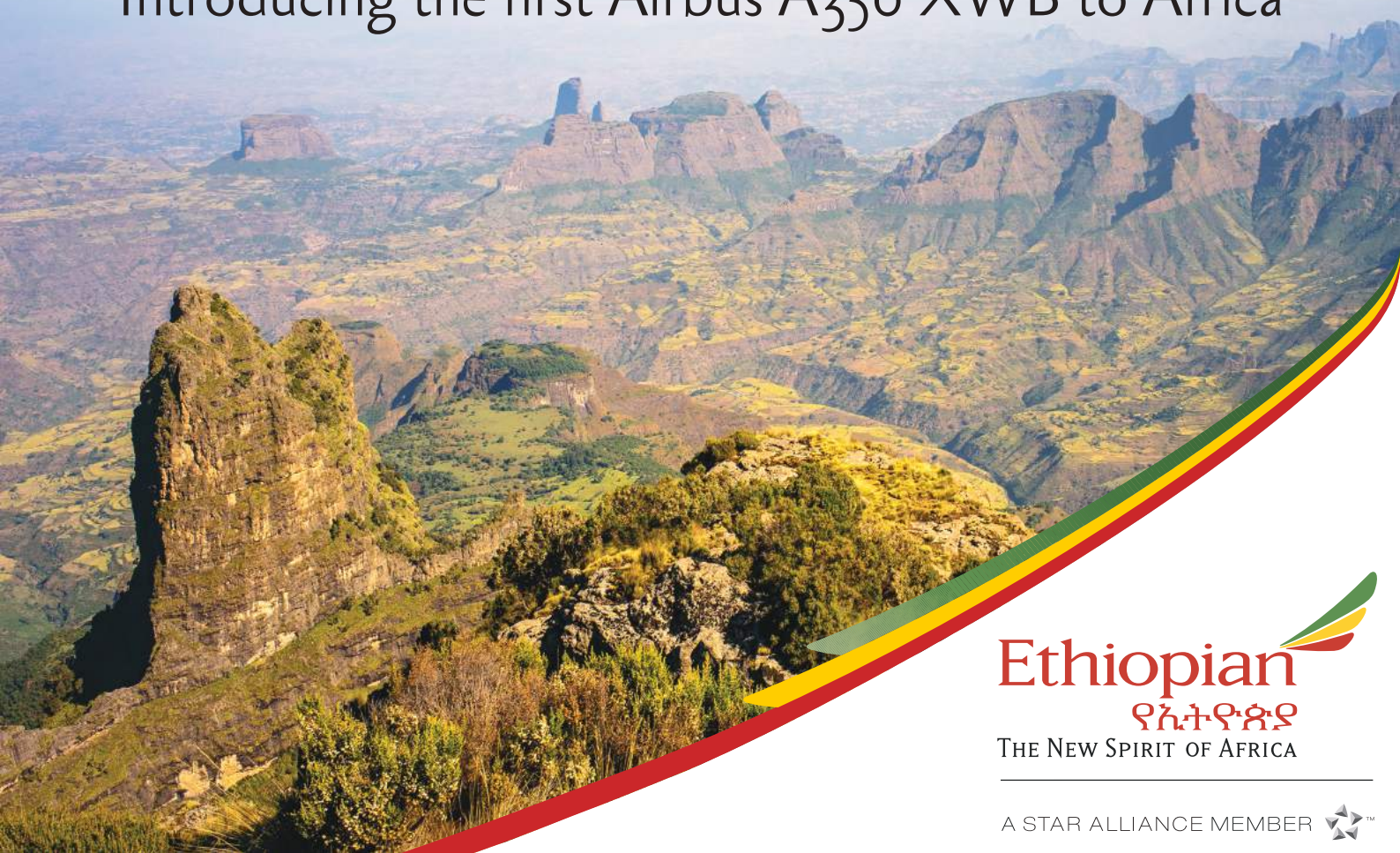


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Ethiopian -1st Airline in Africa to Receive Airbus A350XWB and First in the World to fly it in African Skies

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Ethiopian is proud to be the first airline from Africa to take delivery of the A350 and excel in offering its passengers the ultimate travel experience on-board this aircraft ahead of other carriers. Ethiopian is also pleased to make all Africans proud by being the first airline in the world to fly this ultra-modern airplane in the African skies.



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Africa's First Airbus A350 XWB named The Simien Mountains, Brought the Extra Features Home



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Reception Event of the Airbus A350XWB at the VIP Lounge



What's up @ ET in June 2016

Ethiopian graced Africa's first Airbus A350 reception by breaking Guinness World Record for Largest Human Image of an Airplane



Ethiopian has broken a Guinness World Record for making the largest ever human image of an Airplane on June 29, 2016.



