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### **ATR enters into a partnership with AviAssist in Africa**

#### **ATR continues to strengthen flight safety awareness with the reference safety organisation in Africa**

**Toulouse, 27 February 2019** - ATR signed a partnership agreement with AviAssist, the independent non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting African aviation safety. Through this partnership, ATR continues to strengthen flight safety awareness and accident prevention actions. Since 2015, ATR has participated in the annual Safety in African Aviation Conferences (SiAAC) organised by AviAssist. ATR is also a member of the Conference Committee.

Commenting on the signature of this partnership agreement, Tom Kok, Director of AviAssist declared: “We are thrilled to include the expertise, safety dedication and funding of ATR to our work in Africa and our ASPCs (AviAssist Safety Promotion Centres). This partnership demonstrates ATR’s leadership in flight safety. ATR aircraft play a crucial role in the development of new routes across the globe and in Africa. In turn, route development is promoted by the African Union with its Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) initiative. SAATM aims to open up Africa’s skies and improve intra-African air connectivity. This partnership enables us to empower ever more safety champions throughout Africa to support SAATM.”

Christopher McGregor ATR Flight Safety Officer said at the signing: “As the leader in the regional aviation market, it is essential for ATR to share its expertise to improve flight safety in the regions we serve. ATR recognises the success of AviAssist in driving safety improvement. We look forward to further strengthening the existing co-operation through training and dedicated safety promotion activities for regional operations. We thank AviAssist for putting their trust in ATR. ”

More than 120 ATR aircraft are operated in 22 African countries by 30 airlines. According to our market forecast, the number of turboprops in Africa is expected to exceed 350 within the next twenty years.



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## About the AviAssist Foundation:

The AviAssist Foundation is the only nonprofit organisation dedicated to providing impartial, independent, expert safety guidance and resources for the African aviation industry. It works in close coordination with ICAO, stakeholders and safety support providers. [www.aviassist.org](http://www.aviassist.org).

## About ATR:

European turboprop manufacturer ATR is the world leader in the regional aviation market. ATR designs, manufactures and delivers modern regional aircraft, with a customer base fleet encompassing some 200 airlines in nearly 100 countries. The ATR 42 and the ATR 72 are the best-selling aircraft in the market segment of 90 seats or less. With continuous improvement as a driving force, ATR produces cutting edge, comfortable and versatile turboprops that help airlines expand their horizons by creating more than 100 new routes every year. Compared with other turboprops, ATRs offer an advantage of 40% on fuel burn, 20% on trip cost and 10% on seat cost, whilst offering the lowest noise emissions. ATR is an equal partnership between leading aerospace firms Airbus and Leonardo and benefits from a large global customer support network allowing it to deliver innovative services and solutions to its clients and operators all over the world. For more information, please visit <http://www.atr-aircraft.com>.

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