

Media Release

ACI Releases its 2012 World Airport Traffic Report

*Airport Passenger Traffic Maintains Momentum;
Cargo Growth Remains Almost flat for Second Year
as Advanced Economies Face Austerity*

Montréal, 3 September 2013 – Today, ACI World announced the launch of its 2012 World Annual Traffic Report (WATR). The Report provides coverage of airport traffic statistics, thematic areas including passengers, cargo (freight and mail), aircraft movements, and new sections. With comprehensive data coverage from over 1,500 airports in over 150 countries worldwide, ACI's flagship publication remains the authoritative source and industry reference for airport data, indicators and rankings. The 2012 WATR, can be purchased at the following URL: <http://bit.ly/14Eisld>

Angela Gittens, Director General of ACI World stated, "The latest edition of the World Airport Traffic Report takes an historical perspective by analyzing the growth trends for each region and the events that have had an adverse impact on the demand for air transport. As well, the Report provides a global analysis of the last decade's evolution of international and domestic traffic and a detailed assessment of the passenger traffic seasonality. The share of passenger and cargo traffic is examined across various markets in detail in addition to identification of the fastest growing markets and airports. Passenger traffic around the world continued to grow in spite of a climate that is best described as global economic uncertainty. While the risks of a disintegrated Euro area and the fiscal constraints faced by many developed economies represented a short run challenge for the industry, robust passenger traffic growth in emerging markets served to counterbalance the slowdown in advanced economies. As a result, the aviation industry still attained new heights in 2012. The world's airports served more than 5.7 billion passengers in 2012, growing by 4.4 percent from 2011."

Commenting on cargo traffic, Gittens stated, "Traffic in air cargo reveals a different story. As a direct consequence of the slowdown in the growth of the volume of goods and services traded around the world, air

cargo growth was relatively stagnant for a third year in a row. While macroeconomic conditions were mainly responsible for air cargo's sluggish revival, microeconomic factors such as competitive pressures from alternative modes of freight delivery also played a role, particularly in a context of uncertain economic times. In the aggregate, cargo volumes were almost flat at .5 percent in 2012 relative to 2011 at 93 million tonnes."

2012 – Key Statistics

1,598 airports located in 159 countries reported that:

- Worldwide airport passenger numbers increased by +4.4% in 2012 to 5.7 billion, registering increases in all six regions
- Middle East (+13%), Asia-Pacific (+8%), Latin America-Caribbean (+7.6%) and Africa (+6.1%) all showed robust growth in passenger traffic. Europe (+1.7%) and North America (+1.3%) experienced moderate growth
- Worldwide domestic traffic increased by +3%, while international traffic jumped by +5.7%
- Worldwide aircraft movements increased 0.6% to 79 million
- Total cargo volumes handled by airports was almost flat at 0.5%, which represents 93 million tonnes
- 65% of airports worldwide registered positive passenger growth at an average of 7%, while 35% of airports lost traffic at an average rate of -4.3%.

2012 AIRPORT TRAFFIC SUMMARY

Region	Total Aircraft Movements	% Change	Total passengers	% Change	Total Cargo	% Change
Africa	2 671 813	0.8	163 302 610	6.1	1 841 173	(0.2)
Asia-Pacific	15 441 854	6.5	1 685 367 153	8.0	33 845 411	1.3
Europe	20 041 817	(2.5)	1 614 933 901	1.7	17 798 008	(2.4)
Latin America-Caribbean	8 390 670	3.5	444 399 160	7.6	5 036 090	(0.1)
Middle East	2 366 870	6.3	253 810 113	13.0	5 865 035	4.3
North America	30 101 663	(1.4)	1 562 073 726	1.3	28 138 374	0.8
World	79 014 687	0.6	5 723 886 663	4.4	92 524 090	0.5

Passengers: total passengers enplaned and deplaned, passengers in transit counted once.

Cargo: loaded or unloaded freight and mail.

Aircraft Movements: landing or take-off of an aircraft.

Commenting on regional trends, Gittens said, “In 2012, all regions achieved positive growth rates in passenger traffic. The emerging markets of the Middle East, Asia-Pacific and Latin America-Caribbean continue to post strong gains year after year. Despite the fiscal constraints and the economic woes that have plagued European and North American economies over the last couple of years, airports still achieved modest growth in 2012 passenger traffic.”

