



ACI World and ACI Africa urge G7 to ensure equity of access and treatment of travellers on a non-discriminatory basis with respect to digital health certificate or conventional health documentation



As the G7 Summit formally begins in the United Kingdom on 11 June 2021, ACI Africa and ACI World have jointly written to the President of South Africa, His Excellency Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, to urge for his support to the continued development and swift implementation of digital health passes which will promote the safe and swift reopening of borders.

The interoperability and use of these passes will be a major contributor to the reopening of aviation which supports the travel and tourism industry in Africa, contributing both to the GDP of African States, and also to the well-being and societal health of Africans.

In particular for Africa, as health passes are only now coming into widespread use, it will be essential that States also recognise the documentation which is already in circulation to demonstrate the health status of individuals. These documents notably include over a billion vaccine certificates, many millions of proofs of recovery, of course the much shorter-lived, evidence of test results.

ACI Africa and ACI World therefore propose that the G7 Summit explicitly recognizes these concerns in its communique:

"We recognise that as the aviation industry recovers and as our citizens start to travel they will need to be assured of their health and safety throughout their journey. We therefore commit to support the development and introduction of digital health passes such as those being introduced by the European Union and the Blueprint developed by the Good Health Pass Collaborative and to take all possible steps to ensure their interoperability. We further commit to ensure that there is equity of access and treatment of those who do not hold a digital certificate and to ensure that all qualified travellers are able to satisfy the necessary border requirements with the minimum of restrictions or controls."



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"ACI Africa and its members stand ready to introduce measures that are necessary to provide for a safe and sustainable restart and recovery of the travel and tourism industry, but we cannot do it alone and we look to governments in Africa to provide the necessary support and regulatory framework which allow for the harmonization of these procedures," ACI Africa Secretary General Ali Tounsi said.

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