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Ethiopian Hosted Africa 787 Supplier Technical Summit



Ethiopian in collaboration with the Boeing Company hosted 'Africa 787 Supplier Technical Summit' from 7-9 June 2016.

This technical summit was for the entire African region including Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways, Royal Air Maroc and others. Many of the B-787 aircraft components and parts suppliers in the industry participated in the conference. The aim for the summit is to ensure the supply chain is well-equipped and quickly resolves issues and fully support the growing 787 fleet in the region.

The summit participated suppliers including technical experts from TC Aerospace Systems, Moog Inc., Parker Hannifin, Honeywell, JAMCO Aircraft Maintenance Company, Triumph Engineering Co Ltd, Zodiac Aerospace, GE Aviation, Aviall, Thales Group, and Eaton.

ING Closes Pre-Delivery Payment Financing for Ethiopian Airlines

ING Capital LLC announced that it closed a USD 107.5 million pre-delivery payment (PDP) financing for Ethiopian Airlines on May 12 in respect of Airbus A350-900 aircraft. The airline is utilizing the PDP financing to finance a portion of the pre-delivery payments which it makes to Airbus prior to the delivery of each aircraft. ING Capital is the sole lender and facility agent.

Ethiopian Airlines has ordered 14 Airbus A350-900 aircraft, the first of which is scheduled to be delivered in June 2016. The airline will be the first African A350 operator when it takes delivery of the first aircraft. Ethiopian Airlines plans to deploy the aircraft on its expanding route network linking Africa with Europe, Asia and the Americas.

What's up @ ET in June 2016

Ethiopian Aviation Academy Graduated 347 Aviation Professionals



Ethiopian Airlines Aviation Academy (EAA), graduated 25 Pilots, 35 Aviation maintenance technicians, 43 Cabin Crew and 244 Commercial and Ground Service professionals at a colorful ceremony held at Ethiopian Aviation Academy on June 09, 2016. This round of graduates included Rwandese nationals, testimony of Ethiopian Airlines key role in African Integration and self-sufficiency.



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Ethiopian 70th Year Anniversary and Annual Employees' Day Colorfully Celebrated



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International Air Transport Association IATA

Ethiopian Group CEO Ato Tewelde GebreMariam, has been re-appointed to the IATA Board of Governors for a three year-term at the 72nd IATA Annual General Meeting held in Dublin, Ireland. Ato Tewelde has also been appointed to the IATA Strategy and Policy Committee.

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Area News

Oman Area office sponsored “The Africa Day” which was celebrated in a 5 star Crown Plaza hotel in Muscat



The event was graced by representative of MOFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) of the Sultanate of Oman. Attendees were all African Ambassadors, Ambassadors of other countries, famous business persons, professional Africans working in Oman, Ethiopian as well as African community members residing in Oman.

Ethiopian participated on Kilimanjaro Industrial and Tourism Fair famously known as KILIFAIR



Ethiopian team in Kilimanjaro has had the honor of receiving and hosting the Minister of Tourism; and the Managing Director of Tanzania tourist Board (Mrs. DeVota) and he had commented that “Ethiopian Airlines is one of the pillars of Tanzanian Tourism”. Further reading on the news can be found on: <http://dailynews.co.tz/index.php/home-news/50378-tourism-fair-delights-foreigners>

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Aviation

Ethiopian Airlines celebrates 70 years of success

The fastest growing Airline in Africa, Ethiopian Airlines currently flying to 92 international destinations is celebrating its 70th anniversary of service.

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Representatives from the destination management companies (DMCs) and stakeholders of the local tourism industry gathered at the Carana-Beach Hotel, for the special celebration. During a short award presentation, the Ethiopian Airlines area manager, Meseret Tekalign rewarded SeaShell Travel as the best seller. It was

followed by Mason's Air Travel and Creole Air Travel in third Place.

During her speech, Ms Tekalign explained that Ethiopian Airlines started operations in Seychelles exactly 38 years ago, in April 1978 and that she was particularly proud to announce that the airline had made significant progress in the past year. For instance, she stated that the traffic between Seychelles and all

over their networks have grown by an average of 8 percent compared to the growth rate they had experience before temporarily ceasing operations. "This may not sound so impressive, but I know how tough the waves were and I for sure can say this milestone is indeed significant to be recognised," she said.

Ms Tekalign also informed her guests that Ethiopian Airlines is consistently recognised as an

aviation leader. In fact, last year alone, the airline was honored with a host of awards including 'Best African Cargo Airline of the Year' by Air Cargo News, 'African Airline of the Year' by African Aviation and 'Airline service provider of the year & Airline of the year' by African Airlines Association, to name but a few.

