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### Kenya Airways Cargo Launches Direct Flights from Sharjah to African Destinations

**Nairobi, Kenya - 28 February 2024**– To commemorate Kenya Airways Cargo's (KQ Cargo) recent route expansion to include direct cargo flights from Sharjah in the UAE. The Sharjah Airport Authority and management hosted a flag off event for KQ Cargo at the airport. The event was graced by HE Ali Salim Al Midfa, Chairman of Sharjah Airport Authority, H.E. Sheikh Faisal Saud Al Qasimi, Director of Sharjah Airport Authority, Juliet Wambui Kabeu, Chargé D'affaires, Dubai, Allan Kilavuka, Group Managing Director & CEO Kenya Airways, Dick Muriangi Director Cargo, Kenya Airways, as well as leadership and representatives from both entities.

The addition of KQ Cargo to Sharjah Airport's operating cargo companies marks a significant milestone in the strategic vision of both organizations. KQ Cargo will operate four (4) weekly flights utilizing a B737F cargo aircraft from Nairobi, Kenya, to Sharjah Airport, United Arab Emirates with routes extending through various African destinations. This initiative is poised to strengthen trade relations between the United Arab Emirates and African countries, tapping into the significant demand for cargo services within the region.

Kenya Airways' Group MD and CEO, Allan Kilavuka, stated "The United Arab Emirates is ranked among the top exports and imports trading partner for Kenya and other African countries. This trade constitutes around 10 per cent of UAE's total trade. The launch of KQ cargo flights from Sharjah to African cities is therefore significant in tapping into this growing demand that will catalyse business growth within the Middle East and Africa. Our new Boeing 737-800 Freighters offers increased cargo capacity, a range of up to 7 hours out of Sharjah to destinations across Africa and is available for charters."

HE Ali Salim Al Midfa on his part noted, "Sharjah Airport Authority is keen to develop the logistical aspect of the airport's business and enhance cargo services for its clients, supported by a robust strategy designed to strengthen the airport's position on the travel map. We are proud of our extensive partnerships with international shipping companies that contribute to expanding the destinations available to customers, especially with the ongoing development of the shipping hub and our commitment to providing shipping services aligning with the highest approved standards."

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## About Kenya Airways

Kenya Airways, a member of the Sky Team Alliance, is a leading African airline flying to 42 destinations worldwide, 35 of which are in Africa. In 2022 the World Travel Awards recognized KQ as Africa's Leading Airline, Africa's Leading Airline Brand, Africa's Leading Airline - Business Class, and Africa's Leading Inflight Magazine (Msafiri). In 2023 KQ was awarded Best Airline Staff in Africa at the prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards. KQ's fleet comprises of wide-body Boeing aircraft that includes its flagship B787 Dreamliner and narrow-body Embraer E190 aircraft.

The on-board service is renowned worldwide and the lie-flat business class seat on the wide body aircraft is consistently voted among the world's top 10. Kenya Airways takes pride in being at the forefront of connecting Africa to the World and the World to Africa through its hub at the new ultra-modern Terminal 1A at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.

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