



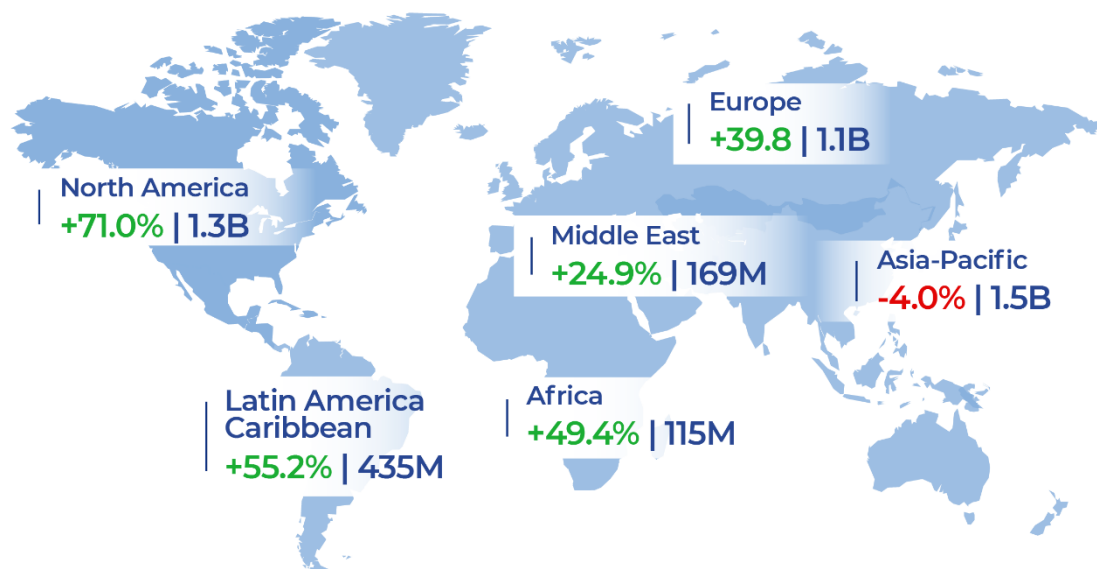
## PRESS RELEASE

### ACI AFRICA SECRETARY GENERAL OPTIMISTIC ON AVIATION RECOVERY WITH RELEASE OF 2021 ANNUAL TRAFFIC REPORT



#### GLOBAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC

4.6B (+28.4%)



ACI Africa, the voice of African Airports, has announced the 2021 air traffic figures for Africa.

The report, shows an impressive improvement in airport performance in all three (Passenger, Aircraft and Cargo) traffic indicators witnessed across the continent.

While commenting on the report, Secretary General, ACI Africa - Ali Tounsi expressed optimism on the recovery of the aviation industry.

*“As we may all be aware, the effects of the COVID19 pandemic resulted in a significant decline in air travel not only in Africa, but globally. It is therefore my delight to see such impressive numbers coming out of our airports. This report demonstrates that the process of recovery is bearing fruits and also complements the steps the industry is taking in ensuring that we get back to where we were prior to the pandemic,”* said Tounsi.

## PASSENGER TRAFFIC

In 2021, 114.8 million passengers were processed through African airports, which accounted for 2.5% of the World passenger traffic. Notably, Cairo International Airport in Egypt led the pack in the year under review recording more than 11.3 million passengers with South Africa's OR Tambo International Airport following at 8.2 million passengers.

Egypt's Cairo, Hurguada and Sharm El Sheikh International Airports led the international passenger counter, recording a movement of 9.3, 8.2 and 3.9 million passengers respectively. The domestic scene was led by OR Tambo International Airport (South Africa), Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (Nigeria) and Cape Town international Airport (South Africa) with a movement of 6.0, 4.8 and 4.2 million passengers respectively.

## AIR CARGO VOLUMES

2.15 million metric tons of cargo transited through African airports in 2021, representing around 1.7% of the World cargo volume. The cargo traffic growth increased by 11.6% in 2021 compared to 2020 with Kenya's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport leading african airports after recording 363,204 tons of cargo in the year under review. Egypt's Cairo International Airport and South Africa's OR Tambo International Airport came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with 333,536 tons and 304,018 tons respectively.

## AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

African airports handled 2.1 million aircraft movements in 2021 representing 2.9 % of the world's aircraft movement which stands 73.6 million and a 38% growth from the figures recorded during the same period in 2020.

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