

African air passenger numbers will not recover till late 2023

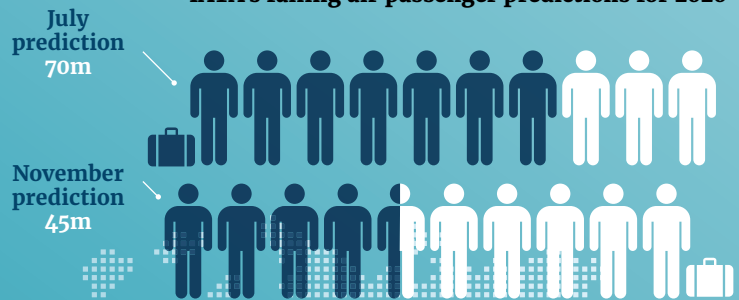
Africa's air industry is in severe distress...

According to figures released by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in November, full-year 2020 passenger trips to, from and within Africa will reach only 30% of 2019 levels, with a full return to 2019 levels only expected in late 2023. The association warns that without urgent action from governments and donor organisations, the situation will move from supporting an industry in severe distress to resurrecting it from bankruptcy.

In November, IATA downgraded its forecast for 2020 passenger numbers from 45% to 30% of 2019 numbers to reflect a weaker-than-expected recovery. IATA stresses that there is currently large uncertainty in any passenger forecast, with significant downside risks including further Covid-19 outbreaks, lack of medical advances, and prolonged economic and financial crises.

... and predictions of passenger numbers continue to fall

IATA's falling air passenger predictions for 2020



Projected African air passenger traffic numbers 2019-25

