

2 more African airports become *Airport Carbon Accredited*

Hammamet, Tunisia: As the countdown continues to the COP21 climate negotiations beginning in little over a month, the independent programme *Airport Carbon Accreditation* today provided an update on its progress in Africa.

The Airport Carbon Accreditation programme certifies airports at **4 different levels of accreditation** covering all stages of carbon management (*Mapping, Reduction, Optimisation and Neutrality*). It is independently administered, institutionally-endorsed¹ and has already won praise from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the United Nation Environment Panel (UNEP) and the European Union (EU). As of November last year, the programme is active across the world.

At its 24th Annual Assembly, Regional Conference & Exhibition currently taking place in Hammamet, ACI Africa today announced the certification of 2 more airports in its region: **Felix Houphouët Boigny Abidjan International Airport** in Ivory Coast and **Libreville Leon Mba International Airport** in Gabon.*

Ali Tounsi, Director General ACI Africa commented *"I am delighted to announce the certification of Felix Houphouët Boigny Abidjan International Airport and Libreville Leon Mba International Airport at the Mapping level. These 2 significant capital airports join Enfidha-Hammamet Airport in actively addressing their carbon emissions. Their certification speaks of the growing awareness of the issue of Climate Change among African airports and their actions are another step in the right direction by our industry, for our continent. Their certification also serves as a reminder to the wider world that Africa is part of this programme and we look forward to others following their example."*

To find out more about the *Airport Carbon Accreditation* programme, including the key results for Year 6 (June 2014 to May 2015), visit the interactive microsite: www.airportCO2.org

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The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) has estimated that aviation's total CO₂ emissions account for 2% of global emissions' impact on climate change. Of that figure, airports' own operations only account for up to 5%, but airports are keen to tackle their greenhouse gas emissions - several individual airports operators having already committed to becoming carbon neutral in the past few years with some having already achieved this.

In 2007, the global airport industry committed to reduce its carbon emissions, in a special resolution passed at the [ACI WORLD Annual Congress & Assembly](#).

Airports are at different points on this journey to become cleaner and more efficient. As the centrepieces of a complex web of aircraft movements, technical operations and surface access transport, airports can address their CO₂ emissions in a variety of ways. These can include better insulation and energy efficiency, switching to green energy sources, investing in hybrid, electric or gas-powered service vehicles, encouraging employees, passengers & visitors to use public transport, working with airlines & air traffic management to reduce runway taxiing times and implement green landing processes and much more.

^oOriginally developed and launched by [ACI Europe](#) in June 2009, *Airport Carbon Accreditation* was extended to airports in Asia-Pacific, in November 2011 (in partnership with [ACI Asia-Pacific](#)) and to African airports in June 2013, (in partnership with [ACI Africa](#)) and North American airports in September 2014 (in partnership with [ACI-NA](#)) and Latin American & Caribbean airports (in partnership with [ACI-LAC](#)) in November 2014.

¹The programme is administered by leading consultancy WSP and overseen by an independent Advisory Board including representatives from ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation), UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme), the European Commission, the US Federal Aviation Authority, ECAC (European Civil Aviation Conference), EUROCONTROL and Manchester Metropolitan University.

* The first certification in the African region in 2013 - TAV's Enfidha Hammamet International Airport (which has since renewed at 'Level 2 Reduction').

To find out which airports are certified & their level of certification, visit:

<http://www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org/airport/participants.html>

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