



# RWANDA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

## Press release

Dear Editor,

**RE: Aerodrome Emergency exercise at Kigali International Airport**

Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority has conducted a simulated Aerodrome Emergency Exercise using a fictitious scenario to ensure emergency preparedness in the face of crisis.

Incidents and accidents in aviation are tragic happenings with usually low survival rates and huge losses in the investment of both capital and human resource.

The Aerodrome Emergency Exercise simulates an aircraft accident that takes place. And this is being used to impart required skills to the airport human resource and testing of the emergency plan in order to expose gaps, test perspectives, give confidence for what to do in case of a real scenario.

It is in this regard that the emergency drills provide necessary hands on training for communication, incident command and coordination amongst multiple stakeholders on and off the airport to ensure seamless execution of emergency operations for the ultimate purpose of saving of lives, property and quickly returning the airport to normal operations.

And at the end of every emergency exercise, an evaluation is done to note the areas that require improvement and these are scheduled for the next exercise.

A regular and continuous emergency exercise done every after two years is a requirement by Rwandan regulations and ICAO's Standards and Recommended Practices. (SARPS).

This is the second time Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority is conducting an emergency exercise.

Sincerely,

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