"I am really honored to be part of this commendable success story, and to have had the chance to exert all of my productive years in Ethiopian Airlines. It is now 16 years since I joined Ethiopian Airlines, and I am incredibly proud of both where we began and where we are now," said Ms Tekalign.

As an example of the airlines ever growing aspirations, the 70th year of success is celebrated at a time when the Ethiopian Airlines Aviation Academy (EAA) - the largest and one of the most technologically advanced aviation institutions in Africa - proudly announced that 25 pilots, 35 aviation maintenance technicians, 43 cabin crew and 244 commercial ground service professionals graduated with high results.

Founded in 1945, Ethiopian Airlines has become one of the continent's leading carriers and most profitable airline in the Sub-Saharan region. Ethiopian Airlines commands the lion's share of the pan-African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to 92 international destinations across five continents.

The airline has been a member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) since 1959 and of the African Airlines Association (AFRAA) since 1968 as well as a Star Alliance member since December 2011.

In the past decade, Ethiopian Airlines has made a significant improvement at the forefront of technology whereby they achieved several awards such as the 'Airline Training Services Provider of the Year 2014' and the 'African Airline of the year' for five consecutive years (2009-2013).

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Ethiopian Airlines area manager, Meseret Tekalign.



Representatives from local travel agencies posing with their awarded certificates.

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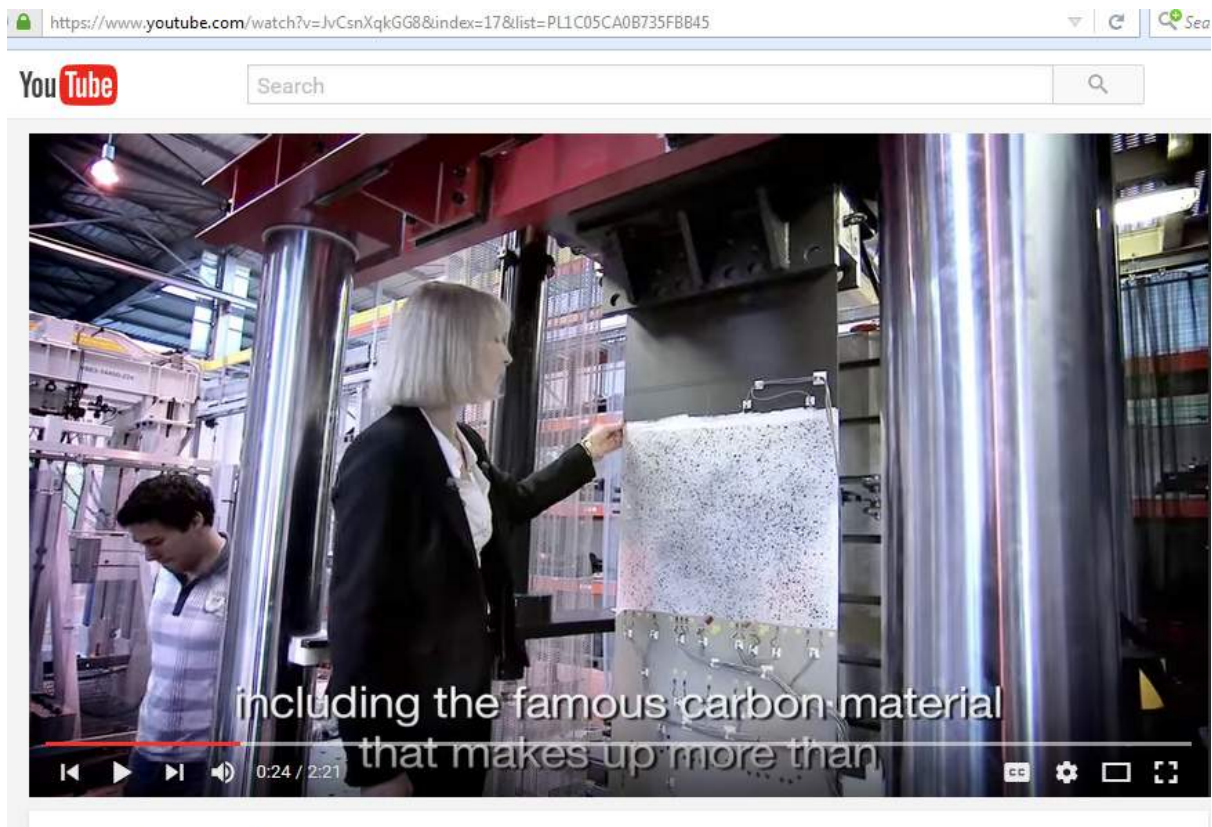
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Inspired by birds, the wings of the A350 XWB have been designed to adapt during the flight, morphing while airborne, changing their shape to reduce fuel burn.



