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Chengdu is the capital of China's Sichuan province and is the 7<sup>th</sup>-largest city in China. Chengdu is the country's western center of logistics, commerce, science and technology, as well as a hub of transportation, manufacturing and communication.



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## Ethiopian Starts Direct and Non-Stop Services to Singapore



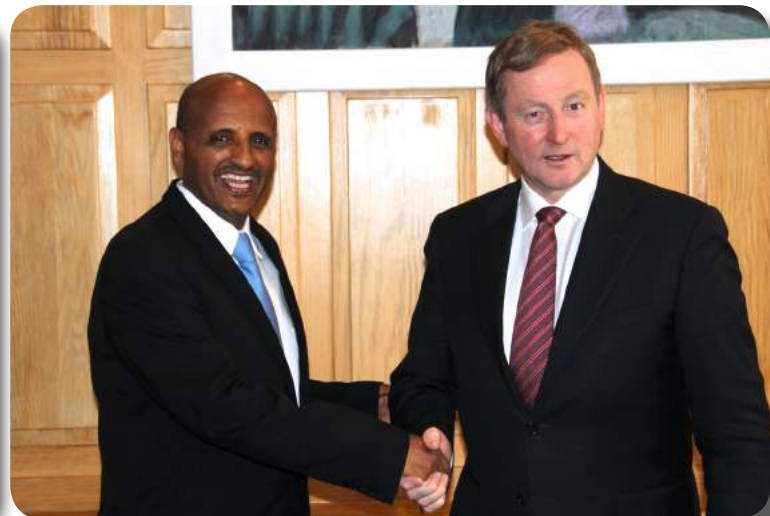
Ethiopian has started five weekly direct and non-stop services to Singapore as of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 using the ultra-modern Boeing 787.

Singapore's Changi airport is one of the major global aviation hubs with the latest airport infrastructure and one of the best hub transfer services. Singapore is also one of the pre-eminent financial hubs in the world.



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## Ethiopian Group CEO Partakes on CAPA Airline Leader Summit 2017



Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam discussed current developments and future prospects of Ethiopian Airlines in particular and the African Aviation in general at the CAPA airline leader summit held in Ireland, Dublin. Moreover, the Irish Foreign & Transport Ministry together with the Irish Embassy in Ethiopia has organized a meeting with H.E. Prime Minister Enda Kenny to compliment Ethiopian investment and successful operation in Ireland.

