



## **Guyana signs Air Services Agreement with the State of Qatar**

*First step completed to create airlift connectivity between destination*

**Georgetown, Guyana (September 26, 2019):** The Government of Guyana has signed an Air Services Agreement with the State of Qatar to promote and facilitate airlift connectivity between Guyana and Qatar. The agreement affords the operation of services between both countries with no restrictions on capacity, frequency, aircraft type and routing. This Agreement will create new opportunities for air carriers, enable greater movement of people and goods between the two countries, and benefit the economies and businesses.

The Agreement was signed by the two heads of the respective civil aviation authorities - Mr. Abdulla Nasser Turki Al Subaey, President of the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority and Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Egbert Field, Director General of the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority. The agreement was executed during the International Civil Aviation Organisation 40<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Montreal, Canada.

This Agreement complements the more than 50 Air Services Agreements Guyana has established with other ICAO States for the development of airlift capacity and connectivity among member states. It is a closer step in the realisation of a strong and reliable gulf carrier operating flights to Georgetown.

With its headquarters in Qatar, Qatar Airways is one of the world's largest airline, operating a hub-and-spoke network and linking over 172 international destinations across the world. The cargo arm of the airline, Qatar Airways Cargo, is the world's third largest international cargo carrier.

In the coming months, a delegation from Qatar will be visiting Guyana to explore business opportunities in the aviation sector to establish a presence in Guyana and to strengthen the Caribbean and Latin America network.

“This is a welcomed relationship, which has the potential to improve international connectivity and boost the tourism sector as well,” said Brian T. Mullis, Director of the Guyana Tourism Authority. “With the recent international recognition Guyana has received, increased airlift from American Airlines and JetBlue, and improved connectivity to Europe through KLM and Trans Guyana Airways, we welcome the delegation from Qatar and hope to see continued growth in the options available for travellers to visit Guyana.”

“We are extremely excited about this partnership with Qatar and know that it can benefit both destinations equally across many sectors related and reliant on the aviation industry,” said Lt. Col. (Ret'd) Egbert Field.

**About the Guyana Tourism Authority:** The Guyana Tourism Authority (GTA) is a semi-autonomous governmental organisation responsible for developing and promoting sustainable tourism in Guyana through collaboration with sister agencies and the tourism private sector in order to maximise local socio-economic and conservation outcomes and improve the visitors' experience. The GTA is focused on Guyana becoming recognised locally and internationally as a premier destination for protecting its natural and cultural heritage, providing authentic experiences, and maximising local economic benefits.

**About the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority:** Guyana Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA) was established in 2002 and falls under the Ministry of Public Infrastructure. The Authority regulates and manages the aviation sector in accordance with the Civil Aviation Act (2000), and the Civil Aviation (Air Navigation) Regulations 2001, Air Transport (Licensing of Air Transport Services) Regulations 2001, The Civil Aviation (Security) Regulation 2004 and Civil Aviation (Air Traffic Services and Rules of the Air) Regulations 2006 made under the act, ensuring their compliance with international standards.

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