Over half of the A350 XWB is made of carbon fibre. EthiopianA350

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Ethiopian on EBC

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Aviation: Ethiopian Airlines receives Africa's first Airbus A350

By Tinishu Solomon

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Ethiopian Airlines on Tuesday took delivery of its first Airbus A350 plane in the French aeronautics city of Toulouse, becoming the first African carrier to own the new-generation wide-body aircraft.

The plane will first be deployed on the Addis Ababa and Lagos, and Addis Ababa and Dubai routes.

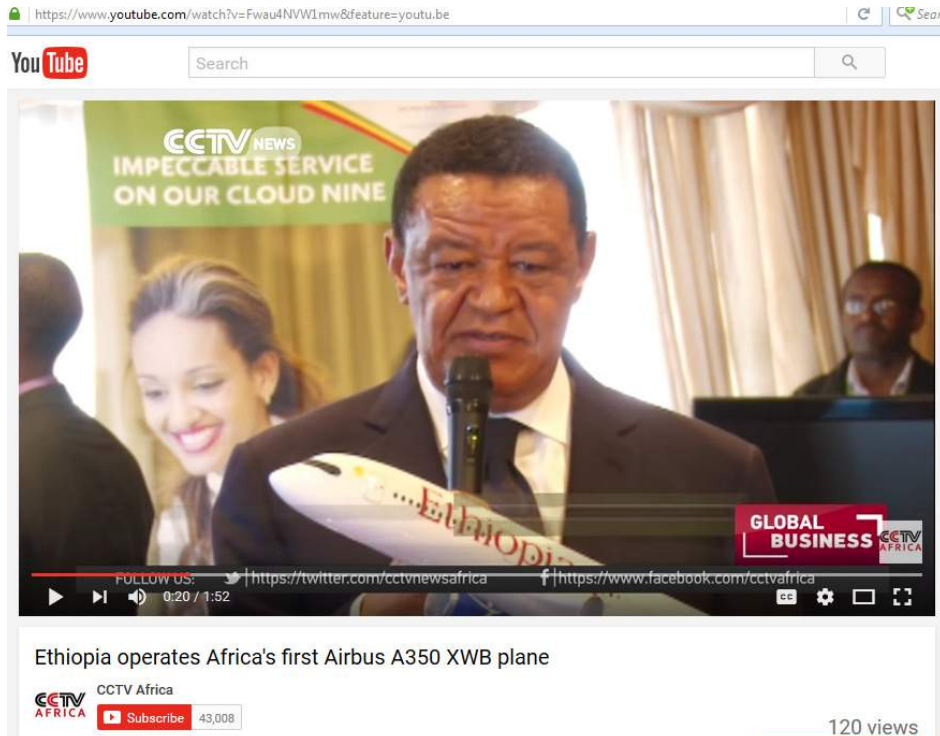
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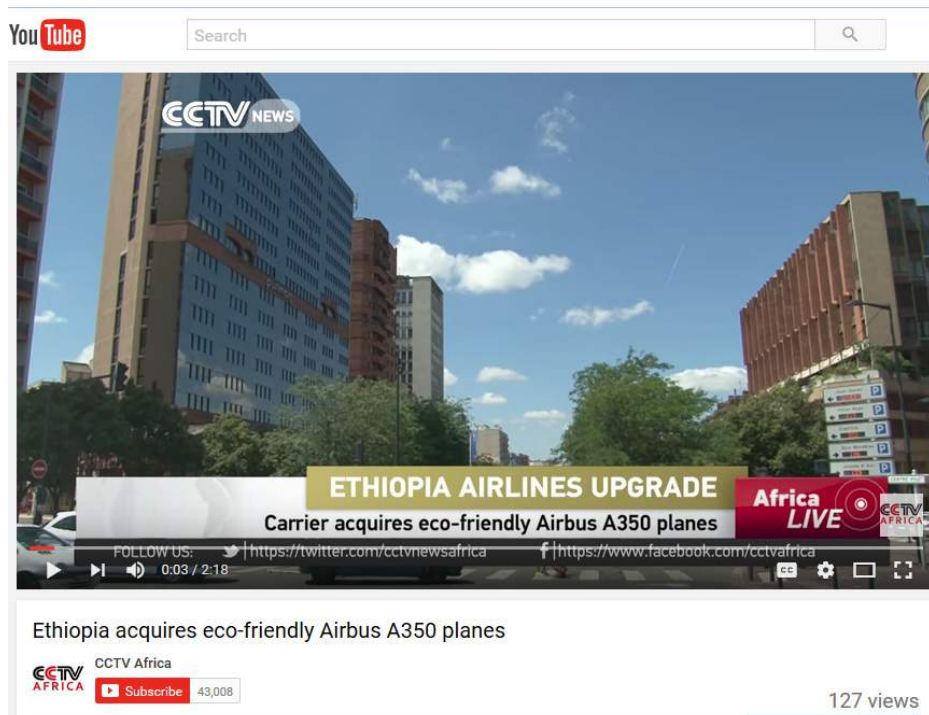
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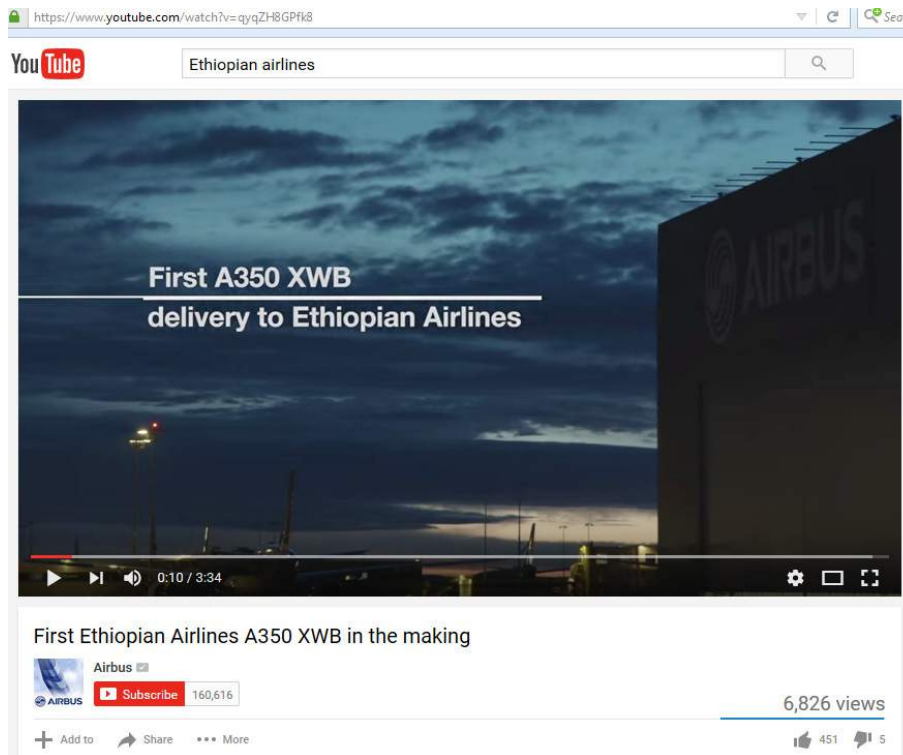