## Ethiopian Group CEO interview at the AFRICAN CEO FORUM 2017

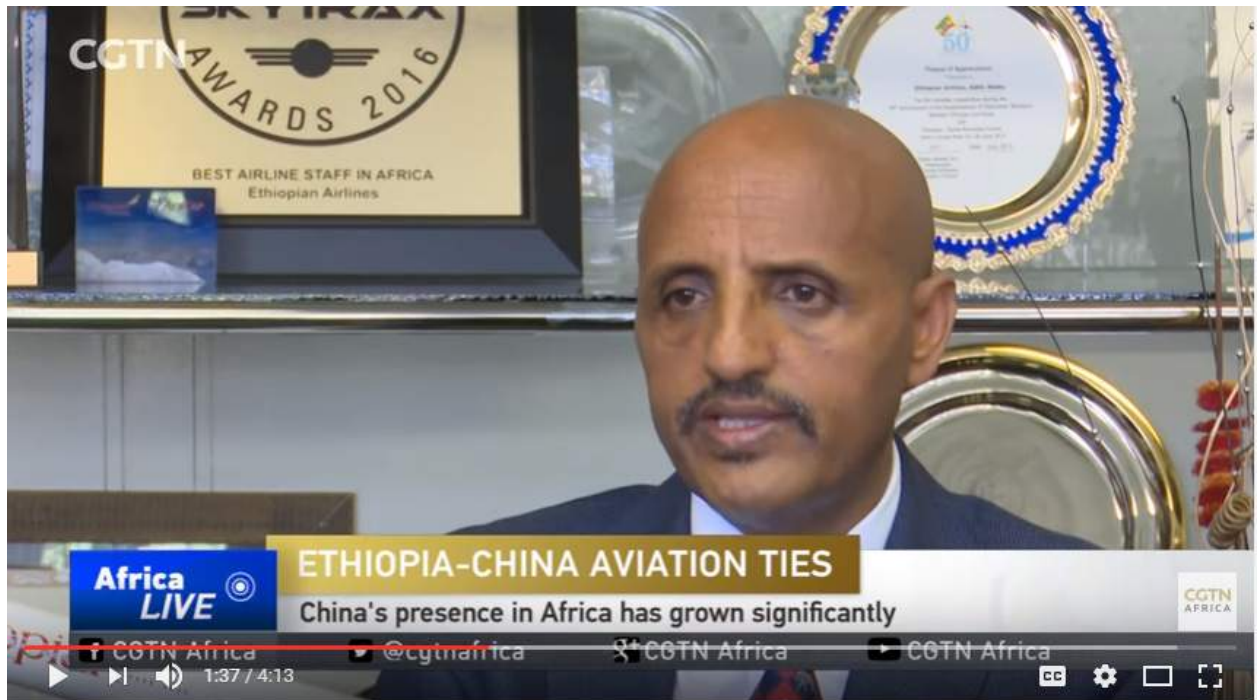


Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam talks about the secret to continue growing in a tough airline industry and more at the AFRICAN CEO FORUM 2017. For more on the interview please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pIM5n3Gaps>

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Watch GCEO's interview with CGTN

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Chinese-made aircraft to fly African routes in the future



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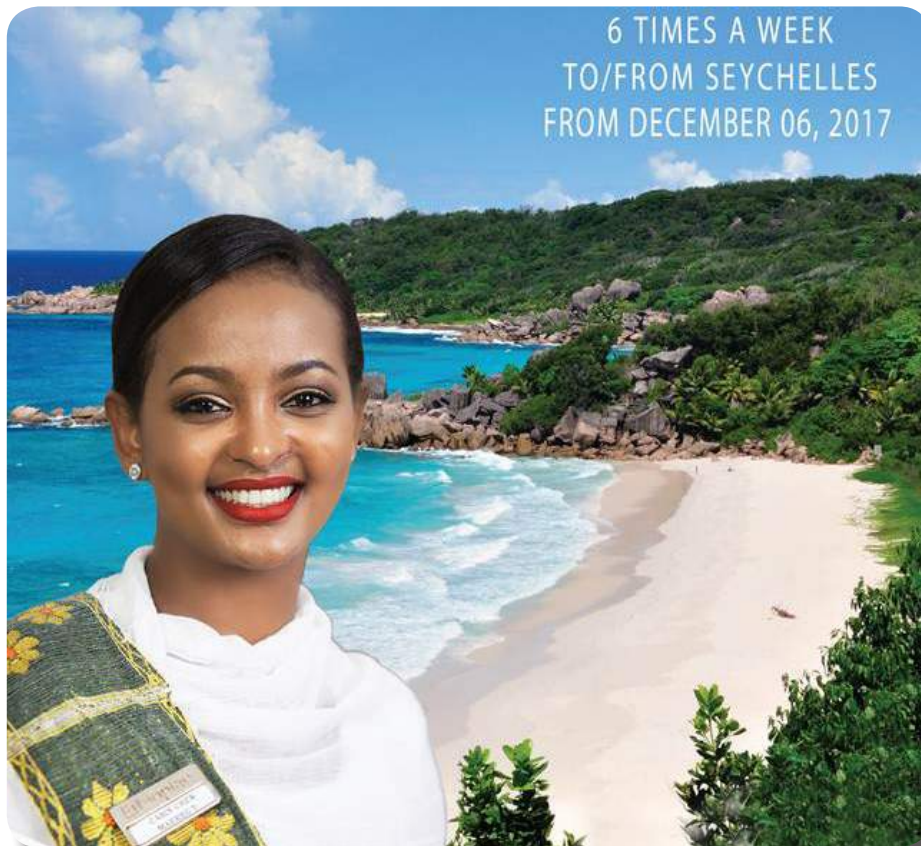
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## **Ethiopian to Add Flight Frequency to Seychelles**



Ethiopian will add a 6<sup>th</sup> weekly flight to Seychelles as of December 6, 2017.

