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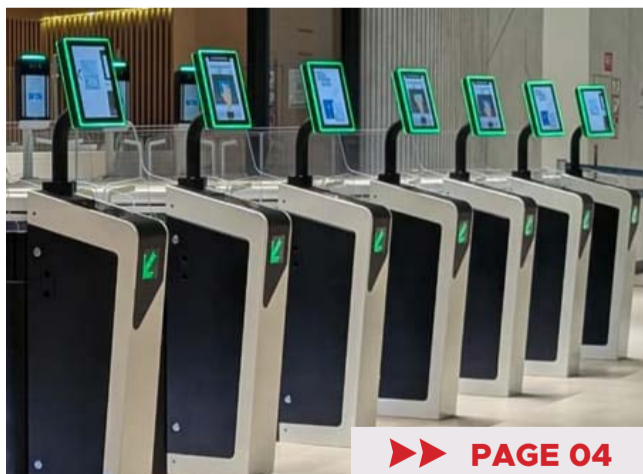
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Accra Airport Ends Shoe Removal With 3D Scanners

...GACL confirms staff training underway as passenger screening enters a new era

By Dominick Andoh



Passengers travelling through the Accra International Airport will soon enjoy a significantly faster and less intrusive security screening experience, with the Ghana Airports Company Limited (GACL) confirming that newly acquired 3D security scanners are in the final stages of preparation for deployment at Terminals 3 and 2.

In an exclusive update to AviationGhana, GACL sources have confirmed that the company is currently undertaking intensive training for security personnel to ensure the seamless rollout of the advanced screening technology within the coming months.

The development marks the final implementation phase of a project first announced earlier this year as part of Ghana's broader strategy to modernise airport operations and enhance the passenger experience.

A New Passenger Experience

Once operational, the 3D scanners will dramatically simplify security screening. Passengers will no longer be required to remove their shoes during screening, while laptops, electronic devices and liquids can remain inside carry-on baggage, eliminating one of the most time-consuming aspects of airport security checks.

The technology produces highly detailed three-dimensional images of baggage, enabling security officers to rotate and inspect bag contents digitally without requiring passengers to unpack their belongings. This improves both security effectiveness and passenger throughput.

Training Before Rollout

According to GACL sources, GACL is placing significant emphasis on staff readiness before commissioning the equipment. The airport operator is currently training security personnel to operate the new systems, ensuring passengers experience a smooth

transition once the scanners become operational.

The phased deployment is expected to cover both Terminal 3 and the yet-to-be-completed repurposed Terminal 2 at Accra International Airport.

Modernising Ghana's Aviation Gateway

The deployment forms part of a wider government programme to transform Accra International Airport into one of Africa's most efficient passenger hubs.

President John Dramani Mahama previously announced that the installation of the new scanners would eliminate long-standing security inconveniences, including the removal of shoes, belts, laptops, and liquids during screening.

The initiative complements other infrastructure improvements currently underway, including the planned interconnection of

Terminals 2 and 3, expanded digital border management systems, and the introduction of Ghana's electronic visa platform.

Boosting Competitiveness

For airlines, the new screening technology is expected to shorten passenger processing times, reduce congestion during peak departure periods, and improve on-time performance.

For travellers, it represents a substantial enhancement to the overall airport experience, aligning Accra International Airport with leading global aviation hubs that have already adopted advanced CT screening technology.

As passenger numbers continue to grow and Ghana positions itself as a preferred aviation hub in West Africa, the imminent deployment of the 3D scanners signals another important milestone in the country's efforts to deliver world-class airport infrastructure and customer service.

Qatar's Hamad Airport Rolls Out World's Largest Biometric Pax Processing, Boarding Pass Now Optional



Passengers flying out of Hamad International Airport (HIA) can now check in, drop their bags, clear security and board using their face instead of a boarding pass. HIA and Qatar Airways, with technology partner SITA, have launched Fast Pass, one of the largest biometric passenger rollouts of its kind both in the Middle East and globally, connecting more than 700 touchpoints into a single, trusted biometric journey.

Powered by SITA technology, passengers enroll in Fast Pass once via the Qatar Airways mobile check-in application or at a self-service kiosk, in the terminal. It takes just a few seconds and once completed, their face becomes their boarding pass all the way to aircraft boarding. The SITA self-service bag-drop units carry out the same facial verification, and it all runs on infrastructure built for high standard of security and data protection, keeping passengers in control of their identity. In the near future,

Qatar Airways transfer passengers will also be able to use Fast Pass, as well as other interested airlines operating from HIA, supporting smoother connections between flights. Taking part is a choice, and staff are on hand for anyone who prefers standard processing.

Passengers are ready for something different, as airports everywhere are handling more passengers than ever. IATA research shows that most now prefer biometric identification

over physical documents. Verifying a passenger once and recognizing them at each touchpoint allows airports to meet rising demand without longer queues. Aviation is at a turning point, and a rollout at this scale shows what the next standard for passenger processing can look like.

