

Financial Sector Deepening Kenya senior economist Anzeise Were (left), Nairobi International Financial Centre CEO Oscar Nyiguna and Kenya Bankers Association director Samuel Tiriongo in a panel discussion during the launch yesterday of the 2023 Kenya banking industry report themed 'Enhancing Bank's resilience and sustainability amid multiple macroeconomic shocks'.

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# Indian airline Indigo adds Nairobi route in global expansion

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Indian airline Indigo has announced plans to add six new destinations across Asia, and Africa in an international expansion strategy in early August that will raise competition against players, including Kenya Airways.

The airline listed on the National Stock Exchange of India said it is adding 174 new weekly international flights between June and September



...over two years. Justice Rika wondered how the remaining 76 will take to complete their testimonies.

"The prayer to call the 5 Claimant identified in the Application, as the last Witnesses for the Claimants, is allowed," the judge said.

The former employees have sought compensation for unfair termination following a Voluntary Exit Scheme (VES) in 2018. They claim that even though they applied for VES, the application was not purely voluntary as claimed but that the environment that had been created in the workplace by the bank made the exit a softer option as most of them had allegedly undergone what they termed as discrimination.

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ber 2023, including new destinations, routes, and frequencies, catering to the rising demand for international travel from, to and via India.

Starting from Mumbai Airport, the

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Number of flights that Indigo plans to add between June and September  
airline will launch direct flights to Nairobi, Kenya, and Jakarta, Indonesia.

"It will connect Nairobi, Kenya and Jakarta, Indonesia, with direct flights from Mumbai in late July / early August. Delhi will be connected in August to Tbilisi, Georgia (3x) & Baku, Azerbaijan (4x) and in September to Tashkent, Uzbekistan (4x), and Almaty, Kazakhstan (3x)," said Indigo in a statement.

Kenya Airways (KO) also serves the Nairobi-Mumbai route.

Indigo currently flies to 26 international destinations with 75 inter-

national city pairs.

"The addition of these exciting new destinations ... and strategic codeshare partnerships, will help us expand our footprint across four continents with Africa and Central Asia being penetrated for the first time," said Mr Pieter Elbers, the chief executive officer, Indigo. "With this expansion in our network, we will now be directly touching 32 international destinations (up from 26), next to our 78 domestic destinations."

Indigo's fleet of over 300 aircraft, operating over 1800 daily flights and connecting 78 domestic destinations and 26 international destinations plans to offer affordable charges to compete with Kenya Airways, Ethiopian Airlines and Emirates among others along the route to Mumbai.

A round trip from Nairobi to Mumbai and vice versa using Emirates on July 31st and returning on 1st August will cost you Sh101,255.

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