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## Star Alliance Celebrates 20 Years of Connecting People and Cultures New Strategic Focus Unveiled Frankfurt, Germany



Star Alliance returned to Frankfurt, the place of its birth, to celebrate 20 years of "Connecting People and Cultures". For the next decade, the Alliance announced a strategy of harnessing digital technology to further enhance the travel experience of Alliance customers.

## Juneyao Airlines Becomes First Airline To Expand Star Alliance Network Under Connecting Partner Model More Travel Options Via Shanghai



Juneyao Airlines today became the first airline to expand the Star Alliance network as a Connecting Partner. Under the Alliance's innovative partnership concept, the Shanghai based airline now offers Star Alliance passengers new transfer opportunities at either of Shanghai's two airports - Pudong International and Hongqiao International.



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## Ethiopian and Airport Community Stakeholders Celebrate the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ginbot 20



Ethiopian and Airport community stakeholders colorfully celebrated the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ginbot 20 on May 25, 2017 at Ethiopian Airport Enterprise Headquarters meeting hall, under the theme “Ethiopia – a nation, building a federal system which ensures the equality and equitable benefit of its peoples!”

## Ethiopian Manager Airport Service Dubai Triumph in Airline Employee of the Year Award



Hosted by Dubai Airports, the first Airline Excellence Awards is meant to recognize airline excellence in customer service, on-time performance and partnership at both Dubai International (DXB) and Dubai World Central (DWC), centered on achievements throughout 2016.

Yonas Gebre, Manager Airport Service Dubai, Ethiopian Airlines, has been chosen as employee of the year from staff of more than 100 airlines operating in Dubai at a ceremony held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Dubai Festival City. The prestigious award nominated Airlines in five categories which demonstrated excellence in contributing to Dubai airports objectives.

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## Chadian First Female Ethiopian Pilot Trainee Marks Official Graduation



The first Chadian female pilot, Capt. Zenaba Essa, former trainee of Ethiopian Aviation Academy, who currently flies the presidential fleet of The Republic of Chad, has marked an official graduation ceremony on May 3, 2017 at Hilton N'Djamena. The event has been graced by the Chadian First Lady, Minister of Civil Aviation, A/ Managing Director Ethiopian Aviation Academy, former instructors, fellow female pilots, other top government delegates, families and invited guests.

## Ethiopian sponsors the 59th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa and High-level Meeting on Chinese Outbound Tourism to Africa



In continuous effort of promoting ET and Ethiopia as a tourist destination, MD Ethiopian Express and Ancillary Services sponsored the Fifty-ninth Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa and High-level Meeting on Chinese Outbound Tourism to Africa which was organized by Ministry of Culture and Tourism and took place at Sheraton Addis.

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## Ethiopian Welcomes H.E. Teo Chee Hean Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security of Singapore



## Ethiopian Welcomes H.E. Mr. Ali Mohamed Shein, President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar



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## International & Local Press Clippings

### TOURISME : Ethiopian Airlines présente au Sita

Ethiopian Airlines était présente au Salon International du Tourisme d'Abidjan 2017 qui s'est déroulé du 28 avril au 1er mai 2017 près de l'aéroport. Cette présence traduit l'engagement de la compagnie aérienne en Côte d'Ivoire ainsi que son souhait de tisser et de garder des liens solides de collaboration avec les autorités, les opérateurs économiques et les consommateurs ivoiriens.

La présence d'Ethiopian dans le pays, selon ses premiers responsables, est un symbole vivant

des bonnes relations entre l'Éthiopie et la Côte d'Ivoire et témoigne de l'accueil chaleureux que les autorités et le peuple ivoirien ont réservé à la compagnie depuis son installation en 1981 à Abidjan. « Ethiopian Airlines a participé activement au développement du tourisme et du commerce en Côte d'Ivoire ces dernières années, et c'est avec plaisir que nous poursuivons cet engagement », a déclaré Teshome Gebreselassie, Responsable Côte d'Ivoire de la compagnie aérienne.

