

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

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



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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

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Basic social considerations include:

- Universal human rights
- Community impacts
 - Labour practices
 - Respect for culture
 - Safety and security
- Health and well-being

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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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