

## **EASA implements €1.8 million EU aviation support project in Zambia**

*Developing a reliable and effective aviation sector in Zambia*

A new project for the support of the aviation sector in Zambia was launched in October 2017.

This 4-year, €1.8 million project, funded by the European Delegation to Zambia and COMESA and managed by EASA is designed to support the development of a reliable and effective aviation sector in Zambia, capable of contributing to the country's economic growth.

More specifically, the project's objective is to help Zambia's Civil Aviation Authority and aviation stakeholders to improve their compliance with international aviation standards, in terms of both air safety and security certification and oversight.

To achieve this objective, the project will implement targeted initiatives in the areas of capacity enhancement – for example, improvements in the Civil Aviation Authority Management System-and the strengthening of the institutional and regulatory framework – for example, improvements in regulation of Air Navigation Service and Accident and Incident Investigation.

The work plan for the next four years proposed by the EASA team (Frank Steffens, Yves Koning and Carlos Tortosa) was reviewed and discussed during the project's first Steering Committee Meeting held in Lusaka on 6 December 2017.

Under the theme "Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind", EASA also participated in the Zambian commemorations of the International Civil Aviation Day, on 7 December 2017, which included a formal march and speeches from Frank Steffens and other relevant authorities.

