



AIRPORTS COUNCIL
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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

AWARD

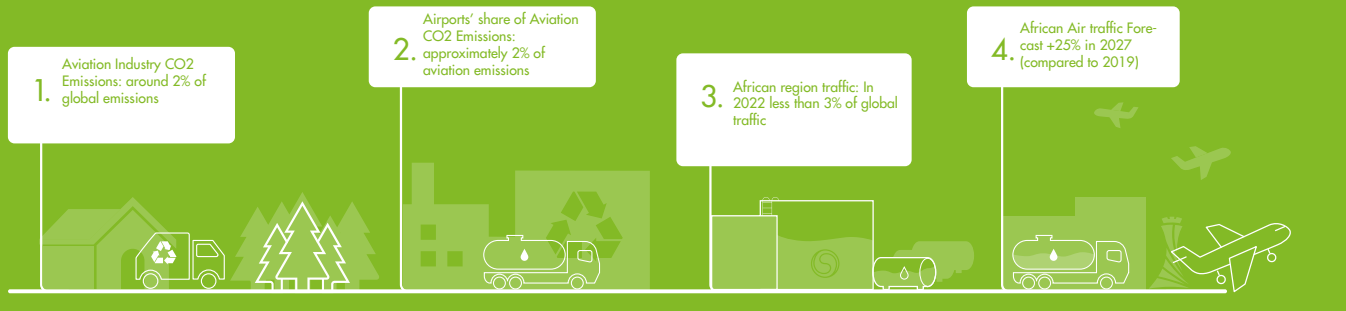
ACI Africa

Environment & Sustainable Development Awards

1. CONTEXT

The Strategic Plan of ACI Africa outlines the need to develop air transport in Africa whilst considering the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

With the Aviation Industry's commitment to the Net Zero Carbon Goal by 2050, UN SDG 13, Climate Action, appears to be the one most visibly related to airports activities.



However, airports are economic hubs, and our activities can touch on all SDGs. For this reason, ACI Africa ESD committee is taking a holistic approach in addressing Environment and Sustainable Development matters and proactively works and promotes measures and programs regarding the protection of the environment in Africa.

The Committee has established a roadmap outlining the priorities and an action plan to help members achieve their objectives on Climate action, Environmental protection, and Sustainability.

In this context, ACI Africa, in support of the ESD Committee, has decided to create an Environment and Sustainable Development Award which will reward every 2 years the airports which have distinguished themselves in this field.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



2. OBJECTIVES

The goal for implementing an ESD Award is to recognize the importance of environmental management in airport performance. This recognition will be used to:

- Recognize all ACI Africa airports that strive to achieve Environment and Sustainable Development best practices;
- Encourage members to reduce airport operations environmental impacts;
- Promote airports efforts in Environment and Sustainable Development;
- Encourage decision-makers to include in their corporate strategy a reference to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those relating to Environmental protection;
- Support competency building on Environment and Sustainable Development for African Airports and build a strong community of Environment experts in the African Aviation Industry;
- Encourage the efforts of airport personnel;
- Share best practices in terms of Environmental management in the airport community;
- Give visibility to airports leaders in ESD fields;
- Develop a culture of excellence in airport management in Africa;
- Showcase the contribution of airports to the development of our region, and
- Lead by example and position the airport industry as a model in the continent regarding Environmental and Sustainable Development.

3. ACI AFRICA ESD AWARD CATEGORIES

In order to consider the various stages airports are at on their environmental protection journey and the different Environment priorities depending on subregions, geographical position, airport sizes, the ESD award will be given in

different categories that could be amended by the panel in a spirit of fairness and equity. The projects can be submitted in the following categories:

1. Environmental Management System
2. Waste management
3. Net Zero/Adaptation/Mitigation
4. Outreach/community engagement

4. CRITERIA FOR THE ESD AWARDS

For the ACI Africa ESD Award, only the initiatives and projects developed over the last 5 years (2018 to date) will be eligible for consideration. The assessment for the ESD Awards will be based on the following:

1. Demonstrated environmental benefits before/after
2. Cost effectiveness
3. Innovation aspect
4. Capacity building effort
5. Sustainability gains

The assessment will consider the various projects and initiatives aimed at mitigating the environmental impact of airport activities, measures for biodiversity and wildlife protection, actions undertaken for the benefit of communities, and raising awareness among airport stakeholders on sustainable development, etc. The evaluation will consider the financial capacities which may vary from one structure to another.

The participating airport members can outline their selected initiative conducted since 2018 to date in the form of a 4-page maximum document, or a PowerPoint presentation of 08 slides maximum or a short video of 2 minutes maximum.

The document should include the following sections:

- project background
- project description
- project results
- executive summary

The project executive summary could be used to communicate on the project should ACI Africa choose to do so. The following list is indicative of the additional documents that can be attached when applying for the ESD award:

- ESD Policy and Guidelines
- ESD Commitment/Charter
- ESD KPIs for the last 5 years, i.e. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.



5. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are invited from Regular Airport Members of ACI Africa (i.e. those which have paid all their membership dues as at 31 December 2022).

The application process follows several steps. The invitation to participate in the ESD Awards is launched through email by the Secretary General of ACI Africa, addressed to all airport members of the association, indicating the start of the process, and inviting members to submit their proposal by filling in the application form and submitting the files and documents pertaining to their selected ESD project.

The application will be done online by sending the application form duly completed and signed by the General Manager or CEO, with the relevant attachments to: atounsi@aci-africa.aero, rbhoyroo@aci-africa.aero

ACI Africa will send a confirmation email to acknowledge receipt of the application for all applications received before the specified deadline.

If the participating airport member does not receive the acknowledgment email three working days after submitting the application, they are advised to contact the ACI Africa regional office.

The winners will be contacted by email to inform them of the results. The participating airport members agree that the results will be made public for the purpose of the communication strategy of ACI Africa.

All participating airport members will be rewarded with either a free training course by ACI Africa or payment of the registration to join or continue on the ACA program to a maximum of Euro 2,000.

The awards will be presented at the ACI Africa Annual General Assembly to be held in Dakar, Senegal on Monday 16 October 2023.

6. JURY PANEL

The jury in charge of evaluating the submissions may be composed of:

- Representative(s) of ACI Africa
- Representative(s) of other ACI regions
- Experts outside of Aviation, Universities
- ACI Africa Business Partner ENVISA

The participating airport member for the ESD Awards accepts that ACI Africa and / or the panel of judges have full authority to make final decisions on all matters relating to the ACI Africa ESD Awards without obligation to disclose the reasons for their decision.

7. Application dates for the year 2023

The official announcement for ACI Africa ESD award will be made with a communication from the Secretariat on May 2023. The submission deadline to receive all applications is 30 August 2023. The Awards ceremony will take place during ACI Africa Conference gala dinner in Dakar, in October 2023.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **30 August 2023**. For more information and/or clarification, please send an email to: rbhoyroo@aci-africa.aero