

## Event Report – Takeoff Academy & IFATCA AFM Strategic Partnership Presentation

**Title:** Transforming Regional ATC Training Through Strategic Partnership

**Date:** 9/08/2025

**Audience:** ATCOs, ANSP/CAA Leaders, Aviation Training Stakeholders – Africa & Middle East

### Overview

This successful session presented the Takeoff Academy & IFATCA AFM strategic cooperation model, showcasing how this partnership can revolutionise ATC training in the Africa & Middle East (AFM) region. The programme addressed training gaps, promoted affordability, highlighted innovative technology integration, and introduced the SkyLab, SkyPulse, and SkyTrack initiatives for community-based capacity building.

### Key Highlights

- Vision & Objectives – Addressing training gaps, raising safety standards, and increasing access for all controllers, including self-funded participants.
- Training Portfolio – ICAO/EASA-aligned courses from Basic ATC to advanced and specialised modules (AFISO, AIS-AIM, CISM, Safety Management, Audits and Oversight, CAA. Airports, ANSP Leadership and Management).
- Innovative Delivery – Virtual, blended, and in-person models, leveraging the SkySave AI adaptive platform.
- Community Programmes – SkyLab (school/college aviation clubs, mentorship, early career guidance) and SkyPulse (regional training performance dashboards, skill gap analytics, benchmarking).
- Financial Solutions – Multi-currency payment systems and scholarship schemes to improve affordability.
- Leadership Stance – Takeoff aims to be the pace-setter in regional ATC training—“no more following where others lead.”

## Call to Action

We invite all ATCOs, ANSPs, CAAs, and aviation training stakeholders to take part in forming SkyLab and SkyPulse communities in their respective countries. These communities will connect active professionals and students, provide mentoring and outreach, and use SkyPulse data to improve training outcomes regionally.

### Annex A – Step-by-Step Guide to Forming a SkyLab Community

1. Identify a school or college interested in aviation outreach.
2. Secure approval from the institution and local education authorities.
3. Nominate a coordinator (active or retired ATCO or aviation professional).
4. Develop a club charter – goals, activities, and membership rules.
5. Plan activities – guest talks, site visits, simulator demos, competitions.
6. Connect with Takeoff Academy for starter materials and ICAO-aligned awareness modules.
7. Launch officially with a kickoff event, inviting local stakeholders.

### Annex B – Step-by-Step Guide to Forming a SkyPulse Community

1. Identify a group of training providers, ANSP staff, or CAA training officers.
2. Appoint a data coordinator to manage performance tracking.
3. Set up access to the SkyPulse platform via Takeoff Academy.
4. Establish data-sharing protocols – ensuring confidentiality and compliance.
5. Begin benchmarking training outcomes against ICAO standards.
6. Hold quarterly review meetings to assess progress and share insights.

## **Annex C – SkyTrack Listing (Planned Modules & Commercial Terms)**

SkyTrack is designed for corporate clients and major aviation organisations, including ANSPs, Airports, Airlines, CAAs, and other aviation stakeholders. It provides tailored, contract-based monitoring, reporting, and performance tracking services to enhance operational efficiency and compliance.

- SkyTrack: ATCO Competency Monitor – Continuous tracking of skill proficiency and compliance with ICAO/EASA standards.
- SkyTrack: Training Compliance Checker – Ensures all training aligns with regulatory requirements and best practices.
- SkyTrack: Career Progression Tracker – Monitors personnel growth from trainee to senior management levels.
- SkyTrack: Regional Trends Dashboard – Aggregates and analyses training and performance data for AFM-wide insights.

### **Commercial Terms:**

- All SkyTrack contracts are individually negotiated and quoted based on client requirements.
- Group quotations available, with discounts structured to beat the lowest verified competitor pricing.
- Price Guarantee: Takeoff Academy guarantees at least 20% lower than any genuine competitor quotation for equivalent services.

## Annex D – Studying in the UK (Programmes up to 6 Months)

Takeoff Academy welcomes international participants to upgrade skills or undertake short programmes (up to 6 months) at our UK training centres. Our partner, Takeoff Immigration Services, can assist with visa pathways and application preparation as applicable.

### Step-by-Step Process:

Choose Your Programme: Select an upgrade or short course (≤6 months) that fits your goals and timeline.

- Eligibility Review: Confirm prerequisites and English language level where required.
  - Provisional Offer Letter: Receive a conditional offer outlining course content, dates, fees, and required documents.
  - Fees & Invoicing: Obtain a formal invoice (multi-currency options available). Apply for scholarships where eligible.
  - Accommodation & Travel Plan: Choose housing options and outline intended travel dates (flexible arrival windows).
  - Visa Pathway Consultation: Takeoff Immigration Services advises on suitable routes for short study in the UK and required evidence.
  - Document Preparation: Compile passport, offer letter, proof of funds, accommodation details, travel plan, insurance, and sponsor letters (if any).
  - Application Submission & Biometrics: Submit application and complete biometrics at an authorised centre; track status.
  - Decision & Booking: On approval, finalise travel and accommodation; keep copies of all documentation for border control.
  - Arrival & Orientation: Attend on-site induction, health & safety briefing, and training schedule overview.
7. Training & Assessment: Complete modules, simulations, and assessments; access learner support as needed.
  8. Certification & Next Steps: Receive course certificate and personalised progression advice (including optional follow-on modules).

## Websites & Contact Information

**Main Group Website:** <https://takeoffgroup.co.uk/> – Navigate all products.

**LMS Portal:** <https://takeoff.academy> – Access branches including SkyLab, SkyPulse, and SkyTrack.

**Self-Paced AI-Powered Training:** <https://skysave.takeoff.academy/>

**Immigration Services:** <https://ukimmigrationandvisa.uk/> – For visa applications to study at our UK centres.

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