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## **Transport Deputy Minister leads a South African delegation to the 2nd ICAO Next Generation of Aviation Professionals Global Summit in China**

The Deputy Minister of Transport, Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga will participate in the 2nd Next Generation of Aviation Professionals Global Summit (NGAP) organized by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). The summit will be convened over three days, from 12-14 December 2018 in Shehzhen, China.

The Deputy Minister will depart Shenzhen on the 16th and back in South Africa on the 17th.

This gathering will bring together government officials and ministers responsible for aviation and transport, as well as professionals, academics and representatives from the education and training institutions, including labour from across the world.

Deputy Minister Chikunga and her entourage will join these delegates who will deliberate on strategies and action needed for educating, training and retaining the next generation of aviation professionals in line with the technological advancements of the 21st Century and establish partnerships for the implementation of these actions.

NGAP is an initiative of ICAO. It was launched in 2009 following concerns of an anticipated eminent shortage of skilled aviation professionals globally. The programme is intended to ensure that there are enough qualified and competent aviation professionals in the future to operate, manage and maintain the future international air transport system.

The establishment of this initiative came at the time when the aviation industry in South Africa and globally is faced with a threat of losing critical skills to competing industries. However, as a member state to ICAO, the South African government through the National Department of Transport has taken an initiative to address skills shortages in the industry through investing in education and training, and providing an enabling regulatory and policy environment in order to

secure the next generation of aviation professionals in the country. The Department is moving towards the right direction so far.

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