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| **Zambian Civil Aviation Authority**  *Director General*  **African Civil Aviation Commission**  *President* |

He is the Director General of Zambia’s Civil Aviation Authority and President of the African Civil Aviation Commission. Mr. Lesa is responsible for, among others, the effective civil aviation regulatory oversight in Zambia and the coordinated and seamless development of the safety and security of civil aviation in Africa.

This role has led him to lead Zambia out of the European Union Ban in 2016, get Zambia to 62.06%, above the then world average Effective Implementation (EI) of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices of 60%, from 46.99% after just one year in office. He also led Zambia to receive the ICAO Council President’s Certificate in 2017 in recognition of Zambia’s remarkable improvement in aviation safety oversight. In 2018, he led the CAA in certifying Kenneth Kaunda International Airport, following meticulously the 5 Phase Aerodrome Certification process.

He has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Zambia and is an advocate of High Court for Zambia. He was also the Acting Director of Civil Aviation at the Department of Civil Aviation and was instrumental in the transitioning of the Department into an Autonomous Civil Aviation Authority from 2013 to 2014, was an Aircraft Engineer in the defunct National Airline, was a Deputy Airport Manager, Senior Safety, Environment, Quality, Risk and Compliance Manager at the then National Airports Corporation Limited and was a co-author of the ACI Runway Safety Handbook 2014.