

Finmeccanica: Alenia Aeronautica a €60million contract with Nigeria
for the refurbishment and logistic support of the G222 aircraft

Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica company, has signed a contract with the Nigerian Air Force envisaging a thorough activity of refurbishment, assistance and logistic support for the transport aircraft fleet made of G222s, which have been supplied in the 80s by the then-called Aeritalia to the African Country's Air Force.

The agreement, worth \$74,5 millions (equal to about €60 millions) with a two-year validity, extends and improves the value of the long-lasting collaboration with the Nigerian Air Force that, thanks to it, will have an autonomous and efficient transport aircraft fleet, and will also be able to get advantage of the Italian company's technological know-how.

The agreement is part of a wider initiative by Alenia Aeronautica towards many international customers of the G222 (sold in 105 units), still able to meet effectively, only with the help of some upgrading, several operational requirements asking for the use of rugged and highly manoeuvrable airlift, as clearly shown by the missions taken place under NATO and UN.

Alenia Aeronautica, which has received the heritage from the G222 and has improved it with the new C-27J aircraft, will take care of the technical training of the Nigerian Air Force's personnel, such as: pilot instructors, technicians, engineers, load masters and the logistic support staff. The company will also build new infrastructures (among them a complete hangar) at the military base of Ilorin, approximately 300 km. from the Federal Capital Lagos, along with the equipment for a full scale maintenance activity of the five G222s of the Nigerian fleet. The customer will also be provided with a further second-hand aircraft.

Nigeria owns a G222s transport aircraft fleet, enabling it to participate in all the "Peace-Keeping" operations, particularly within the African Continent.