

Bulletin #40

TO: ACI Member Liaisons, Airport Operations and Environment Contacts

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Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) launches new Airport Operators Sector Supplement on 8 June 2011

Dear colleagues,

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is hosting a webinar (two sessions to facilitate for participants worldwide) on Wednesday 8 June, 2011 to provide information about their new guidelines for Airport Operators. The following is a note from GRI concerning the content of the webinar. To participate, you must register first via the links provided below.

Please pass along this message to any colleagues who may be interested in registering for what promises to be a very interesting exchange.

Best regards,
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Message from GRI

Join us for the virtual Airport Operators Sector Supplement Launch Webinar on 8 June 2011!

The Supplement is a version of the GRI Guidelines tailored especially for Airport Operator companies. The Supplement's development began in January 2009, led by a diverse international multi-stakeholder Working Group, and it provides guidance on key issues for the sector, expanded from the G3 Guidelines, including:

- Noise
- Human trafficking
- Direct and indirect economic benefits of local communities
- Emissions, effluents and waste
- Wildlife strikes
- Impacts of operations on local communities
- Business continuity and emergency preparedness

Aircraft safety is high on the agenda, and the new guidance from GRI will help airport operators monitor and measure their performance to reduce the risk of accidents. There are hundreds of examples of animals causing plane accidents, from cows and even turtles on the runway to birds hitting the engines. The new sustainability reporting guidance for Airport Operators will help airports measure the number of 'wildlife strikes' that occur, so they can try to reduce the risks.

Noise is also an important factor, particularly for people who live near airports. There is no internationally agreed decision on acceptable levels of noise from airports, but there is lots of discussion around how noise is measured. Airport operators can take measures to reduce noise – for example, some do not accept cargo planes, and others fly in different directions or at different heights. GRI's new reporting guidance will help airports report how they measure noise, enabling them to make improvements where they are needed.

This sector-specific reporting guidance will enable companies in the Airport Operators sector to make sustainability reports more relevant and easier to produce.

Participating in the webinars will be:

- Maaïke Fleur, Global Reporting Initiative
- Tim van Vrijaldenhoven, NACO
- Xavier Oh, Airports Council International
- Majidah Hashim, Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (session 1)
- Matt Harris, San Diego International Airport (session 2)
- Tim Johnson, Airport Environment Federation

Register for the webinar on 8 June at 8:00 am (CET, Amsterdam)
<http://globalreportingnews.org/4J5-FS9T-19XST4-659QP-1/c.aspx>

Register for the webinar on 8 June at 5:00 pm (CET, Amsterdam)
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Background

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is a network-based organization that developed a framework for organization to report on sustainability.

GRI's core goals include the mainstreaming of disclosure on environmental, social and governance performance. The Sustainability Reporting Guidelines Version 3 (known as the G3 Guidelines)

(<http://www.globalreporting.org/ReportingFramework/G3Guidelines/>)

was published in 2006 and the financial sector has been one of the largest user groups.

GRI has now developed a supplementary document for airports to report on Sustainability. It was developed through a consensus-seeking, multi-stakeholder process. Participants were drawn from global airports, civil society, labour, academic and professional institutions.

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