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# Sanad and Ethiopian to create MRO Centre in Africa

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At MRO Africa, Sanad Aerotech and Ethiopian Airlines signed a landmark agreement to establish a MRO Centre of Excellence in the region

Engine maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) solutions provider [Sanad Aerotech](#) announced today that it has signed a landmark agreement with [Ethiopian Airlines](#) to expand its presence in Africa. Signed at [MRO Africa](#), the agreement paves the way for Sanad and Ethiopian Airlines to collaborate and maximize on untapped MRO business opportunities in the region.

The initial phase of the agreement will see Sanad and Ethiopian establish a Centre of Excellence for the repair and overhaul of auxiliary power units (APU) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and will start with APU's used on 737 and A320 aircraft, with goals to collaborate in the provision of APU MRO services to other African airlines in the future. The strategic alliance also has aspirations to expand capabilities to include aircraft components and aircraft engine MRO.

This latest agreement between the two companies builds on a 2018 Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on APU capabilities, among others.

“Sanad continues to push ahead with its strategy of expanding a global presence through strategic alliances with well-established companies that share the same vision for quality and excellence,” said Mansoor Janahi, Sanad Aerotech Chief Executive Officer, in today’s press release from the companies.

Janahi continued: “Our strategic alliance with Ethiopian Airlines goes beyond this announcement, as it provides greater opportunities for us to jointly collaborate and develop mutually beneficial activities across the entire African continent.”

“This Strategic Alliance with Sanad Aerotech is consistent with Ethiopian Airlines vision of making its MRO facility the leading MRO service provider in Africa through strategic partnerships with OEMs and selected international MRO Service Providers,” said Ethiopian Airlines Group Chief Executive Officer Tewolde GebreMariam. “Our MRO facility is ready to provide cost effective and efficient overhaul services with standard turnaround time to APUs of African airlines.”

Sanad Aerotech is a part of Sanad, a wholly owned subsidiary of [Mubadala Investment Company](#). Sanad has built strategic relationships with leading international OEMs including Rolls-Royce, General Electric and International Aero Engines, and has delivered aircraft engine MRO expertise throughout a variety of engine maintenance service programs across engine platforms.