

## Titus Naikuni

Group Managing Director & CEO, Kenya Airways



Mr. Naikuni, holds a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nairobi. He is also a graduate of the Harvard Business School's Management Development Programme (PMD71) and was awarded a Doctor of Science Engineering by the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, an honorary award in recognition of his contribution to development. He joined the Magadi Soda Company (now Tata Chemicals Magadi Limited) in 1979 as a Trainee Engineer and rose to the position of Managing Director of that company in 1995 and Managing Director of the Magadi Railway Company (a subsidiary of Magadi Soda Company) in 1996. Between August 1999 and March 2001 Mr. Naikuni was a member of a team of World Bank sponsored Kenyan technocrats, known as the "Dream Team" who were engaged by the President Moi to turn around the Kenyan economy. In this capacity Mr. Naikuni served as permanent secretary to the Ministry of Information, Transport and Communications and was a member of the Board of Kenya Airways during that period. He returned to Magadi Soda Company in April 2001 where he continued to serve as Managing Director, a position he held up to his present Appointment with Kenya Airways in February 2003. Mr. Naikuni, has had extensive boardroom experience having previously served on various company boards including as a member of the board of Brunner Mond (South Africa), as Chairman of the Kenya Power & Lighting Company and as Chairman of Housing Finance Company Limited, Board member of CFC Bank, Heritage Insurance among others. He received the Manager of the Year Award in Kenya in 2002. He is currently a board member of Kenya Airways Group of Companies, Maersk Kenya Ltd, Access Kenya Ltd, East Africa Portland Cement Company, Precision Air Tz, IATA Board of Governors, deputy Chairman of Magadi Soda Company Ltd, a member of Lafarge International Advisory Board and Chancellor South Eastern Kenya University.