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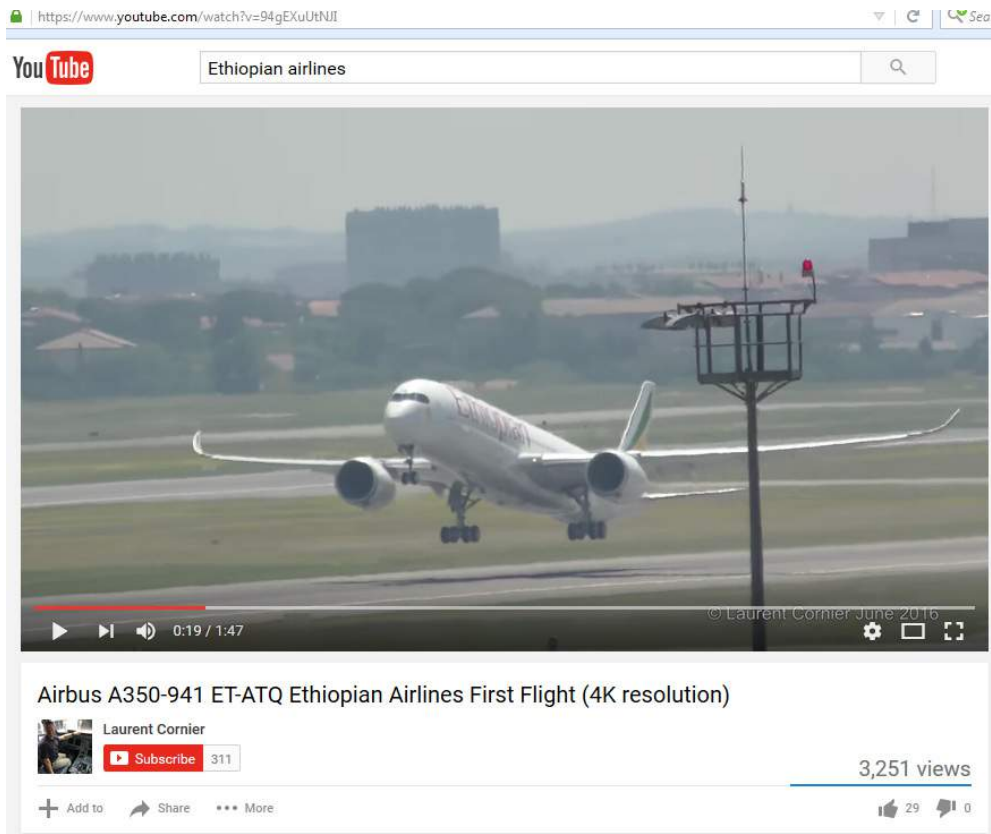


