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## Denver International Airport Announces Formation of Africa Air Service Committee

*Committee will support efforts to secure connectivity to Africa, a key objective of DEN’s Vision 100 strategic plan*

**DENVER – April 5, 2022** – Denver International Airport (DEN) has formed a new committee to support efforts to establish flights between Denver and Africa. Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock invited business and community leaders with unique knowledge and expertise in the region to serve on the Africa Air Service Committee.

“Expanding Denver’s global connectivity to Africa is a rare opportunity, and the Africa Air Service Committee will help us to further diversify and deepen our air service network which will benefit all Denver residents for decades to come,” Mayor Hancock said.

DEN’s [Vision 100 strategic plan](#) consists of four pillars that guide DEN’s work to ensure the airport is preparing for the future. The Africa Air Service Committee will directly support the *Expanding Our Global Connections* pillar which will further solidify DEN’s place on the world map and create more business and tourism opportunities.

“As African economies grow and mature, we want Denver to be positioned as a favored point of access for the flow of passengers and cargo,” said DEN CEO Phil Washington. “Securing new long-haul routes can take many years, and the members of the Africa Air Service Committee will be invaluable in helping us to achieve this goal.”

The African continent encompasses more than 50 countries and is home to a diverse population and geography. Initial work by the Africa Air Service Committee will focus on an in-depth screening process to identify the airlines and markets that provide the best opportunities for flights to Denver. The Africa Air Service Committee held its first meeting on Feb. 23. Future meetings are scheduled to take place quarterly, or more often as conditions warrant.

### Africa Air Service Committee Members

Name	Organization
Geta Asfaw	Asfaw Family Foundation International
Albus Brooks	Milender White
Denise Burgess	Burgess Services
Matthew Burkett	The Flyfisher Group
Papa Dia	African Leadership Group
Andrew Feinstein	EXDO Group Companies
Lee Gash-Maxey	Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce
Yemane Gebre-Michael	CSG
Stacie Gilmore	Denver City Council
Don Gips	Skoll Foundation
Mowa Haile	Sky Blue Builders
Muluye Hailemariam	Kabod Coffee
Christopher Herndon	Denver City Council
Marc Holtzman	Bank of Kigali (BK Group)
Hon. Elbra Wedgeworth	Casel and Associates LLC.
Richard Williams	Western Union

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