

ACI World launches sustainable recovery guidance for airports

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Montreal : Airports Council International (ACI) World has launched comprehensive guidance to help airport executives incorporate sustainability at the core of their strategies as they work towards long-term recovery.

The ACI World Sustainable Recovery Best Practice highlights the advantages of incorporating sustainability in recovery plans including access to funding through government relief packages and sustainability-linked bonds, as well as further developing a more balanced business model that incorporates social, environmental, and economic sustainability.

The publication provides a table of best practices and examples of action under three pillars of sustainability and governance, which airports worldwide should consider while developing their own sustainable recovery plans. A step-by-step approach to building such a plan is also included.

"As the industry seeks to 'build back better,' airports have been recognizing the advantages of a sustainability-centric recovery strategy," ACI World Director General Luis Felipe de Oliveira said. In June 2021, ACI member airports at the global level committed to Net Zero Carbon by 2050. To date, 352 airports have been accredited under the ACI Airport Carbon Accreditation program, the only

institutionally endorsed, carbon management certification standard for airports.