

# REPORT: AIRLINES: AFRICA

## What you need to know

June 2022

This report presents a roundup of what's been happening to Africa's airlines over the last month.

### Major carriers

#### Ethiopian Airlines

##### Chennai added to Indian network

Ethiopian Airlines will launch flights from Addis Ababa to Chennai from July 2. The route will be served with **three weekly** flights, joining Ethiopian's existing Indian services to Bangalore, Delhi and Mumbai.

##### New Washington route launched

Ethiopian Airlines has launched a new service between Addis Ababa and Washington DC, operated via Lome in Togo. The **three weekly** flights will add to the **seven** the airline already operates between the Ethiopian and U.S. capitals via Dublin, Ireland.

#### Kenya Airways

##### Delta codeshare expanded

Kenya Airways has expanded an existing partnership with fellow SkyTeam member Delta Air Lines. The African airline will now add its code to Delta flights from New York JFK to Boston, Buffalo, Norfolk, Rochester and Syracuse. In turn, Delta will add its code to Kenya Airways' flights from Nairobi to Accra, Freetown and Monrovia.

##### Investment made in urban air mobility

Kenya Airways' subsidiary Fahari Aviation has placed a tentative order with Eve for 40 of its electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2026. Fahari plans to use the urban air mobility vehicles to carry both passengers and freight.

### Other airlines

#### Air Botswana

##### Regional jets return to service

After a temporary grounding required it to complete safety inspections, Air Botswana has reinstated its Embraer E170 aircraft into commercial service.

#### Airlink

##### Emirates codeshare activated

South African airline Airlink has officially activated its codeshare with Emirates. Passengers flying with the UAE carrier will now be able to access eight domestic destinations when flying over one of its three South African gateways: Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg.

## **Qatar Airways codeshare signed**

Airlink has signed a codeshare agreement with a second Gulf carrier, following the collapse of Comair, Qatar Airways' previous partner in South Africa. The agreement covers 45 destinations in 13 countries. Subject to regulatory approval, from **July 6** Qatar Airways' passengers will be able to access George, Hoedspruit, Port Elizabeth and Skukuza in South Africa, as well as cities in Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

## **Comair**

### **Airline to be liquidated**

On May 31, South African carrier Comair voluntarily suspended all British Airways and low-cost Kulula flights, citing a shortage of funds. The airline's efforts to secure additional funding failed, and on **June 9**, its business rescue practitioners (BRP) applied to convert rescue proceedings into liquidation proceedings.

Rodger Foster, chief executive of Airlink, believes rival carriers will quickly fill the gap left by the demise of Comair, even though its market share had been substantial at 40%.

## **Renegade Airways**

### **New aircraft supports scheduled services**

Kenyan carrier Renegade Airways has taken delivery of a De Havilland Dash 8-100, which it will use to support its scheduled domestic air services to Amboseli, Lamu, Malindi and Masai Mara.

### Note

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