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First Ethiopian Airlines A350 XWB in the making. Watch on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyqZH8GPfk8>



Airbus A350-941 ET-ATQ Ethiopian Airlines First Flight. Watch on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94gEXuUtNJI>



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Ethiopia's alliance with global aviation industry

The aviation industry is hampered by slim profit margins, forcing carriers to focus on both cost reduction and revenue growth through better customer interactions. Still, the global airline industry continues to grow supported by the respite in fuel prices. However, consistent and robust profitability is elusive. **Kaleyasu Bekele** of The Reporter recently traveled to Hamburg, Germany, Dublin, Republic of Ireland and Zurich, Switzerland to attend different events and recaps the current trend and the future of the industry.



Ethiopian Airlines wins African Airline of the Year 2016

Ethiopian Airlines, "the fastest growing and the largest African airline" has won the African Airline of the Year Award for 2016 during the 25th Anniversary African Airline Awards Conference & Exhibition and African Aviation Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The awards were presented to Ethiopian Airlines in recognition of its financial performance, fleet modernization, route network expansion, in-flight services, overall customer care and its increasing contribution to its own development in Africa.

Commenting on the award, **Medfin Tassew**, Chief Operating Officer Ethiopian Airlines, said: "We are pleased to win the African Airline of the Year 2016 award, which is a testimony of Ethiopia 70 years of commitment to being Africa's neighbor and closer to the rest of the world. It is also a recognition of the visionary leadership of Ethiopian management and the hard work of thousands of Ethiopian employees who work hard to keep our beloved airline strong in the skies. On behalf of the Ethiopian Executive Management and myself, I would like to thank African Airlines for the recognition."

Presenting the award, **Nick Fadigas**, CEO African Airlines, remarked: "Ethiopian Airlines continues to be the force through its tangible achievements and its service of great pride to Africa. In addition, the African Airline of the Year award is a testament to the development of Aviation Human Resources for the African continent, particularly in the fields of aircraft maintenance, pilot and cabin crew training."

Source: Ethiopian Airlines

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Ethiopian named Africa's first Airbus A350 XWB 'The Simien Mountains'

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopian Airlines has become the first African carrier to receive an Airbus A350 XWB aircraft, named "The Simien Mountains".

The aircraft, which is the first of its kind in the African continent, was delivered to the airline by Airbus in Addis Ababa on June 10, 2016.

The aircraft is a wide-body, long-haul jet with a capacity of 300 passengers. It is the largest aircraft in the Ethiopian fleet and will be used for long-haul routes to Europe, Asia, and Australia.

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Qabredahare Airport in attracting investment

BY WAKIDMA KIDAMA

The significance of well-developed transportation facilities in supporting the growing investment is considerably high. The transport sector is an important component of the entire economy. The growth of the country's economy is largely dependent on the mobility of people, goods, knowledge, and information.

Highlighting the economic importance of the transportation sector in accelerating the country's development, the Ethiopian government has been investing a great deal in the sector for more than two decades. The investment in infrastructure development in the country registered in the past decade can be associated with high density of transport infrastructure. When the transport system is well developed, it provides economic and social opportunities and benefits that result in positive effects such as being accessible to markets, employment and additional investments. Since this trend has become evident in Ethiopia these days, the intended development and investment in the sector is being given top priority.

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Ethiopian Group CEO re-appointed to IATA Board of Governors

Ethiopian airlines announced that its Group CEO **Tewelde Gebremariam** has been re-appointed to the IATA (International Air Transport Association) Board of Governors for a three year-term at the 72nd IATA Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Dublin, Ireland.

Moreover Tewelde has also been appointed to the IATA Strategy and Policy Committee. He has been serving to the Board of governors since 2013.

The IATA Board of Governors has 31 members, who are elected from the representatives of IATA active member airlines. Its members exercise an oversight and executive role on behalf of the membership as a whole in representing the interests of the Association and the Board of Governors acts as the government of IATA, which represents around 260 airlines in over 117 countries, carrying 83 percent of the world's air traffic.

