

The Gambia Civil Aviation Authority was established as an autonomous body in July, 1991 (under the Public Enterprise Act of 1989) to give effect to the Chicago Convention. The main functions of the Authority are;

1. Regulating Civil Aviation and the Air Transport Industry in the Gambia,
2. Providing Air Navigation Services and
3. Operating and Managing Banjul International Airport which includes, among others, providing and maintaining required infrastructure and facilities.

The Authority comprises eight different directorates namely: Departments of Human Resources and Administration; Air Navigation Services; Internal Audit; Flight Safety Standards; Airport Operations; Air Transport and Commerce; Finance, and Engineering & Maintenance, tasked with the collective responsibility of regulating the air transport industry in the Gambia, providing air navigation services as well as operating Banjul International Airport. Each of these directorates, headed by a Director who assists the Office of Director General in the day-to-day administration of the Authority, performs specialized functions geared towards efficiently and effectively performing the Authority's three broad functions.

1. **Finance**

Financial management, control of the Authority's resources, the keeping/preparation of Accounts, Annual Budget, Procurement, Stores, and Credit Control.

2. **Department of Airport Operations**

The Responsibility for the day-to-day operation and management of **Banjul International Airport (BIA)** rests with the Department of Airport Operations,. This responsibility covers **Security**

Facilitation and Aerodrome certification.

The Department is comprised of four units; namely, Aviation Security, Terminal Supervisory,

Airport Information
and General Services.

3. . Air Navigation Services

Air Traffic Services, Aeronautical Information Services & Aeronautical Telecommunications, Meteorology, Search & Rescue, Health & Safety.

4. Internal Audit

Mission Statement: “to operate and consistently monitor the internal control system to ensure efficient and economic use and custody of the Authority’s assets and resources”.

This department is responsible of reviewing the effectiveness of the financial management; risk management, monitor and evaluate the process that management has put in place, and advice on the implementation of sound policies and strategies.

5. Engineering And Maintenance

Maintenance and upkeep of Navigational Aids, Electrical & Electronic matters, Mechanical and Civil Engineering works.

6.. Flight Safety Standards

Regulatory arm of the Authority; regulates and controls Civil Aviation to give effect to Chicago Convention and its Technical Annexes.

- Aircraft Registration and airworthiness certification
- Personnel licensing
- Flight Operations, maintenance inspection
- Certification of Airline operators

7. **Human Resources**

Human Resource Management and Development.

8. **Air Transport & Commerce**

Commercial / business development & operations, Marketing of Banjul International Airport,, Economic regulations & Statistics, Consumer Protection Services, air transport matters including Bilateral & Multilateral Air Service Agreements (BASA / MASA), registration & licensing of airlines, travel and cargo agencies.

In addition to the above, there are other sections that are headed by a manager and answerable to the **office of the Director General**; namely, **Legal Services, Information, Communication & Technology, (ICT), Quality Control and Public Relations units.**

GCAA MISSION STATEMENT

"TO PROVIDE THE BEST AIRPORT AND AIR NAVIGATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE SUBREGION AND REGULATE AIR TRANSPORT TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS WHILE GENERATING A REASONABLE RETURN ON INVESTMENTS"

VALUES

SAFETY:

We put the safety and security of our customers first by seeking full compliance with all ICAO Standards and Recommended Practises (SARPS)

SERVICE:

We are totally committed to enhancing the convenience / comfort of our customers by making our services more customer focused

COMPETITIVENESS:

We aim to offer, at all times, excellent services at real value for money

