

Three more airports reach Net Zero for emissions under their control in the timespan of COP30

Highlighting the global airport community's steadfast commitment to fighting climate change, Salvador Bahia Airport in Brazil and Adelaide and Parafield airports in Australia have reached Level 5 of Airport Carbon Accreditation during COP30.

Brussels, 20 November 2025: As COP30 draws to a close in Brazil, the global airport community is marking further progress on its pathway to full decarbonisation under the *Airport Carbon Accreditation* programme. **Salvador Bahia Airport** in the COP30 host country, Brazil, together with **Adelaide** and **Parafield airports** in Australia, have reached net zero for emissions under their control (Scopes 1 & 2), while also committing to achieve net zero for Scope 3 emissions by 2050 — thus becoming certified at Level 5 under *Airport Carbon Accreditation*.

This achievement carries particular significance for the Global South. Salvador Bahia Airport, operated by VINCI Airports, is not only the first airport in Brazil to reach this level of carbon maturity but also the first airport in the Americas. Joining other Level 5 airports including Delhi International Airport, Hyderabad International Airport and Bangalore International Airports in India, Salvador Bahia Airport showcases the determination and capability of Global South airports to drive transformational change despite facing different resource constraints and infrastructure challenges than many of their Global North counterparts.

In the two years since the launch of *Airport Carbon Accreditation's* Level 5 — unveiled at COP28 in Dubai — the global community of net zero trailblazers has grown to **29 airports**. Other recent Level 5 airports include Lyon and Nice airports in France, as well as Åre Östersund, Kiruna and Visby airports in Sweden.

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As greenhouse gas concentrations keep increasing, driving global temperatures up, the airport industry continues to prioritise carbon management and reduction through *Airport Carbon Accreditation*, as reflected in the latest overall participation figures. Currently, **614 airports** across 5 continents are engaged across the seven certification levels of the programme — collectively accounting for 55.8% of global passenger traffic.

Climate action is advancing in all world regions, with new airports joining the programme. The latest entrants include:

- **Africa:** Julius Nyerere International Airport (Dar es Salaam) in Tanzania
- **Asia-Pacific & Middle East:** Red Sea International Airport in Saudi Arabia
- **Europe:** Skopje International Airport in North Macedonia
- **Latin America & Caribbean:** Foz do Iguaçu, São Luís-Marechal Cunha Machado, Navegantes, Goiânia, Afonso Pena airports in Brazil
- **North America:** Cleveland Hopkins International Airport in the USA

Olivier Jankovec, ACI EUROPE Director General said: *"Climate change is by far the most existential of crises facing humanity and the mother of all risks, conflating with economic, societal and geopolitical risks. I am all the more heartened by the ardent follow-through by the global airport community on its ambition to achieve net zero for CO2 emissions under airports' control as well as to support and facilitate the same goal for the entire aviation sector. Congratulations to the teams of Salvador Bahia, Adelaide and Parafield airports, and indeed all airports working hard to reduce their impact on the climate."*

Airport Carbon Accreditation is 16 years old, but its role in guiding and supporting airports' efforts to decarbonise has never been more important, as it provides the blueprint for net zero airport facilities. This is about non-state actors stepping up — because we all want to secure a safer and brighter future for generations to come."

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About Airport Carbon Accreditation

Airport Carbon Accreditation is the only institutionally-endorsed, global carbon management certification programme for airports. It independently assesses and recognises the efforts of airports to manage and reduce their carbon emissions.

Through its seven progressively stringent levels of certification, *Airport Carbon Accreditation* acknowledges that airports are at different stages in their journey towards comprehensive carbon management. It is a programme for airports of all sizes, extending beyond hubs and regional airports with scheduled passenger traffic, to include general aviation and freight-focused airports.

Find out more on the programme website www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org.

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