

Folly-Kossi on working visit

THE Secretary General of the African Airlines Association, AFRAA, Mr. Christian Folly-Kossi arrives in Accra today to begin a two-day official visit to the country.

While in the country, he is expected to seek audience with the President.

He will meet with the Minister of Roads and Transport and hold discussions with him on the plight of Ghana Airways as well as exchange ideas on how the once vibrant national airline, Ghana Airways, could be revamped to regain its status as one of the leading regional carriers on the continent.

Mr. Folly-Kossi is also expected to brief the Ghanaian authorities on the current state of the African air transport industry and the efforts that AFRAA is making for member airlines to gain their fair share of the global aviation market in the face of the numerous challenges confronting African airlines. He would also meet with Management of Ghana Airways and re-introduce the work of AFRAA and the benefits that member airlines

derive from its activities.

Mr Folly-Kossi is expected to share experiences in the airline industry with management and efforts being made to enable Ghana Airways find its feet once again.

From Accra, Mr Folly-Kossi would proceed to Lome, Togo, to attend the ECOWAS Ministerial meeting on the Yamoussoukro Decision, which provides for the complete opening up of the skies within Africa, a major step in the development of the regulatory and aeropolitical environment for African airlines.

Mr. Folly-Kossi, 50, a Togolese national and bilingual, assumed office in December 1999, after his selection from a field of 47 candidates to the high continental airline Executive appointment.

A graduate of both highly prestigious HEC (Jouy-en Josas) - Paris (Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales) and the Sorbonne Universities, Mr. Folly-Kossi has actively engaged himself in building the image of AFRAA for its impact to be felt at international fora. He has since structured AFRAA's Sec-

retariat to make it more responsive to the needs of African airlines, and recognised as the official mouthpiece of the continental body. A man of vision and determination, he

strongly believes in co-operation as the only solution for African airlines to survive the threat of liberalisation. He is married to Marie Folly-Kossi, and they have three children.



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