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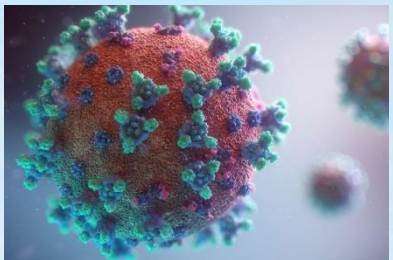
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*THEME :
ENHANCING AIR TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY AND GROWTH
IN WEST AFRICA*



Presentation Outline

1. Background
2. Economic impact on the Aviation Sector in SL
3. Pre Covid-19 Challenges
4. Pre Covid-19 Modest Success
5. Way forward



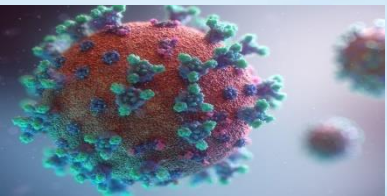
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BACKGROUND

- On the 11th March 2020, WHO declared COVID-19 as a pandemic.
- Sierra Leone closed her Airspace to commercial flight on the 22nd March, 2020.
- Sierra Leone recorded her index case on the 31st March 2020.
- Re-open the Airport to commercial flight on the 22nd July, 2020.
- Removing the mandatory 14 days quarantine for all arriving passengers in line with ICAO and IATA guidance and replaced it with a mandatory PCR test plus RTD; all associated cost related to this process are born by the passengers.



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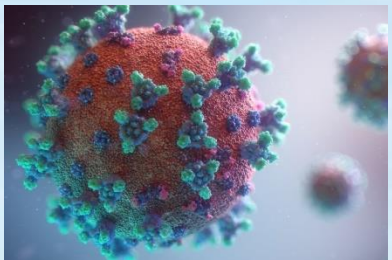




ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE AVIATION SECTOR IN SL

■ Direct Impact:

- Cash (USD): Loss \$ 64 Million
- Job Loses: 1,000 Unemployment recorded



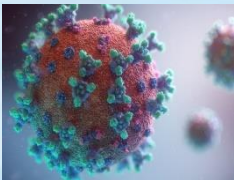
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Pre Covid-19 Challenges

- The absence of Civil Aviation in our National Planning Process
- Lack of Civil Aviation Master Plans may lead to duplication of resources
- Investment in Civil Aviation hasn't been driven by the desire to develop the industry but push through by political agenda.
- Conflicts within our legal frameworks still continue to pose threat
- Lack of effective collaboration amongst our national state actors particularly in the implementation of both annex 17 and 9 also continues to pose challenge
- Adjusting to emerging safety issues (drone operations) and public health concerns



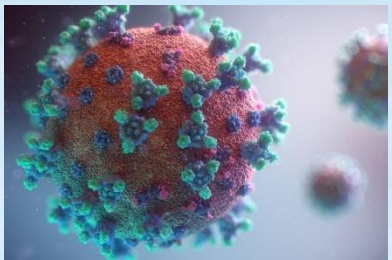
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Pre Covid-19 Modest Success

- A greater degree of collaboration amongst African CAAs largely facilitated by the respective ICAO regional offices, AFCAC, RSOOs influenced by the spirit of NCLB which happens to be the brain child of Dr Aliu
- Growing degree of investment in the state aviation infrastructure ie airport and ANSPs



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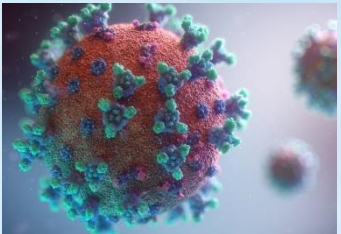


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WAY FORWARD

- Engagement with the political leadership to be championed by AFCAC and ECOWAS
- There is need for State across the Continent to embark on deliberate conscious and determined planning process specifically dealing with Aviation.
- State should ensure that there is clear pathway. This can be done through the development of National framework focusing on future needs of the industry.
- There is no gainsay that Aviation is major driver of Socio-Economic development, hence, investment in the industry, must be driven by such consideration and not political point scoring.



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WAY FORWARD Cont..

- It is a fact that in some Countries, there is need for some countries to re-align their Aviation legal framework in compliance with ICAO requirements.
- High Level Ministerial Conference and the Need for effective collaboration among National actors.
- There is the need for State/Global level to re-direct focus on research and innovation with a view to addressing emerging issues in the industry.



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