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New Report Says Increasing Capacity In Africa's Aviation Sector Will Improve Security In Africa

LONDON, UK, March 7, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Think Security Africa's newly released Spotlight on Aviation Security In Africa looks at the importance of the aviation sector in dealing with national defence challenges, conflict management, humanitarian relief, transnational crime, and terrorism in Africa.

Aviation Security in Africa

The report cites the increasing diversification of Africa's economic partnerships as a key reason for African countries to start re-evaluating their national defence positions, in particular arrangements to secure African national air spaces. Africa's growing interdependence with countries around the world may prove beneficial as far as trade and infrastructure development is concerned, but, it may also expose African countries to new national defence risks in future.

"In addition to potential future national defence challenges, a number of African countries are embroiled in complicated insurgencies, terrorist threats and rebellions inimical to general security in Africa. Improving the capacity of African air forces will not be a panacea, but it will give African governments an edge in situations that have resulted in a destabilizing stalemate," says Adunola Abiola founder of Think Security Africa.

One of the key impediments to improving capacity in this area cited in the report is that many African governments lack the resources to build and improve capacity in the aviation sector. Furthermore, there are few governments capable of monitoring what is going on throughout their airspace. This creates severe present and future vulnerabilities for African governments, and ultimately makes the task of trying to improve security in Africa far more daunting.

In addition to national defence and security concerns, international relief efforts in conflict zones across Africa mostly rely on air travel to get supplies to those that are most in need. The international humanitarian community requires a secure environment to operate in and serve people that are facing life and death situations.

Think Security Africa (TSA) is an independent think tank specializing in security issues across Africa. For over four years, TSA has been providing insight on African issues with national,

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