« Nous sommes fiers à Ethiopian de mettre notre flotte et notre qualité de



Ethiopian airlines est présente en Côte d'Ivoire depuis 1981 (Ph:DR)

service, mondialement reconnues, à la disposition des Ivoiriens et de leurs visiteurs venant d'Afrique ou d'ailleurs. Nous ferons tout ce qui est possible pour satisfaire nos voyageurs, notamment en mettant à leur disposition les avions les plus modernes actuellement, comme l'A350 ou le B787, et de nouvelles destinations, comme récemment Conakry », a ajouté M. Gebreselassie.

Ethiopian Airlines propose 95 destinations internationales à travers les cinq continents, dont 54 en Afrique. L'agence ivoirienne offre

des départs quotidiens toute la semaine depuis Abidjan. Ethiopian déroule actuellement un plan stratégique sur 15 ans appelé Vision 2025, qui, elle l'espère, la verra devenir le premier groupe d'aviation en Afrique avec sept centres d'affaires : Ethiopian national et régional ; Ethiopian Passagers internationaux ; Ethiopian Fret ; Ethiopian MRO ; le Centre de Formation Ethiopian ; le Service Traiteur Aérien d'Ethiopian ; Ethiopian Services au Sol

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### Ethiopian Airlines increases direct flights to China

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopian Airlines has increased its direct flights to China to 24 with the opening of its weekly flight to Chengdu. The airline is expanding its network as a response to the growing demand for direct flights from Ethiopia to China. The airline has also increased its frequency of flights to other major Chinese cities like Beijing and Shanghai.



### Facebook leaked documents show types of content it allows - Guardian

Facebook has leaked documents showing the types of content it allows on its platform. The documents reveal that the company has a long list of prohibited content, including hate speech, harassment, and sexual exploitation. However, the documents also show that Facebook allows a wide range of content, including political speech and religious expression.



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### Ethiopian Airlines in cooperation with partners, fly relief goods to Ethiopia

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The humanitarian cargo consisted of diarrhoeal disease kits, emergency food rations, interagency emergency health kits and clothing. The goods will be handed over to the Ethiopian Airlines Foundation, the Ethiopian Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs and the National Disaster Risk Management Commission for further distribution to refugee camps as well as health stations.

"We are honoured to be working with humedica, Aviation

### Ethiopian takes delivery of Airbus A350-900XWB from Ping An Leasing

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopian Airlines received an Airbus A350-900XWB wide-body aircraft on Wednesday from Ping An International Financial Leasing Co. Ltd, Shenzhen, Ping An Aircraft Leasing, the company said.

The transaction represents the first wide-body aircraft in its portfolio and also the first one to be leased in Africa.

The aircraft is the first delivery from the new lease bank arrangement for the A350-900XWB delivered in 2017 between Ping An Aircraft Leasing and Ethiopian Airlines.

Head-based Ping An Aircraft Leasing is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ping An International Financial Leasing Co. Ltd. Ping An International Financial Leasing Co. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Ping An Insurance Group, specialising in leased assets.

The company is headquartered in Shenzhen's Fu Ping Financial District and its business network extends throughout the whole of China.

The business has developed rapidly over it was established at the end of March 2017, had total assets of 17.4 billion US dollars, according to financial.pingan.com.cn



### Ethiopian to build pilot training school in Hawassa

By Kalesyesu Bekele

As part of its plan to expand the aviation academy, Ethiopian Airlines is going to build a pilot training school at the newly built Hawassa Airport.

Due to the run way congestion at the Addis Ababa Bole International Airport the Ethiopian Aviation Academy pilot training school is not able to run at its full capacity. The aviation academy has been trying to train its cadets in Bishoftu, in collaboration with the Ethiopian Air force, in Dire Dawa, and Mekelle towns.

