Planning a Sustainable event: High-, Medium-, & Minimum Ambitions overview

| Travel & Transportation | Venues & accommodation | Materials & Communication |
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| Encourage all participants to travel by train/public transport Offset your own and all participants flights and transportation Only do local transport with zero emission vehicles, and prioritize walking and biking Establish virtual participation opportunities | Only use venues and/or accommodations That can support a no food-waste event With a no-single-use plastic and no-waste policy With an ambitious energy policy focused on using renewable energy sources With a labor market agreement That are committed to ethical business and taxes With a clear sustainability strategy and certification | Commute clearly about the event's sustainability ambitions and expectation towards participants Focus on digital platforms for communication and not have any printed material Not having any physical merchandise or giftbags from partners or organizers Provide clear participant guidelines for sustainable behavior |
| Have at least 50% of transport suppliers focusing on minimizing carbon emissions Offset your own, and encourage participants to offset flight and transportation Establish virtual participation opportunities | Only use venues and accommodations With a strategy for reducing food-waste With a no-single-use plastic policy and a strategy for reuse and recycling That are committed to ethical business and taxes With a clear sustainability strategy and certification | Commute clearly about the event's sustainability ambitions and expectation towards participants Significantly reduce printed materials Only sustainable merchandise All materials designed for reuse after the event |
| Encourage participants to reduce carbon emissions in the travel plans where possible Prioritize local transport with zero carbon emission vehicles | Prioritize venues and accommodations With an established strategy for reducing food-waste With a clear strategy for reuse and recycling That are committed to ethical business and taxes | Include information on the event's sustainability ambition on website Reduce printed materials by focusing on digital solutions Reuse as many materials as possible after the event |

Food & Beverages

Social Sustainability

& Partnerships

Legacy & Lastina Impact

- The menu or servings must be fully plant based
- The menu or servings must be sourced sustainably, locally, season based and organic
- The event must have a no-food-waste policy
- Must communicate carbon footprints on meals
- Personal water bottles for all participants to refill
- No single-use plastic

- Ensure full gender equality and diversity in age and culture in keynote speakers and panelists
- Make sure less privileged and young talents can also participate by differentiating the price
- Engage local stakeholders and make public side-events
- Make sure that events taking place next will benefit from these sustainable learnings

- Adopting sustainability as a purpose in our vision statement, lifting sustainability from a planning tool to the end goal of the organization
- Designing the event around well-defined legacy goals to create a lasting impact on the destination
- Educating all staff on sustainability approaches
- Inspire other organizations to implement sustainable approaches

- The menu or servings must be fully vegetarian
- The menu or servings must be largely sourced sustainably, locally, season based and organic
- Strive to reduce food waste
- Make sure tap water is easily accessible for all participants
- No single-use plastic

- Strive towards gender equality and diversity in age and culture in keynote speakers and panelists
- Provide local options for participants on sustainable dining and attractions
- Share experience of creating a sustainable event with partners and participants
- Provide opportunities for less privileged to attend

- Adopting sustainability as a defining goal and guideline for future event planning
- Educate all staff in sustainable event planning
- Inspire other event organizations to follow a sustainability path
- Give feedback to local venders on their sustainability approaches

- The menu must be largely vegetarian with only white meat and fish
- Consider the reduction of food waste
- Reuse tableware where possible
- Sort garbage as much as passible
- Seek gender equality in keynote speakers and panel participants
- Ensure the event is also accessible for people with disabilities
- Include sustainability ambitions in public communication
- Use the lessons learned from this guide when planning future events
- Recommend other event organizations to use the guide
- Give feedback to local venders on their sustainability approaches