Principles for Sustainable Events

Definition for event sustainability: Sustainability for events means taking action towards preserving our natural environment; promoting a healthy, inclusive society; and supporting a thriving economy.

The Principles for Sustainable Events address all 17 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Four principles of event sustainability

1. Event organisers and suppliers share responsibility for implementing and communicating sustainable practices to their stakeholders.

2. Basic environmental practices include:
   - Conservation of resources, including water, energy and natural resources
   - Waste management
   - Carbon emissions reduction and management
   - Supply chain management and responsible purchasing
   - Biodiversity preservation

3. Basic social considerations include:
   - Universal human rights
   - Community impacts
   - Labour practices
   - Respect for culture
   - Safety and security
   - Health and well-being

4. Sustainable events support thriving economic practices through:
   - Collaboration and partnerships
   - Local support, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs)
   - Stakeholder participation
   - Equitable economic impact
   - Transparency
   - Responsible governance

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