

OR Tambo is African Airport of the Year for the 4th time

OR Tambo International Airport was named African Airport of the Year for the fourth time at the Air Cargo Africa conference and exhibition.



Bongiwe Pityi-Vokwana, general manager of the airport

“Winning this award demonstrates our commitment to deliver the best infrastructure for our stakeholders. We look forward to continuing to strengthen trade and commerce in our region,” says Bongiwe Pityi-Vokwana, general manager of the airport.

South Africa’s total air cargo volume of about 400,000 tons a year, of which 82% is routed through OR Tambo's Western Precinct Cargo Terminal with 92% of the total being international cargo.

Cargo essential to growth

Most of the uplift capacity is provided by passenger airline networks that transport 70% of the total cargo in the belly of passenger flights. Freight traffic generates 30% of the total volumes.

“The flow and destinations of air cargo are driven by the cargo community. Cargo airlines go where their customers are and the airline’s customers, the agents, decide on the routing. The local cargo community members are therefore essential to supporting the airport and its growth.

“Cargo plays a big role in the revenue stream of airlines. We continue to work hard to position the airport as a key player in the worldwide air cargo business with South Africa as the gateway for Sub-Saharan Africa and a turntable between South America, Australia and Asia,” she says.

The Air Cargo Africa 2019 event in Ekurhuleni attracted more than 80 international exhibiting companies and more than 3,000 trade visitors from 60 countries including from 30 African nations.

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