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**High Level/Ministerial Meeting on Enhancing
Air Transport Connectivity and Growth in West Africa**

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WEST AFRICAN REGION

1. Potential for strong air transport and tourism industry.
2. Improved safety and security oversight + commitment to SAATM.
3. Specific challenges identified and addressed through various declarations and roadmaps.
4. Pace of air transport development still slow overall vs. other regions.
5. Why? What was missed in the collective effort?

Nature of obstacles/challenges to development at the national level:

- Political, social and economic?
- Policy, legislative, institutional and regulatory?
- Financial and manpower resources?
- Technological and technical expertise?
- Environmental hazard and risks?
- Infrastructure?



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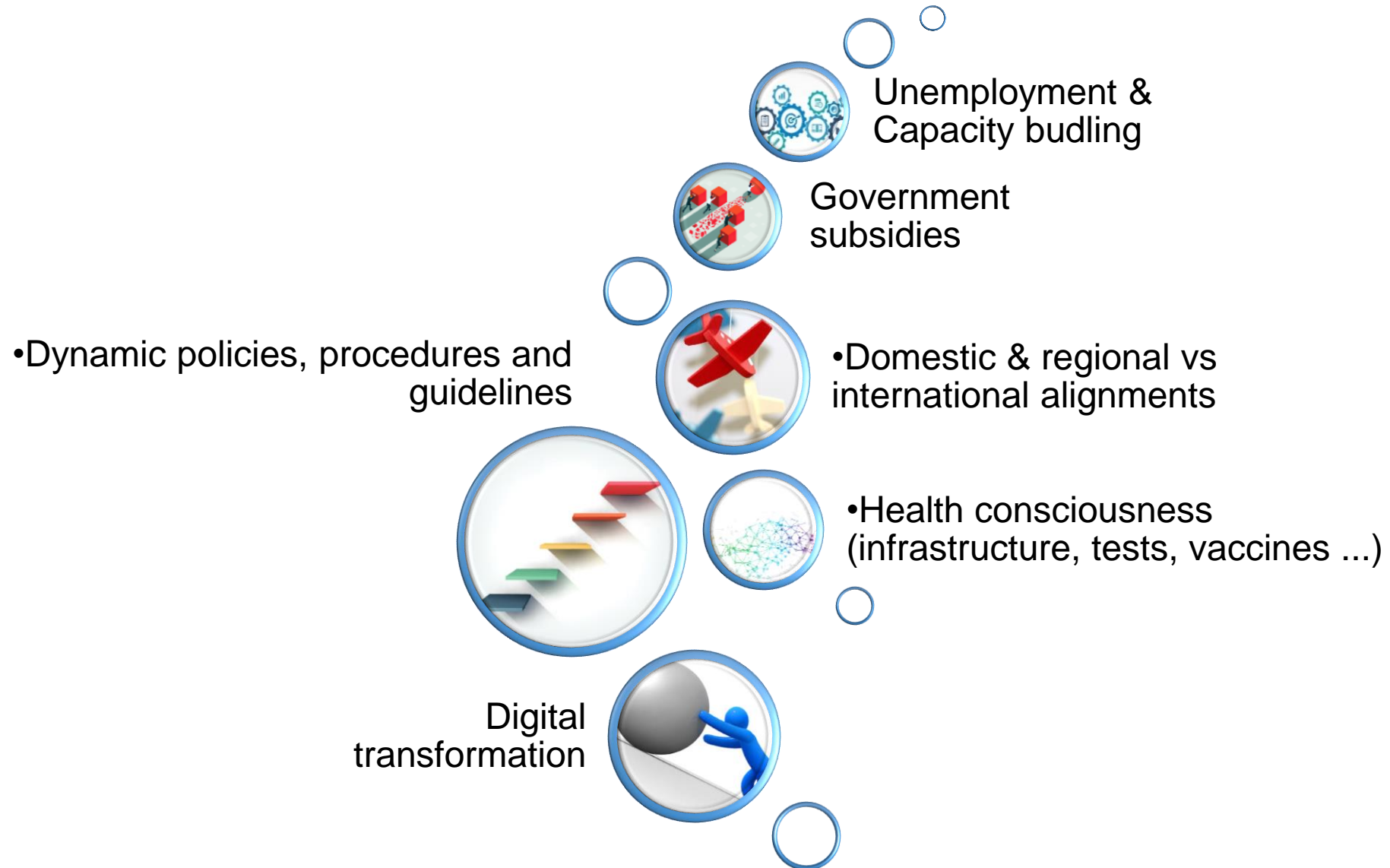
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Challenging times



- Worst economic crisis since the great depression 1929
- 2021 projections improving but still
 - IMF: World economy +5.5 – sub-Saharan +3.2 (2020: -2.6).
 - ICAO: Seats; -35 to -43% & Pax; -44 to -56% & Approx -281 to -351 bln (gross passengers revenues)
 - UNWTO: Recovery in 2.5 - 4Years. Jobs at risk still very high (2020: 100-120 mln).
 - IATA: Jan 2021: Global passengers demand -72% (international: -85.6 & domestic: -47.4) vs 2019
 - Survey: 84% will not travel if the quarantine is even a possibility & 80% will use an app to manage travel health credentials & 85% believe government should re-open boarder by setting Covid-19 targets.
- Living with the new reality & governance

Moving forward





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iPADIS STAKEHOLDERS MAP



- Aviation Development
- Innovation
- Sustainability
- Social Responsibility



1. National Policy to promote air transport as catalyst and major contributor to economic growth, social progress and sustainability (3 pillars of UN SDGs)
2. Strategic Plans: clear objectives, milestones, and risk-based scenarios + adaptability and monitoring/reporting.
3. Innovation - in technology, process, approach, thinking
4. Synergies with other sectors: tourism, trade, finance, public health, etc.
5. Civil Aviation Master Plan aligned/integrated with National Economic Development Plan

1. Policies and Plans must advance the interests of air transport users and meet expectations of the society.
 - I.E., **enhance** aviation safety, security, passenger health, efficiency, reliability, affordability, facilitation, quality of service, seamless travel, consumer protection, innovation, sustainability, social values and responsibility, etc.; and
 - add **net value to society** by minimizing risks and enhancing socio-economic growth, peace and security.
2. Governments, ECOWAS, AFCAC, ICAO, UNWTO etc. should regularly consult and involve NGOs and CSOs in development, implementation and promotion of Policy and Plans.
3. NGOs and CSOs should organize and collaborate under an umbrella for effective advocacy at national, regional and global levels.

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