For passengers, departure feels different. Drop your bag with a glance at the camera. Walk through security without reaching for documents. Board with a look, not a search through your bag for documents. Each step that used to mean stopping now takes just a moment.

“The way people move through airports is changing, and trusted digital identity is at the center of it,” said Selim Bouri, President, Middle East, Africa & Türkiye, SITA. “When a passenger is verified once and recognized across the whole journey, the airport runs more smoothly and the traveler stays in control of their data. Hamad International Airport has shown what that looks like at full scale, across every major touchpoint. This is the model the industry will build on: travel that is faster and simpler because it is built on trust.”

With a major emphasis on mobile, HIA plans to extend the service across more touchpoints over time including enrolment and verification beyond the airport itself.

LIFT and GO7 back airline-controlled virtual interlining as new model for African connectivity



GO7, the growth platform for airlines, has named South African carrier LIFT among the first to implement its Orchestrated Virtual Interlining (OVI) solution, with the airline calling for wider industry adoption as a new path for connectivity in Africa.

Set to go live within weeks, the integration is an early proof point for a new, airline-managed model of virtual interlining (VI) that closes the experience gap between traditional and virtual interline partnerships.

LIFT believes the move carries wider relevance for Africa, where many airlines rely on traditional interline and codeshare agreements to sell beyond their physical network and optimise capacity utilisation. OVI

will ensure improved time to market at a lower cost.

Cilliers Jordaan, Chief Commercial Officer at LIFT, said: “True virtual interlining will open up exciting distribution opportunities for the African aviation market. Orchestrated VI will allow LIFT to sell connected journeys that will grow our direct bookings, offer new markets to our customers and open market opportunities for our existing and future partners. This is why we’re deepening our partnership with GO7, and why we believe more African carriers should embrace a new era of airline-managed connectivity.”

Adam Weiss, CEO of GO7, added: “Carriers with Low-cost business models, like LIFT, want the reach and flexibility of virtual interlining, but they

don’t want to hand pricing, settlement, or the customer relationship to a third-party marketplace. Because LIFT already runs on our AeroCRS PSS, they will now be able to sell beyond their physical network from within their own commercial setup, supported by GO7’s airline code and settlement infrastructure.”

Peer Winter, Chief Distribution Officer at GO7, said: “OVI shows what airline-controlled connectivity really looks like: partners selling each other’s networks with full ancillaries on every segment. Disruption is handled end to end, with through-checked bags and a choice of settlement via ICH or Split Payment. That is what sets OVI apart.”

Virtual interlining has traditionally been driven by

third-party marketplaces, leaving airlines with limited control over which routes they offer, how they sell ancillaries, and where they take risk. Orchestrated VI gives airlines rules-based control over each virtual connection and enables them to act as the merchant of record.

Originally built for Value Alliance, the model brings VI closer to traditional interlining by adding capabilities existing VI products have not been able to offer. These include a patent-protected baggage transfer solution, disruption guarantee with parametric cash payouts, optional settlement via IATA Clearing House, and the ability to align ancillaries across carriers.

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Cities Show How Climate Action Makes Life Better

By Michael R. Bloomberg and Teresa Ribera



In the global fight against climate change, there has been no shortage of targets and commitments. But people ultimately judge progress by what they experience in their daily lives. And nowhere is the impact of climate action more tangible than in the world's cities.

Mayors understand that the same measures that reduce greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions and strengthen climate resilience also improve people's daily lives. Energy-efficient homes lower the families' bills. Increased access to renewables

reduces dependence on imported fossil fuels and vulnerability to spikes in oil and gas prices. Better public transport and safer cycling infrastructure give people more affordable and healthier ways to move around their communities. Trees and green spaces improve air quality, cool neighborhoods, and make cities more pleasant places to live.

But climate action is also about protecting people from the already tangible effects of a warming planet. Heat waves, floods, droughts, and extreme-weather events are becoming more frequent

and intense. Cities and their residents are increasingly on the front line of these challenges. That is why confronting climate change requires pursuing adaptation alongside mitigation.

Around the world, local leaders are adapting schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and public spaces to protect citizens from excessive heat and other climate risks. Shading systems, green roofs, and natural cooling solutions can significantly enhance cities' resilience to rising temperatures, with children, older people, and other vulnerable residents often benefiting the most.

A combination of adaptation measures and energy efficiency can save lives, improve well-being, and reduce energy costs. These green investments also attract talent, innovation, and private investment, making climate action an economic opportunity.

Mayors have been putting these principles into practice for years. As a result, GHG emissions have fallen in many of the world's largest cities, even as their populations have continued to grow.

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Moreover, cities of all sizes and regions are working together to accelerate the progress they have made individually.

Over the past decade, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) has grown into an alliance of more than 14,000 cities and local governments across 150 countries, representing over

to identify, develop, and implement climate projects at the necessary scale.

Partnerships can help address these needs. The City Climate Finance Gap Fund, supported by GCoM and the World Bank, is already assisting cities in developing projects that can attract investment and deliver tangible benefits for their populations. Over the past few years, it has supported

initiative will focus largely on regions where the gap between ambition and available resources is widest.

