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ACI-LAC Assembly Conference and Exhibition to be hosted in Trinidad and Tobago in 2025

Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Authority”) is pleased to announce that Trinidad and Tobago has been selected as the host country for the Airports Council International – Latin America and the Caribbean’s (ACI-LAC) Annual Assembly Conference and Exhibition 2025.

The ACI-LAC Annual Assembly Conference and Exhibition is one of the most important events for the aviation sector in the region. It is a prestigious forum that brings together airport managers and industry experts from across the globe to discuss pertinent topics in the airport industry.

Trinidad and Tobago was formally awarded the role as host of the 2025 conference edition at this year’s event, which took place from November 10-12 in Guadalajara, Mexico. General Manager of the Authority, Mr Hayden Newton, was present to accept the award. He stated that “our selection as host underscores our nation’s important role in the Latin American and Caribbean aviation network. We are being recognised as leaders in aviation in the region and emerging as a premier destination for international aviation conferences”.

In Mexico, there were rich exchanges of experiences and reports of best practices from the main players in the Latin American and Caribbean airport market. Panellists and speakers discussed new prospects in regional aviation and addressed the challenges of using innovation as a driver of sustainable development in the sector.

Mr Newton extended an invitation to delegates to attend the conference next year. He expressed that “Guadalajara put on a high standard and we intend to reciprocate with a high quality event”. He further stated that, “Port of Spain will provide a dynamic setting to discuss issues critical to the future of air transport in the region. It will also be a great opportunity to showcase the beauty of our twin island state and showcase the new airport Terminal in Tobago.”

In August 2024, the Authority hosted the CAPA Airline Leader Summit for Latin America and the Caribbean. The benefits of hosting these conferences are significant. They attract the highest calibre of thought leaders and decision makers in the aviation and travel industry, which redounds to increased consumer expenditure, as delegates spend money in the local economy, staying in hotels, using transport systems, eating at restaurants and visiting tourist attractions. This expenditure supports GDP and employment in the travel and tourism sector, which in turn bolsters economic activity through supply chains. Other benefits include:

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- Increased awareness and visibility of destination Trinidad and Tobago
- Significant advertising value generated for host nation
- Potential for increased routes to our nation through capitalizing on networking opportunities

This event marks a significant milestone for Trinidad and Tobago and reflects the Authority's commitment to advancing the aviation sector and playing a pivotal role in enhancing connectivity across the Caribbean and Latin American region and beyond.

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Mr Hayden Newton, General Manager of the Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago Receives Award to Host the ACI-LAC Annual Assembly Conference and Exhibition in Port of Spain, Trinidad 2025.

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