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One of the barriers to the growth of Africa's tourism industry and intra-continent trade is our inability to move people and goods within the continent with relative ease. It is much easier to travel to Europe and America from many African countries than it is to travel to other African countries. In short, Africa does not talk to Africa. Air travel, which should be the solution to this problem, is plagued by profitability and most disturbingly safety concerns. Why is it so difficult for us to get this crucial sector working? Why have we recorded so many crashes in Africa, particularly in Nige

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