Solomon Debebe, managing director of the Ethiopian Aviation Academy,



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### Ethiopian to start flights to Chengdu, China

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Chengdu is the capital of China's Sichuan province and is the 7th-largest city in China. Chengdu is the country's western center of logistics, commerce, science and technology, as well as a hub of transportation, manufacturing and communication.

Chengdu is also a major hub for Air China, Ethiopian Airlines' Star Alliance partner. With this new flight, passengers from Ethiopian's vast and growing network in Africa will be able to quickly connect to dozens of cities in China via partnership with Air China, including Shenzhen, Kunming, Hangzhou, Xiamen, Wuhan, Changsha, and Urumqi.

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### Meteorology frustrated over airports enterprise

By Birhana Hadea

The National Meteorology Agency has expressed frustration over the Ethiopian Airports Enterprises for lack of cooperation and information sharing in areas of climatology.

During stakeholders meeting the Ministry of Transport has organised this week, the Agency expressed resounding concerns over airport enterprise's refusal to share crucial information when undertaking airport projects across the country.

According to Tafesse Regassa, director of Aviation Meteorology Service Directorate at the Agency, the Airports Enterprise repeatedly fails to notify the Agency about the development of new airports facilities to which the meteorology agency provides climatology data points depend on in every flight they operate. Tafesse noted that 70 percent of the air accidents are caused by bad weather conditions and 30 percent are related with climatic cases.



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# ETHIOPIA

## Sof Omar Caves

Not far from Bale Mountains is, one of the world's most spectacular and extensive underground caverns: the Sof Omar cave system. The Weib River, which sources from the Bale Mountains National Park, penetrates the caves year round, offering a magnificent view to the visitors. Sof Omar is an extraordinary natural phenomenon of breathtaking beauty. At 15.1 kilometres long, Sof Omar Cave is the longest cave in Ethiopia and the largest system of caves in Africa, through which the Weib River flows.



It is said that Allah revealed the opening to this limestone cave system to Sheikh Sof Omar in the 12th century. The sheikh and his followers used the caves as a mosque, a purpose to which the caves were well suited as they had been eroded into columns, buttresses, domes, vaults, and pillars - a natural architectural marvel still used as a gathering place by local Muslims.

The First religions in this part of Africa were essentially spirit worship and ghost cults in which the most powerful supernatural beings were believed to attach themselves to trees, rocks, and - most forcefully - to caves, which became shrines for prayer and sacrifice. Even today, the visitor to Sof Omar can see many signs of the persistence of such pagan beliefs and practices: a group of men sacrificing a goat; tokens of leather and cloth hung from rocky projections in the cave.

You approach the Sof Omar caves through the tiny village of Sof Omar, perched on the cliffs above the Web River. To the rear of the village is a dark, gaping crevice down which a precipitous narrow footpath winds to the first cave's floor. Only a few patches of sunlight filter into this dimly lit kingdom, which extends in all directions through vast subterranean passageways of polished white limestone, carved by the river's flood and recess over countless ages.

In this realm of dry, cool caves nature has worked a marvel of architecture - soaring pillars of stone twenty metres (66 feet) high, flying buttresses, fluted archways, and tall airy vaults. Finally, the river itself is reached, a sunless sea flowing through a deep gorge. Standing on a balcony near the roof, one has a spectacular view of the river rushing below. Sof Omar's large central hall, the 'Chamber of Columns' - so named after the colossal limestone pillars that are its dominant feature - is one of the highlights of the cave system. At another part of the network there is a small gap in the rocks through which the river passes, about two and a half metres (eight feet) wide, where a bridge can be made with driftwood to go across. The most direct route through the caves passes these and many other remarkable sights, and takes about an hour at a good walking pace.



Inside the Sof Omar caves, the only living creatures are bats and fish. Crocodile are to be found in the river nearby but, fortunately, seem to shun the caves themselves. The countryside abounds with wildlife - dik-dik and kudu, serval cat, rock hyrax, giant tortoises, snakes, and lizards, as well as more than fifty species of birds.

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