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SOCIETY OF LICENSED AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS OF NIGERIA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS DAY

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The Society of Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers of Nigeria (SLAMEN) is the professional organization for all practicing Aircraft Engineers in Nigeria. With a strength of about four thousand (4000) Licensed Aircraft Engineers, the Society provides members with professional education through seminars, workshops, etc.

The Society is an affiliate of the Aircraft Engineers International (AEI) with headquarters in Belgium. With AEI only concerning itself with the interests of **air safety, aviation maintenance and maintenance qualified personnel throughout the world.**

SLAMEN is proud to join the global aviation community in celebrating the International Aircraft Engineers Day on Friday May 24, 2024. **This day recognizes the critical role that Aircraft Maintenance Engineers play in ensuring the safety, security and reliability of air travel and its operations.**

SLAMEN, the professional body for Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers in Nigeria, is using this occasion to highlight the importance of aircraft maintenance in the aviation industry. Our members work

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tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that aircrafts are airworthy and meet the highest safety standards leveraging on the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations (Nig.CARS) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annexes along with the Aircraft Manufacturers documents.

For every aircraft you see in the air, an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer must have CERTIFIED it as AIRWORTHY before being taken to the skies by pilots.

"We are proud to celebrate the dedication and expertise of our members who work diligently to keep the flying public safe," said Engr Mubarak Haladu, President of SLAMEN. "Aircraft Maintenance Engineers are the *unsung* HEROES of the aviation industry, and we are grateful for their hard work and commitment to excellence and service."

To mark this occasion, SLAMEN is organizing series of events, including a symposium on aircraft maintenance best practices, a training session on new technologies, and an awards ceremony to recognize outstanding contributions to the profession.

SLAMEN is also using this opportunity to call on the government and industry stakeholders to support the development of aircraft maintenance infrastructure and training programs in Nigeria. There are quite a lot of qualified aircraft maintenance engineers in the country without employment and are required to be absorbed by either Airlines or AMOs- Approved Maintenance Organizations. However, we are yet to have a standard, equipped Hangar facility in the Country. Again, they can be employed by Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) - which we also do not have. We need establishment of multiple maintenance



facilities and airlines to employ the qualified unemployed Aircraft Maintenance Engineers in the country.

"We believe that investing in aircraft maintenance will not only improve safety, boost the growth of the industry and also save forex for Nigeria; the amount of foreign currencies that end up abroad via aircraft maintenance can boost the already weakened economy of Nigeria" said the professional body's President, Engr Mubarak Haladu.

As we celebrate International Aircraft Engineer's Day, we honor the dedication and expertise of our members and the entire aircraft maintenance community worldwide. We look forward to continuing our work towards a safer and more efficient aviation industry. Join us in recognizing the critical role of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and let us work together to take the industry to new heights.

"Thank you."

Engr. Mubarak Haladu,

President

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