

# Folly-Kossi retains position

**THE African Airlines Association (AFRAA) has re-elected Mr Christian Folly-Kossi, the incumbent Secretary-General of the association for another five-year term.**

This was at the end of the 36th annual general meeting of AFRAA held in Dakar, Senegal, from December 6 to 7, this year.

Mr Folly-Kossi, a Togolese, first took office in March 2000.

A statement issued from the Kotoka International Airport in Accra said prior to his election, Mr Folly-Kossi, was a special advisor to the President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Afrique after serving the multinational airline in various capacities for 22 years.

Mr Folly-Kossi is a graduate of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commercial (HEC) and the College de France HESS, where he studied Social Science as part of a three-year doctorate programme.

The statement said since his appointment as head of AFRAA, he had worked assiduously to take the association to new heights through a restructuring programme

which he introduced to make it more responsive to the needs of the African air transport industry.

"As a man of vision, he has also revamped the image of AFRAA by strengthening its authority in the global aviation market and made it more visible and influential," the statement said.

While regretting the collapse of many African national carriers, Mr Folly-Kossi is convinced that the major challenge facing the industry in Africa was lack of political will on the part of African governments to allow the airlines to operate independently as commercial establishments, the statement said.

"We need to change that attitude and strategise to be able to take the lion's share of this ever-growing market," he said.

Mr Folly-Kossi, believes that if those strategies went along with a common vision, determination and togetherness, the African renaissance loudly called for by political leaders could as well be that of the aviation industry in the continent".