2013 Outlook

ACI statistics received just before the release of this report showed global passenger traffic up 3% for the first five months of 2013. Commenting on the prospects for the remainder of the year, ACI World’s Director of Economics and Programme Development, Dr. Rafael Echevarne, noted, “Overall, the traffic outlook for 2013 is not encouraging. Although passenger traffic in 2013 is expected to grow, emerging markets in the BRIC countries are beginning to experience slowed growth. Combined with the austerity measures and high unemployment in Europe as well as the turbulent recovery in the United States, means that the overall growth rate in passengers is expected to be well below 5%. Cargo traffic is expected to show a decline with respect to 2012 levels, mainly driven by low business and consumer confidence in the largest international economies.”

Notes to editors:

- Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide association of airports, is a non-profit organization whose prime purpose is to represent the interests of airports and to promote professional excellence in airport management and operations. In 2012, ACI had 573 members operating over 1751 airports in 174 countries and territories.
- The World Airport Traffic Report 2012 (WATR 2012) is the most comprehensive source of airport traffic data on the market. Based on input from 1598 commercial airports from 159 countries, data is presented in five key global traffic categories: total passenger, total cargo, aircraft movements, international passenger and international freight. Rankings by order of busiest airports in each category are provided. The Report also groups results region-by-region, country-by-country, as well as airport-by-airport.
- ACI produces a full range of publications covering airport policies/standards, monthly and yearly traffic reports, airport economics and global traffic forecasting. The WATR 2012, and previous editions, can be purchased on the ACI website at the following URL: <http://bit.ly/14Eisld>

BUSIEST AIRPORTS – TOTAL PASSENGERS

TOP 10 WORLD AIRPORTS BY PASSENGERS 2012				
<i>Total Passengers: arriving and departing passengers; direct transit passengers counted once</i>				
RANK	CITY	CODE	TOTAL PASSENGERS	% CHANGE
1	Atlanta GA, USA	ATL	95 513 828	3.4
2	Beijing, China (People's Republic of	PEK	81 929 359	4.1
3	London, United Kingdom	LHR	70 038 804	0.9
4	Tokyo, Japan	HND	66 795 178	6.7
5	Chicago IL, USA	ORD	66 633 503	(0.1)
6	Los Angeles CA, USA	LAX	63 688 121	3.0
7	Paris, France	CDG	61 611 934	1.1
8	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, USA	DFW	58 621 369	1.4
9	Jakarta, Indonesia	CGK	57 772 762	12.1
10	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	DXB	57 684 550	13.2

BUSIEST AIRPORTS – CARGO (FREIGHT AND MAIL)

TOP 10 TOTAL CARGO AIRPORTS 2012				
RANK	CITY	CODE	TOTAL CARGO	% CHANGE
1	Hong Kong, China	HKG	4 066 738.4	2.3
2	Memphis TN, USA	MEM	4 015 997.0	2.5
3	Shanghai, China (People's Republic of	PVG	2 938 156.8	(4.8)
4	Anchorage AK, USA	ANC*	2 463 696.0	(3.1)
5	Incheon, Korea (Rep of Korea)	ICN	2 456 724.0	(3.2)
6	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	DXB	2 279 623.8	3.9
7	Louisville KY, USA	SDF	2 168 365.2	(0.9)
8	Paris, France	CDG	2 150 950.0	(6.5)
9	Frankfurt, Germany	FRA	2 066 299.7	(6.7)
10	Tokyo, Japan	NRT	2 006 173.0	3.1

*ANC data includes transit freight

BUSIEST AIRPORTS–AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

WORLD AIRPORT RANKING BY TOTAL MOVEMENTS 2012				
RANK	CITY	CODE	TOTAL MOVEMENTS	% CHANGE
1	Atlanta GA, USA	ATL	930 310	0.7
2	Chicago IL, USA	ORD	878 108	(0.1)
3	Los Angeles CA, USA	LAX	698 619	(0.6)
4	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, USA	DFW	650 124	0.5
5	Denver CO, USA	DEN	612 567	(2.6)
6	Beijing, China (People's Republic of	PEK	557 160	4.5
7	Charlotte NC, USA	CLT	552 093	2.3
8	Las Vegas NV, USA	LAS	527 739	(0.7)
9	Houston TX, USA	IAH	502 677	(2.8)
10	Paris, France	CDG	497 763	(3.2)

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