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### Ethiopian Airlines, IGAD Sign a Memorandum of Understanding

#### Addis Ababa, 20 February 2023

Ethiopian Airlines, the largest airline in Africa and Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The MoU was signed with the purpose of providing a framework on the provision of Ethiopian Airlines products and services to IGAD.

Per the MoU, Ethiopian Airlines will also provide hospitability services to IGAD at Ethiopian Skylight Hotel and assign a dedicated team to handle travel and hospitality need of IGAD.

Following the signing of the MoU, Ethiopian Airlines Group Chief Commercial Officer Mr. Lemma Yadecha said; "We are pleased to have signed this agreement with IGAD and play our part in the region's socio-economic development. Ethiopian Airlines operates more than 20 flights daily to IGAD member states, playing a significant role in the socioeconomic ties in the region and facilitating a way to achieve the economic cooperation and regional integration that IGAD strives to achieve. Furthermore, being the largest passenger and cargo destination operating carrier in Africa, our vast network offers convenient access to more than 130 destinations worldwide and we are more than happy to offer that."

It is to be recalled that Ethiopian Airlines signed a strategic partnership agreement with International Diibouti Industrial Park Operation (IDIPO) and Air Diibouti to jointly commence sea-air multimodal transportation for an expeditious transportation of goods





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to Africa back in March 2022, taking its cargo transportation sector to a multimodal level.

The existence of this agreement alongside the extensive, strong cargo operation of Ethiopian, we believe this agreement further eases IGAD's objectives to mobilize resources within the framework of regional cooperation.

#### **About Ethiopian**

Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the fastest growing Airline in Africa. In its seventy-six plus years of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success. In addition to its main hub in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, it is also pursuing its multi-hub strategy through a hub in Lomé, Togo with ASKY, in Lilongwe, Malawi with Malawi Airlines and in Lusaka, Zambia with Zambia Airways. Ethiopian commands the lion's share of the Pan African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 145 domestic and international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian's fleet consists of ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Boeing 737s, 767-300, 777s, 787s, Airbus A350-900 and Bombardier Dash 8-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of seven years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate most of these aircraft. Upon early, successful achievement of its strategic plan (Vision 2025), Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2035 that will see it become one of the top 20 most competitive and leading aviation group in the world by providing safe, secured, market driven and customer focused Passenger and Cargo Transport and Logistics Services, Aviation Training, Airport Management and Ground Services, MRO and Aerospace Manufacturing and Travel and Tourism Services. Ethiopian is a multi-award-winning airline including a Skytrax 'Best Airline in Africa Award' for five consecutive years. Ethiopian has been a Star Alliance member since 2011 and an Airline which has been registering more than threefold growth in the past 10 years. For additional information, please visit www.ethiopianairlines.com

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