IATA TO HOST SEMINAR AT BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

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The Supreme Organising Committee for the Bahrain International Airshow is has announced that IATA has chosen the event to host a seminar regarding its new safety programme for smaller aircraft which will be held on the third day of the show (January 23, 2016).

Based on its internationally recognised IOSA programme the IATA Standard Safety Assessment (ISSA) programme will allow operators of smaller aircraft to participate in and benefit from the safety assessment standard. The programme is aimed at aircraft operating below 5,700 Kg Maximum-take-off weight as well as those whose business model does not allow conformity with the IOSA requirements.

The seminar will explain what operators need to know about participating in the voluntary programme and the commercial benefits of doing so to their organisation.

Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, minister of transportation and telecommunications for Bahrain and deputy chairman of the supreme organising committee for BIAS said: “According to MEBAA, the regional aviation market is set to double over the next five years to US$1bn and movements in the

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region are anticipated to reach 175,000 by 2020. The development of this new safety standard is not only relevant for the sector but allows smaller operators in the Middle East to benefit from an internationally recognised standard."

Jehad Faqir, head of safety and flight operations, IATA Middle East & North Africa added: "For operators of smaller aircraft, this new safety standard will allow your business flourish as the market grows. This seminar will provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about the programme."

Amanda Stainer, commercial director for Farnborough International, added: "BIAS has very strong representation from the business aviation sector including Airbus, Alpha Star, Embraer, Gulfstream and TAG Aeronautics. It is the perfect event for IATA to host this seminar and is a great addition to the show's other networking events including the Air Transport the 21st Century conference taking placing on day two of the show and the Hosted Buyer Programme."

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