

African Airports Make Strong Contribution to Global Carbon Reduction Efforts, According to Airport Carbon Accreditation Annual Report

Casablanca, 14 March 2023 - Today, the Airport Carbon Accreditation Annual Report 2021-2022 was released, showcasing the remarkable carbon management progress made by accredited airports in Africa. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Africa saw a remarkable growth rate of 38% in airport participation, with 22 accredited airports across 13 countries.

The efforts of African airports have contributed significantly to global carbon performance, particularly in reducing Scope 1 and 2 CO₂ emissions. During the reporting period (May 2021-May 2022), the accredited airports in the region collectively reduced their CO₂ emissions by 15,439 tonnes, equivalent to the CO₂ emitted during the production of nearly 2.2 million cotton t-shirts.



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ACI Africa Secretary General, Mr. Ali Tounsi, expressed his gratitude for the extraordinary commitment of the airports to climate action, despite the effects of the COVID-19 crisis and other unstable trading conditions. He highlighted the contribution of African airports in inspiring their business partners to join them in their efforts towards Net Zero CO₂ emissions by 2050, a goal shared by the aviation industry worldwide.

"Today's report is testimony of the airports' unwavering dedication to ridding their operations and infrastructure of carbon. Their efforts are commendable and have set an example for others in the industry to follow," said Mr. Tounsi.

The report confirms that African airports are not only committed to climate action but are also willing to go the extra mile to achieve their goals. As the world continues to recover from the pandemic, their steadfastness in the fight against climate change is a beacon of hope for a sustainable future.

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Airport Carbon Accreditation is the only institutionally-endorsed, global carbon management certification programme for airports. It independently assesses and recognises the efforts of airports to manage and reduce their carbon emissions through 6 levels of certification: 'Mapping', 'Reduction', 'Optimisation', 'Neutrality', 'Transformation' and 'Transition'.

Through its 6 levels of certification, *Airport Carbon Accreditation* acknowledges that airports are at different stages in their journey towards comprehensive carbon management. It is a programme for airports of all sizes, extending beyond hubs and regional airports with scheduled passenger traffic, to include general aviation and freight-focused airports.

Find the full list of accredited airports and more information about the programme here:
<https://www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org/>