



Capt. Gilbert Macharia Kibe
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Capt. Gilbert Macharia Kibe is the Managing Director of Air Transport Consulting Ltd, a company devoted to the growth and development of aviation. Adding value to the aviation industry by providing advisory and consulting services that open doors to opportunities in Africa for aviation enterprises.

He is the former Director General of Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) responsible for the management and administrative activities of the Authority and the Principal Advisor to the Cabinet Secretary responsible for civil aviation. He served for 7 years (2015-2022).

He also served as Board Chairman of the Communications Authority of Kenya for 7 months (May-December 2022).

Before the above appointments, he worked as the Chief Executive of Nairobi Flight Training Limited from 2007 to 2015 and has now resumed the role after departing KCAA.

Capt. Kibe was also appointed in October 2022, a Single African Air Transport Market; Pilot Implementation Project (SAATM – PIP) Ambassador for the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) – Eastern Region. His mandate is to engage all 14 Eastern Africa Partner States to speed up the operationalization of the African Union YD leading to the full and sustainable implementation of SAATM.

He has a wealth of experience in the aviation sector spanning over 42 years and has acquired valuable skills and expertise in aviation, air transport industry management, and property development.

In addition to these positions, Capt. Kibe was the Chairperson of the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) Executive Committee, the ICAO Regional Aviation Safety Group, Africa and Indian Ocean (RASG-AFI), the ICAO African Flight Procedure Programme (AFPP) Steering Committee, and the East African Community, Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (EAC-CASSOA) a Regional Safety Oversight Organization (RSOO).

Capt. Kibe holds an MBA (Aviation Management) from Moi University.

He is a visionary leader who has provided strategic leadership at the senior level in the Corporate and Government sectors, thus gaining acumen in aligning organizational effectiveness to national development objectives and designing short, medium, and long-term strategic goals.

He is a licensed Commercial Pilot and a holder of Flight Instructors', Instrument, Multi-Engine Piston, and Turbine Engine Ratings.