Ethiopian centers investing in human resource for outstanding achievements

Academy graduates 347 aviation professionals

BY WAKIDMA KIDAMA

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopian Airlines CEO **Tewelde Gebremariam** said the national center for training in human resource development is a key to the success of the airline industry.

The Ethiopian Airlines Academy graduated 347 pilots and aircrew professionals during the graduation ceremony held in Addis Ababa on June 10, 2016.

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Ethiopian making Bangkok hub for Southeast Asia flights

By Staff Reporter

Ethiopian Airlines is pushing Bangkok as a new hub to link with Southeast Asia region, with plans to operate connecting flights to Vietnam, Singapore and Indonesia over the next 18 months.

Mease Tassew, regional manager for Thailand and Southeast Asia, said the airline would operate a connecting Bangkok-Hanoi flight from November. It also plans to add nonstop routes through Bangkok to Singapore and Jakarta by March next year.

Currently, the airline operates seven flights a week between Addis Ababa and Bangkok, with three connecting flights per week to Hanoi, Taipei and four to Seoul and Manila.

"We are pushing Thailand as a new hub to Southeast Asia. Bangkok will play a key role in this," he said.

The main passenger target in Southeast Asia are people working for multinational and mining companies. In Ethiopia, while tourists, particularly from independent travelers, are an important market.

Among African airlines operating in Southeast Asia, which also include Kenya Airways, South African Airways and Egyptair, Ethiopian Airlines has 30-40 percent of the market. Average load factor on the Bangkok-Addis Ababa route is 75-80 percent.

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The national airline of Ethiopia began a major campaign to expand its Southeast Asian network by operating a special flight to Bangkok with an all-ATR fleet. Including the new route, the airline will continue to expand its Southeast Asian network as part of its 70th anniversary celebrations in Ethiopia in 2016. The airline is currently operating flights to Hanoi, Taipei and Seoul. The airline is currently operating flights to Hanoi, Taipei and Seoul.

With flying colors



Ethiopian Airlines pilots and crew members in uniform.

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Ethiopian to order 10-15 regional jets

To take delivery of Africa's first Airbus A350 XWB

By Kaleyasu Bekele

Ethiopian Airlines is in the process of ordering 10-15 regional jets that will double its short-haul fleet. It was learnt.

Ethiopian Airlines operates 100 aircraft in its fleet. The national airline is currently operating 100 aircraft in its fleet. The national airline is currently operating 100 aircraft in its fleet.



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CEO: A350 XWB takes Ethiopian Airlines 'to the next level'

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Ethiopian Airlines took delivery of the first of 4 Airbus A350-900s on June 26, making it Africa's first operator of the type. It is also the Addis Ababa-based carrier's first Airbus aircraft in its 70-year history.

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Airline Focus

ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES 70 Years Young

By Adol Franz

As the fastest growing and largest African airline in Africa, Ethiopian Airlines is delighted to celebrate its 70 years of dedicated and highly successful air transport services to, from and within the continent of Africa.

Since its inception 70 years ago, the national flag carrier has played a major role in Africa's economic and social development. Through its services, it has helped to connect Africa to the rest of the world. Today, it is the largest African airline, with the largest fleet of aircraft in Africa. Ethiopian Airlines is proud to have been named the most successful African airline in the world for the 10th year.

The airline is currently operating a fleet of 63 aircraft, serving 45 destinations in 33 countries across six continents. It is a member of the Star Alliance and has a hub-and-spoke network with Addis Ababa as its main base. Ethiopian Airlines is committed to providing the highest quality of service to its passengers and to supporting the economic growth of Africa.



High-quality and high level of customer service is the trademark of Ethiopian Airlines, Mr. Mengesha said.

Enhancing seamless connectivity options in its continent, Ethiopian Airlines is today flying to more than 40 international destinations in the continent. Moreover, it recently added routes to Istanbul and London from its newly acquired Airbus A350-900s. The airline also operates a direct flight to New York Newark from Addis Ababa via London and will further expand its services to other major cities in the world.

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Ethiopian Airlines claims leadership with first African Airbus A350 XWB

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Ethiopian Airlines, a major airline connecting Africa with the rest of the World, continued its aviation technology leadership with yet another first African Airbus A350 XWB.

In its 70-year history, Ethiopian claims many firsts in the African aviation industry. The A-350 XWB will be the first Airbus aircraft in Ethiopian fleet and the first of its kind in Africa.

All seats are fitted with the latest high-definition touchscreen personal monitors and a higher selection of movies, TV series and audio channels.

Inflight Wi-Fi connection will be made available on this aircraft in the future. Passengers with smart devices can connect to the world while others can use the smart individual touch screens on their seats when the internet service goes operational.

