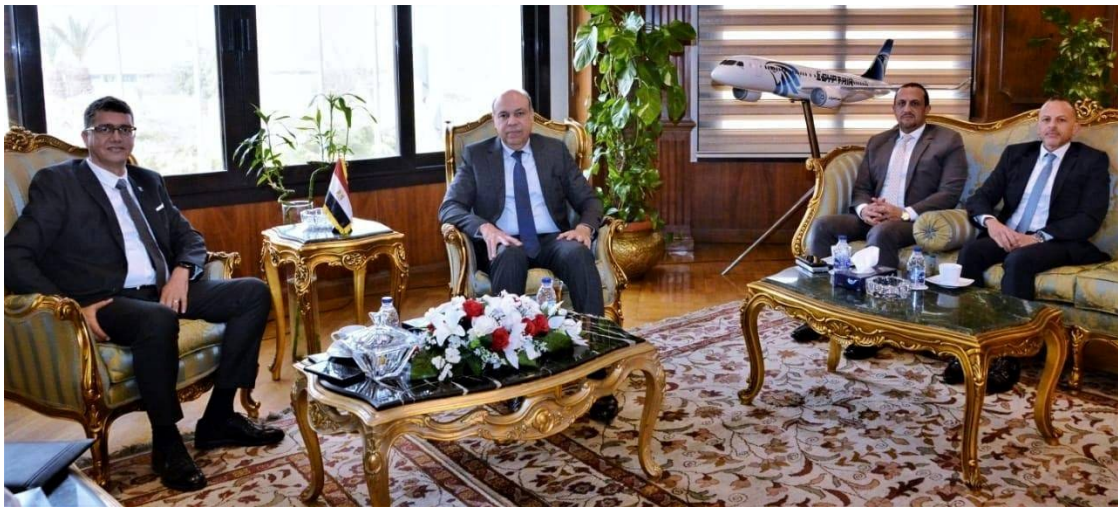




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Strengthening African Civil Aviation: Key Meeting Highlights Cooperation and Development

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In a significant step toward enhancing the cooperation between Egypt and the African region in the field of civil aviation, Dr. Sameh Al-Hafni, Egypt's Minister of Civil Aviation, met with Mr. Ali Tounsi, Secretary General of the International Council of Airports for the African Region (ACI Africa). The meeting was also attended by notable figures including Eng. Ayman Fouzi Arab, Chairman of the Egyptian Holding Company for Airports and Air Navigation (EHCAAN); Pilot Wael Al-Nshar, Chairman of the Egyptian Airports Company; and Mr. Nagy Abu Zeid, Chairman of the ACI Asia-Pacific Economics Committee.

The discussions focused on Egypt's advancements in infrastructure development and its commitment to strengthening the airport sector in alignment with sustainable development goals. Dr. Al-Hafni highlighted the ongoing efforts to enhance the services provided by Egyptian airports, emphasizing their vital role in achieving regional integration and transferring best practices across Africa.

Key Areas of Cooperation

The meeting underscored the importance of Egypt's active participation in the Airport Service Quality Program (ASQ). This globally recognized program measures passenger satisfaction with airport services, aiming to elevate the passenger experience and optimize airport performance. Dr. Al-Hafni stressed the significance of Egypt's involvement in such initiatives to maintain global standards and ensure continuous improvement across the sector.

Dr. Al-Hafni extended a warm welcome to Mr. Tounsi, praising ACI Africa's crucial role in fostering the development of African airports across the continent. He highlighted the enduring collaboration between EHCAAN and ACI Africa, noting their shared commitment to infrastructure improvement and sustainable growth.

The Minister reaffirmed Egypt's dedication to supporting African nations through training programs, knowledge-sharing initiatives, and technical assistance. He emphasized that the Ministry of Civil Aviation prioritizes deepening partnerships with African counterparts to strengthen the aviation industry across the continent.

ACI Africa's Recognition of Egypt's Leadership

Mr. Ali Tounsi lauded Egypt's forward-looking vision for aviation sector development. He acknowledged the visible progress achieved in infrastructure modernization and service quality enhancement, recognizing Egypt as a key player in promoting regional collaboration. Mr. Tounsi emphasized the importance of leveraging advanced technologies and shared expertise to improve the efficiency and resilience of the airport sector, ultimately contributing to the economic growth of African nations.

A Shared Vision for the Future

The meeting exemplifies the shared commitment of Egypt and ACI Africa to fostering sustainable aviation development. By prioritizing partnerships, promoting training, and investing in advanced solutions, Egypt continues to position itself as a leader in civil aviation and a pivotal partner in achieving the long-term objectives of the African aviation community.

As Egypt works closely with ACI Africa to advance infrastructure and service excellence, this collaboration sets the stage for a stronger, more integrated aviation sector across the continent, benefiting travelers and economies alike.

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