National governments increasingly recognize the power of cities to drive progress on climate change. While promising, it should be only the beginning. Mayors and city leaders understand better than anyone that the most successful climate policies

burden, but an opportunity to build better lives and more vibrant communities for all.

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one billion people. Many member cities have adopted climate goals that are more ambitious than their national governments'—and are on track to achieve them more quickly.

Yet cities could move faster and go further with increased support. Specifically, they have a pressing need for technical expertise and access to finance. Many local authorities still lack the resources required

more than 1,400 cities in turning climate ambition into practical action.

Now, GCoM, C40 (a network of the world's biggest cities committed to addressing climate change), and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development are building on that work with a new partnership to help cities scale up climate projects through technical and financial assistance. This

are those that people can see and feel in their everyday lives: cleaner air, safer streets, lower energy bills, healthier homes, and better protection against extreme weather.

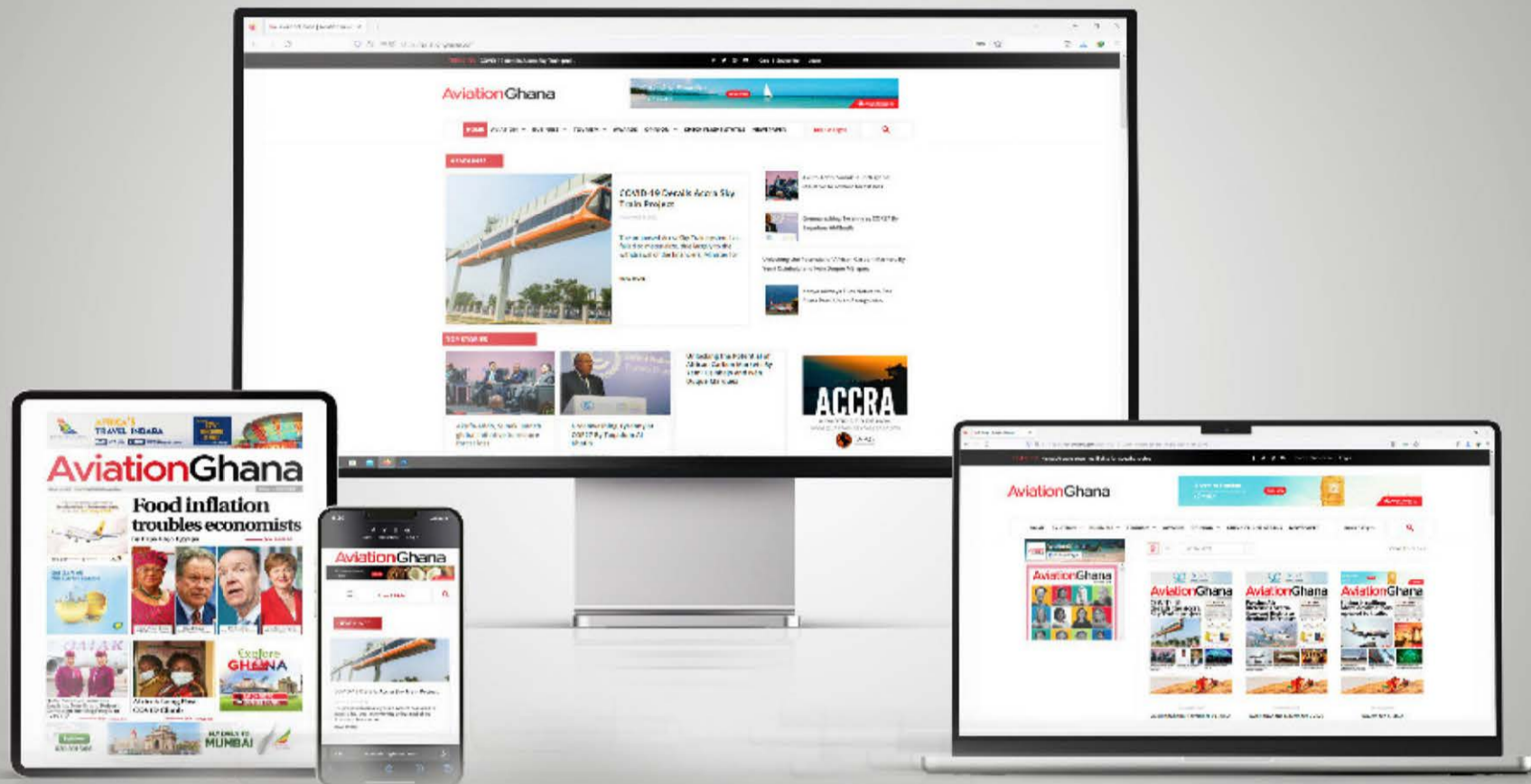
With the right support, cities can continue to protect people, strengthen resilience, and create the conditions for sustainable growth. Most importantly, cities can play a powerful leadership role by showing the world that climate action is not a

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