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Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines Tewelde Gebremariam said: "We are very pleased that Ethiopian has taken the leadership role in Africa and has become among the few leading airlines in the world to invest in this latest technology and efficient flying machine. Operating the youngest fleet in the industry with modern and comfortable customer features in cabin is one of the four pillars of our vision 2025. Its years' strategic road map and the introduction of the A-350 is one component of this strategy."

Tewelde added: "We have also made sure that our aircraft is designed and configured to surpass the expectations of our customers. Africa's first A350 will provide new features such as wider seats in both Business and Economy classes the lowest cabin engine noise level, advanced air conditioning technology and full LED mood lighting to enhance the comfort while reducing fatigue after a long flight."

He said: "The Airbus A350 XWB will enable us to further expand our service quality especially on our long-haul flights and strengthen our connectivity and brand with the best carbon emission to our planet."

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Ethiopian Airlines s'engage à accompagner les événements culturels au Congo

C'est en qu'il a déclaré la représentation de cette compagnie aérienne au République du Congo, Pauline Kibwani, à sa sortie d'aéroport avec le mission de la Culture et des arts, Laurent David Mutamba Mwanishi, le lundi 13 juin 2016.

Pauline Kibwani est venue présenter ses condoléances au ministre de la Culture et des arts, Laurent David Mutamba Mwanishi, avant d'annoncer les intentions de la compagnie de travailler avec le secteur touristique.

« Il est important pour nous de renforcer nos relations avec les gouvernements et les citoyens congolais. Ethiopian Airlines est prête à travailler durablement et en franche collaboration avec le secteur de la Culture et des arts », a-t-elle déclaré à la presse. « A sa sortie d'aéroport, nous sommes heureux de visiter les lieux qui ont permis de célébrer le patrimoine culturel du Congo. Ethiopian Airlines s'engage à accompagner les événements culturels au Congo pour les différents événements culturels », a-t-elle déclaré à la presse. « A sa sortie d'aéroport, nous sommes heureux de visiter les lieux qui ont permis de célébrer le patrimoine culturel du Congo. Ethiopian Airlines s'engage à accompagner les événements culturels au Congo pour les différents événements culturels », a-t-elle déclaré à la presse.



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Ethiopian Airlines innove avec l'A350 XWB

Des sièges personnalisés, un service à bord amélioré, une sélection de films, de séries télévisées et de musique, Ethiopian Airlines a renouvelé son parc de transport avec le plus grand avion de ligne au monde, l'Airbus A350-900.

Le plus grand avion de ligne au monde, l'Airbus A350-900, a été livré à Ethiopian Airlines le 26 juin 2016. Cet avion de ligne à long rayon d'action, capable de voler jusqu'à 12 heures de vol, sera utilisé sur la ligne Addis Ababa - Londres - New York. L'Airbus A350-900 est le plus grand avion de ligne au monde, capable de voler jusqu'à 12 heures de vol, sera utilisé sur la ligne Addis Ababa - Londres - New York.



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ETHIOPIA

The Simien Mountains

Ethiopia is home to 80% of the land in Africa above 3,000m. Thus, the Simien Mountains, with the highest point in Ethiopia (Ras Dejen at 4,550m) is also known as 'the roof of Africa.'

The Simien Mountains were formed prior to the creation of the Rift Valley, from lava outpourings between 40 and 25 million years ago during the Oligocene period. The volcano is believed to have spread over more than 5000m² and resulted in a thick sequence of basaltic volcano some 3,000-3,500m thick that was deposited on 500m thick Precambrian crystalline basement. The major part of the Simien Mountains consists of remnants of a Hawaiian-type shield volcano. The Kidus Yared peak is situated near the center of the shield volcano. Ras Dejen (4,550m), Bwahit (4,430m) and Silki (4,420m) were formed from the outer core of this ancient volcano.



The extreme escarpment in Simien appears to be a precondition for the formation of the extended uplift of the whole mountain massif 75 million years ago. The dramatic views are due to this volcanic activity. Especially of note is the 2,000m high escarpment extending in a southwest-northeast direction. Continued erosion has enhanced the display of the escarpments for the views you see today.



There are different types of soils as a result of difference in geological formation, glaciations, topography and climate. The Humic Andosol is the dominant soil type which is mainly found at an altitude of 3,000m. The other types of soil are shallow Andosols, Lithosols and Haplic Phaeozems that are mainly common in the area between 2,500 and 3,500m. The Simien Mountains are highly eroded as a result of human land use practices and as a result of the topography of the area.

UNESCO missions visited Ethiopia in 1963 and 1965 and recommended the establishment of the Simien Mountains National Park. The park was officially established in 1966.

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