## EMERGING TRENDS IN **TECHNOLOGY THAT ARE CHANGING** THE AVIATION WORLD PRESENTATION BY **BABATUNDE FAGBEMI MD SPRINGFOUNTAIN** AT

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- Sabre also operates a leading global travel marketplace, which processes more than US\$120 billion of global travel spend annually by connecting travel buyers and suppliers.

## WHERE ARE WE HERE?

- TREND
- TECHNOLOGY
- AVIATION



## DEFINITIONS

- Trend
  - Noun
    - A general direction in which something is developing or changing.
    - A general development or change in a situation or in the way people are behaving
    - A fashion
  - Verb
    - Change or develop in a general direction
    - To be one of the words, subjects, or names that is being mentioned most often on a social media website or a news website at a particular time.

## DEFINITIONS

- Technology
  - The application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes, especially in industry.
  - Machinery and devices developed from scientific knowledge.
  - The branch of knowledge dealing with engineering or applied sciences.



## DEFINITIONS

- Aviation
  - "The activity of flying aircrafts or of designing, producing and keeping them in good conditions"-Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary and Thesaurus.
  - The aviation industry involves all aspects
    - of operating aircrafts and providing the necessary superstructure, infrastructure and equipment for this.
    - It also entails the act of technical and economic regulations of these operations
    - The aviation industry consists of Aircrafts Designers and Manufacturers, other OEMs, airlines and training centers, MRO vendors, Airports, Air Space Service Providers and regulatory authorities etc.

#### EFFECT OF TECHNOLOGY

- Technology affects your social life and social skills
  - It has positive and negative effect on our lives
    - Every part of our daily life is related to technology in one way or the other
  - The development of technology is not confined to any one sector, industry or society.
  - Technology develops according to needs and requirements
  - The challenge always is do you want to
  - Leap-frog or go gradually
  - An innovator
  - An early adopter
  - Or laggard







#### Or A More Adventurous Seat that is WiFi enabled



Airbus proposed in flight entertainment 2050



#### **Technology Trends**



What is Driving the Rapid Change in Technology and Application of Technology in the Aviation Industry







Big Data





Intelligence



BIOMETRICS



CONTEXTUAL THREAD



AUTOMATION



Cloud

DIGITAL EXPERIENCE





AR / VR





#### **Technology trends – Transition Flow**



Business Models



Business Operations



Technology





 The aviation industry has always been a leader in development of technology and innovation in systems, processes and procedures.

- Aviation has matured and grown, today it's finely balanced eco-systems has been built through constant activity, growth, change and advancements.
- These balanced eco-sytems are based on resilient technologies.



- Airlines and Airports across the world are continuously in the process of
  - Identifying (innovating),
  - adopting or
  - adapting

new and emerging technologies that can enhance business efficiency and improve customer experiences as passengers and cargo move, to, from and through airports, aviation value chain touch points & nodes.



# EXAMPLES OF AVIATION ECO-SYSTEMS THAT ARE REGULARLY IMPACTED BY TECHNOLOGY

- PASSENGER SERVICES ECO-SYSTEMS
  - Reservation Systems
  - GDS
  - DCS & LDCS
  - AIRPORT ECO SYSTEMS

(AIRPORT OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS- AOMS )

- Passenger Handling
- Baggage Handling
- Ramp Handling
- Aircraft Handling

Manual Operations vs Technology driven Operations

#### AIRCRAFT & AVIATION ASSETS MRO ECO-SYSTEMS

- On-board Maintenance Systems and Sensors (OMS)
- Real-time Maintenance and Diagnostic System (RTDMS)
- Complemented By Real-time Communications System (ACARS/HTSU)
- Electronic Centralised Aircraft Monitor (ECAM)



#### Passenger Facilitation Technology- Overview of a Complete Range of an







### Nigeria-Where do we go from here







#### Examples of emerging technology impacting aviation

The 2016 Sabre Labs Emerging Technology Report stated that the following three major technology trends are likely to have the greatest impact on the travel industry in 2017:

- Conversational Interfaces Voice, messaging and the shift to new forms of communication
- Digital Realities How virtual realities (VR) and augmented realities(AR) are changing the travel landscape
- Connected Intelligence The role of **Robots** and its virtual derivative, **bots** (web robot, WWW robot or simply **bot**, is a software application that runs automated tasks (scripts) over the Internet. Typically, **bots** perform tasks that are both simple and structurally repetitive, at a much higher rate than would be possible for a human alone), and location beacons in travel



#### Examples of Emerging Technology impacting Aviation

- Artificial Intelligence AI, coupled with machine learning and predictive analytics, can drive personalised online interactions and marketing intelligence to revenue management and ticket pricing, a multitude of areas will be affected by AI. Emirates and Etihad are already investing in AI.
  - **Robotics**, currently been used for baggage handling (at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol) and car parking (at Düsseldorf Airport), Customer Service Agents, Japan Airlines and Glasgow Airport etc.
  - **Biometrics,** is being positioned to drive a more seamless and secure air travel process by both airlines and airports. Air New Zealand has introduced biometric-enabled bag drop, Alaska Airlines have tested biometric boarding passes, and Changi Airport is planning in T4 the extensive use of biometrics to expedite and secure processing at each of the key passenger touch points.



#### HOLOLENS: EXAMPLE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGY IMPACTING AVIATION-AS IT RELATES TO THE OF FUTURE PILOT SIMULATOR & ENGINEERING TRAINING

#### Wearable technology (enterprise and consumer)



Japan Airlines is using Microsoft's HoloLens to provide supplemental training to crew and engineers.

#### EXAMPLES OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGY IMPACTING AVIATION Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR)



Emirates launched the industry's first interactive amenity kits (using **Augmented Reality** technology) in 2016 which, via an app, passengers can use to unlock entertainment and activities to keep them occupied on board. San Jose International Airport has partnered with the Google Tango team to trial augmented reality technology for wayfinding, airport retail promotions and even AR billboards displaying destination information.

#### Examples of emerging technology impacting aviation-Aircraft MRO

Integrated Information Flow for Aircraft Maintenance



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Source: Capgemini

- On-board Maintenance Systems and Sensors (OMS)
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#### WHAT PROMOTES OR SCARES TECHNOLOGY

- Enabling Environment
- Skill Pool
- Fear of Expropriation
- Limitations in Infrastructure



## WE ALL KNOW THE MAEVIS STORY



## Nigeria was once at the forefront of aviation technology at least in terms of the AOMS























### **PRE-MAEVIS**























## POST MAEVIS CONSTRUCTION











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#### TECHNOLOGY AND THE NIGERIAN AVIATION

- Digital technology is transforming most industries and creating new challenges that need to be understood. These include factors such as
  - pace of change,
  - cultural transformation,
  - outdated regulation,
  - identifying the skills needed for the future,
  - overcoming shortcomings in legacy systems,
  - and the need to fund both digital and physical infrastructure.

Aviation is an early adapter of technology and these challenges need to be addressed by industry and government leaders to unlock the substantial benefits of technology for Nigeria and industry.

## CONCLUSION

- For Nigeria to become the Aviation Leader in Africa, we must become a early technology "adopter and adapters", and not laggards.
- This will require a paradigm shift, infusion of fresh skills, expertise, capital, equipment, systems, business practices, service delivery, new regulation, transparency, data mining, etc.
- We must have the right enabling environment (legal and regulatory), stop expropriation, improve infrastructure, accept change, reskill redundant and old skilled staff.

#### THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

