



AFRIJET SIGNS ORDER FOR 1 ATR 42-600 AND ONE OPTION

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Gabonese airline Afrijet signed a firm order for one [ATR 42-600](#), with an option for one more, with world's number one regional aircraft manufacturer ATR. The aircraft will replace Afrijet's former generation ATR 42-500, offering advanced passenger amenities to serve the regional air travel needs of the Gabonese communities. It will join FlyGabon's fleet of two [ATR 72-600](#). The delivery of the first aircraft is planned for 2025, and the option is to be delivered in 2026.

FlyGabon ambition is to further enhance affordable regional mobility across the country and boost the national economy, progressively benefitting from the restoration of provincial airports. The ATR 42-600 will be decisive in ensuring all Gabonese communities benefit from quick, reliable and affordable travel options. The ideal platform to serve the most remote communities, the ATR 42-600 boasts the lowest cost per trip in its category. With a 30% reduction in fuel consumption compared to similar-sized regional jets and the ability to operate in challenging environments, the

ATR 42-600 excels in both environmental performance and operational flexibility.

Nyl Moret-Mba, Afrijet's General Manager commented: "The acquisition of this ATR 42-600 represents a significant step forward in FlyGabon's fleet development. The aircraft will replace Afrijet ATR 42-500, currently under maintenance and scheduled to leave the fleet next year. Equipped with 46 seats and cutting-edge technologies, we firmly believe that we have selected the most suitable aircraft model to address the unique demands of passenger traffic and to align with the airport infrastructure across our provinces."

Alexis Vidal, ATR SVP Commercial, said: "As we continue our successful partnership with Afrijet, we are honored to support the launch of FlyGabon. This agreement showcases our commitment to delivering the most cost-effective, versatile and lowest-emission regional aircraft, while contributing to our partners' growth and enhancing affordable regional mobility. The combination of ATR 42 and 72 models will offer FlyGabon maximum flexibility for efficient operations in the long term."



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