# Airports Sustainability Declaration



Our ambition is to strengthen a system of sustainable and resilient airports, worldwide, through collaboration, transparency, innovation, and engagement. Together, we will ambitiously work towards our vision of airports voluntarily working together in a worldwide network to be socially, environmentally and economically prosperous and to be adaptable in the face of change.

We support and work to align our efforts with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and other key partners in the aviation sector. The Sustainable Development Goals will guide our sustainability ambitions with priority for our respective regional challenges.

**Whereas**, aviation provides significant global and local social and economic benefits, enabling real connections of people, goods and services that serve to improve our shared understanding of one another while at the same time having a notable environmental footprint.

**Whereas**, aviation is a global industry requiring a systematic approach to ensure broad adoption of sustainable best practices.

**Whereas,** airports play a significant role within the transition towards a more sustainable aviation industry.

**Whereas**, airports carry a significant social responsibility to provide safe, secure environments that facilitate interpersonal connections, stimulate the economy, circularity and boost employment and promote connectivity while reducing impact on air quality, climate change, water and natural resources.

**Whereas**, the signatories of this Airports Sustainability Declaration hereby commit to collaborate voluntarily on a worldwide scale on the development, implementation, and expansion of initiatives that improve the sustainability and resilience of airports and our communities.

**Therefore, be it hereby declared:**

By signing this declaration, we commit to transforming our ambitions to build a system of sustainable and resilient airports and communities into reality through the following constructive actions and decisions:

### Collaboration

- Increasing collaboration among airports by sharing best practices and developing new cross-airport initiatives,
- Openly sharing successes, failures and challenges in an ever changing world in order to learn as a sector,
- Expanding our collaboration with stakeholders and partners in our value chain,
- Focussing on initiatives that deliver measurable results.

### Transparency

- Adopting Key Performance Indicators to ensure transparent communication on initiatives and results;
- Openly sharing Key Performance Indicators and results;
- Supporting the application of exisiting and future airport benchmarks, such as the <u>ACI Airport Carbon Accreditation</u>, that address social and environmental topics.

### Innovation

- Taking disruptive initiatives and new technologies into consideration and if possible use them as a means to achieve our goals;
- Supporting the stimulation of sustainable start-ups to kick-start innovative developments;
- Giving due consideration to new sustainable business models;
- Striving for business cases in which social, economic, and environmental co-benefits are equally taken into account, as exemplified through the <u>International Integrated Reporting Council'</u>s six 'Capitals' approach.

### Engagement

- Providing a healthy, safe, and secure environment for employees, travellers and communities;
- Committing to lead by example and consider sustainability in management decisions and long term commitments;
- Educating our employees to raise their awareness to create a culture of sustainability driving the urgency of achieving our goals;
- Engaging our business partners and others to actively contribute to the achievement of our goals;
- Continuing to explore active, respectful and constructive forms of engagement with local communities;
- Striving to listen and understand to our stakeholders before we strive to be heard and be understood.

**Signatories**

Each year during the Airports Going Green conference we will strive to share what we have achieved and learned in order to become sustainable and resilient airports. In realizing the Sustainable Development Goals we contribute to a better world.

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