# Boeing: Africa’s Rising Passenger Air Traffic will spur Region’s Fleet to more than Double by 2044

- Growing African demand for airplanes and services fueled by urbanization and growing middle class
- Fleet growth will favor single-aisle airplanes for regional, international travel

**LUANDA, Angola, Dec. 2, 2025 —** Africa’s passenger air traffic will average 6% annual growth through 2044, driven by a young population, growing middle class, rapid urbanization and airport and connectivity investments, Boeing [NYSE: BA] said today. The region’s commercial airplane fleet will more than double to 1,680 airplanes over the next two decades to accommodate this rise in air travel, as projected in the company’s 2025 Commercial Market Outlook (CMO) for Africa.

Single-aisle airplanes will account for 70% of the more than 1,200 new airplanes to be delivered over the next 20 years, underpinning opportunities for domestic and short-haul international network expansion. African low-cost carriers are poised to capitalize on the growing demand for more routes throughout the continent and into Europe and the Middle East, offering affordable travel options that enhance connectivity and stimulate economic growth.

“Aviation is a catalyst for Africa’s economic expansion and intra-continental connection, building on industry growth we’ve seen across the region over the last 20 years,” said Shahab Matin, Boeing managing director of Commercial Marketing, Middle East and Africa. “More efficient, versatile airplanes – paired with investments and strategies to make air travel more accessible to more Africans – will unlock further growth opportunities for the region’s airlines and hubs.”

Aviation’s economic impact in Africa extends beyond direct airline jobs, and also stimulates tourism, trade, investment, logistics corridors, and thousands of indirect roles in hotels, manufacturing and services. As carriers grow their fleets and expand route networks, there will be more demand for broader ecosystem investment and the need for new aviation personnel with 74,000 pilots, technicians and cabin crew projected over the next 20 years.

The Africa CMO also forecasts through 2044:

- Services demand valued at approximately $130 billion to support fleet growth and operational resilience.
- Demand for widebody airplanes fueled by airline plans to modernize fleets and expand long-haul international routes.
- Continued Freighter demand tailored to Africa’s developing logistics and export markets.

| **New deliveries (2025-2044)** | |
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| Regional Jet | 90 |
| Single-Aisle | 865 |
| Widebody | 240 |
| Freighter | 10 |
| **Total** | **1,205** |

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