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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