

Arik Air Announces Seamless Connections Between New York and West/Central Africa

New York, NY February, 2013 –Arik Air, West and Central Africa’s largest airline, now offers excellent connections and through-fares directly from New York’s John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport to West and Central Africa satisfying the growing demand from its passengers and travel agents.

Arik Air is the only African airline to fly directly to West Africa from JFK. These new travel options now firmly position the airline as one of the fastest and most effective ways for US passengers to connect to West and Central Africa, via Murtala Muhammad International Airport in Lagos, Nigeria.

“In addition to placing safety and security as our top priorities, Arik Air is also passionately dedicated to enhancing its customer service. This latest addition provides passengers with an efficient and smooth transit experience. We are very excited about these new connections and our highly competitive fares, especially as American travelers are increasingly flying to Africa for both business and pleasure. As these markets continue to open up, Arik Air is perfectly positioned to provide passengers with an enjoyable and seamless travel experience” **said Robert Brunner, VP America’s Arik Air.**

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) seven African countries are in the top 10 fastest growing economies in the world. This robust economic growth fuels the development of tourism and opens up a vast array of business opportunities for corporate America across diverse industries. To cater to this growing demand, Arik Air provides greater accessibility and ease of travel to the following West and Central African destinations:

- Accra, Ghana
- Monrovia, Liberia
- Freetown, Sierra Leone
- Banjul, Gambia
- Dakar, Senegal
- Douala, Cameroon
- Kinshasa, DR Congo

In addition to the above international destinations, Arik Air also provides domestic connections across Nigeria including Abuja, Port Harcourt , Calabar and many more.

In 2011 Arik Air became an official member of IATA. The airline is the only West African airline with USA/Federal Aviation Administration accreditation allowing it to operate its own flights directly into the US.

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About Arik Air

Arik Air is West and Central Africa’s largest airline, and operates mainly from two hubs at Murtala Mohammed Airport Lagos and Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja, Nigeria. It operates a fleet of 23 state-of-the art regional, medium haul and long haul aircrafts including two Airbus A340-500 making the airline the first operator of this particular type of wide-bodied aircraft in Africa. The airline currently serves 20 destinations in Nigeria and flies to 11 international destinations including London Heathrow (UK) and New York JFK (USA). The airline operates a combined number of over 120 daily flights from its hubs, and has been Africa’s fastest growing airline for the last two years. **Website:** www.arikair.com

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