



## ACI Africa welcomes the Global Airport Industry Long-term Carbon Goal



ACI Africa welcomes and fully supports the global airport industry's commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050, launched today by ACI World and all other ACI Regions - Europe, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America & Caribbean and North America.

The commitment reads as follows:

***"ACI member airports at a global level commit to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and urge governments to provide the necessary support in this endeavor."***

Climate change is a global challenge requiring an urgent global response given the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) recent call to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050. ACI's long term carbon goal relates to the carbon emissions under the direct control of airport operators and will be a crucial component of the aviation industry's contribution towards this global effort.

Airports have long taken a leadership role in addressing, minimising, and mitigating the environmental impacts of aviation. This has been demonstrated through their ability to decrease emissions over the last 10 years, supported and enabled by Airport Carbon Accreditation despite significant traffic growth in that time.

"The climate crisis requires bold action at the local, regional and global level and the goal we have set for airport members will help to drive action and identify common challenges and



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opportunities that can be tackled together”, ACI World Director General Luis Felipe de Oliveira said. “We set out to work with all ACI Regions and our membership globally to establish a net zero goal at a global level that airports can commit to reaching, and we urge governments to provide the necessary support for this crucial endeavor.

Aviation is crucial for the global economic recovery from the impact and effects of COVID-19 as the industry’s global economic impact – direct, indirect, induced and catalytic – contributes trillions to world gross domestic product, supports millions of jobs, and fosters sustainable development.

Airports are an integral part of the response to climate change but ACI recognizes that each airport, country, and region is different. The long-term carbon goal is ambitious and aspirational and intended to be adopted by individual airports in accordance with local conditions, with the support of local governments, to a timeline towards net zero by 2050 that works for them.

“ACI Africa is committed to working for a more sustainable aviation industry by engaging airport stakeholders in Africa in the fight against climate change and by encouraging the use of alternative sources of energy,” ACI Africa Secretary General Ali Tounsi said. “The overall engagement of African States will be key in supporting airports on the continent in achieving a net zero carbon emissions by 2050.”

In Africa, sixteen airports have embarked on the Airport Carbon Accreditation program, which is a commitment to the ICAO State Action Plan on CO2 emissions reduction. Among the leading African airports, Félix-Houphouët-Boigny Abidjan International Airport of Côte D'Ivoire has achieved the 3+ level whereas La Réunion Roland Garros Airport of Reunion is at level 3.

Learn more about ACI World’s [Long Term Carbon Goal Study](#)

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