



Kenya: Upgrading of the Isiolo International Airport Underway

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The upgrading of the Isiolo International Airport by the Kenyan Government, in line with its realization of the economic development blueprint Vision 2030, is underway following a groundbreaking launch on February 8, 2013 by Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki. The Project is the epicenter of a multi-million dollar effort to open up Northern Kenya, landlocked Ethiopia and South Sudan. The President commissioned the completion of the runway that cost approximately USD 11 million and launched phase two of the project. The completed 34-meter wide runway can accommodate a maximum takeoff weight of 379,016 kilograms. The airport has two taxiways and three aprons where aircraft can park and refuel.

The airport's **second phase** will be developed at an estimated cost of USD 10 million. The runway will be expanded from the current 1.4km to 2.5km while the apron, which can presently accommodate three code 'C' aircraft, will be enlarged to accommodate nine. A passenger terminal building with an area of 4,500 square meters and a capacity to handle 125,000 passengers annually will also be constructed. Other facilities that are lined up in the second phase include: cargo terminals, a parking area, fire station, meteorological center, hangar, control tower, and staff quarters. The project will also provide added convenience to oil exploration companies operating in Marsabit and Turkana Counties while attracting investment opportunities in the tourism, agricultural and livestock product sectors.

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