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ORANJESTAD — Minister Otmar Oduber was the invited speaker at the opening of the 3rd 'Offshore Aircraft Registration' conference taking place on Aruba. This conference boasts the presence of top executives involved with Aircraft registration, which showed that the interest is high in this sector.

This conference has grown over the past three years as can be seen from the large turnout.

According to the Minister, it took 4 years to do an inventory, to hold talks with the Department of Civil Aviation, restructure and make necessary changes in order to achieve the goals set. Some 90 aircrafts have been registered thus far with the intention of gradually increasing this to a total of 300 aircraft registrations on Aruba within the next 5 to 6 years.

Among the attendees at the conference are offshore companies, banks, and lawyers indicating the positive outcome seen in aircraft registry here on Aruba.

The registration of aircrafts on Aruba is obviously a business that could generate between 10 and 20 million dollars in our economy in the next few years. The Minister explained the importance of a program of Offshore Aircraft Registry here on Aruba. This will benefit the economy greatly and the market tied to it. We will be able to expect an elite group who will carry the name of Aruba, with the hope that they would one day also visit Aruba on vacation. According to Minister Oduber, "we have big plans for the Civil Aviation Department. We want to put service and safety awareness as primary aspects to elevate Aruba's name in this particular sector."