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Thank you, Programme Director, for the introduction. Please allow me to commence by acknowledging all who are present here and humbly extend our appreciation to you for honouring the invitation to this Gala Dinner. It is so encouraging to reflect on the journey we have walked together. In the last three days, we managed to engage in meaningful deliberations that will hopefully yield greater results for the benefit of the industry. It is then befitting to single out contributions made by our distinguished guests who answered the call for the conference.

Thank you very much to the Acting Deputy Director-General Civil Aviation from the Department of Transport South Africa, Mr. Sinethemba Mngqibisa for the eloquent delivery of the key note address. We are indeed indebted for the address.

The IFATSEA Executive, Theodore Kiritsis and Costas Christoforou, we thank you for gracing us with your presence and for your contribution at this gathering.

Engineer Frank Kofi Apeageyi, the region is privileged to have you at the helm. Thank you.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me also extend our sincere gratitude to the leadership from the South African Airways Technical, Civil Aviation Authority and other South African entities involved in Air Traffic Management for being part of this conference. Your contribution did not go unnoticed.



To all the IFATSEA Affiliates, observers and international colleagues who made this conference a success, by coming in numbers, South Africa will always value your role and drive to maintaining safer skies. Thank you so much.

Thales South Africa, we decided to arrive at your doorstep unannounced and you listened to our knock by responding with a Platinum sponsor. I can tell you now, it does not get better than this. Thank you so much.

Ladies and gentlemen, our organization is being headed by an Executive Committee that is passionate about the significance of playing a vital role in the continent. When we delivered the news that we will be hosting the 07th IFATSEA Africa Region Meeting, the Executive responded with a question that says how can we assist?

Thank you Engineer Thabani Mthiyane and the Executive Committee for according us the support. Of course, I need to mention that our CFO, William Ndlovu, whom I have a good professional relationship, is known to be a man with deep pockets, but short hands. In this instance, his hands were long enough to reach to the bottom of his pocket and provided the much-needed financial support to host the event. Thank you, CFO.



This conference wouldn't have been a success without the vibrant and energetic ATNS IFATSEA Planning Committee that was assembled precisely to deliver this conference. Thank you to you and line management for availing these members and at times sacrificed operational hours.

Ladies and gentlemen, we also congratulate men and women behind the recently established South African Air Traffic Safety Electronics Personnel Association. Our message to you is, stay relevant and progressive.

Thank you to all the Programme Directors, Facilitators of panel discussions and Speakers for a job well done.

Finally, a big thank you to Montecasino for the hosting of this event. I hope you will enjoy the excursions that are planned for you tomorrow, which includes a visit to the house of a great statesman Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. And in closing, remember that to most people the sky is the limit. To those who love aviation, the sky is home.

I thank you.