

International Civil Aviation Academy (AIMAC)

A center of aeronautical excellence



Project description

The Civil Aviation Academy (AIMAC), established through a collaboration between AIBD SA and the Air Force, is pursuing ambitious and strategic goals. Its primary objective is to establish an international center of excellence dedicated to training pilots and aircraft maintenance technicians, with a primary focus on serving the national airline, Air Sénégal. The overarching aim of this initiative is to address the training needs both at the national and regional levels and position itself as a top-tier academy that effectively meets the human resources training requirements of civil aviation in Africa. This aspiration aligns with the first and second pillars (Inclusive Growth and Human Development) of Plan Sénégal Emergent.

The initial phase of the program involved bringing the airport infrastructure at Thiès air base up to modern standards and commencing training activities at the Thiès location. Training for the first cohort of 24 student pilots and 30 maintenance technicians, designated for Air Senegal, began in May 2022. During this initial phase, renovations and upgrades to the runway, taxiway, and aircraft parking area have been completed, and a fleet of aircraft and helicopters has been delivered.

The subsequent phase involves the construction of a 20 hectares social campus, an advanced academy, and a state-of-the-art aircraft hangar at Diass, equipped with cutting-edge facilities.

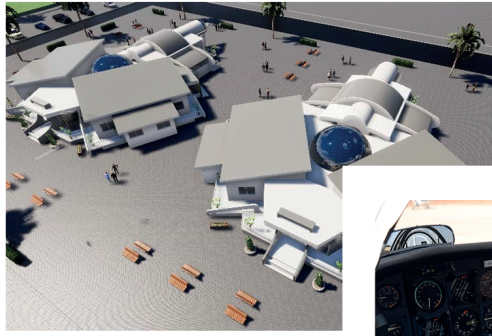
Project objectives

AIMAC is part of the overall ambition to make Senegal the leading air hub in the West African sub-region. The school is a response to the civil aviation challenges posed by the growth prospects for air transport in Africa between now and 2035. According to forecasts, this growth will require 550 aircrafts, 29,000 pilots and 27,000 technicians to meet airline needs on the African continent.



Scope of work

- Infrastructure
- Aircraft
- Flight simulators
- Training



Project status



17 aircrafts already available, aircraft simulators, second campus under construction

Location

DIASS AIBD and Thiès Military Base
Senegal



Partners



- Air Force
- Air Senegal SA
- MTADIA (Ministry of Air Transport and Airport Infrastructure)
- ANACIM(National Agency for Civil Aviation and Meteorology)

Type of financing



Airport Infrastructure
Development Charges
(RDIA)

Provisional commissioning period



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