## SUSTAINABILITY IN CONFERENCES, EVENTS, AND MEETINGS

## REDUCED CONSUMPTION

- meduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Upcycle ...your waste. Remember waste bins for food, plastic, and possibly paper. Encourage bringing your own water bottle and possibly coffee cup for refills.
- DONATE FOOD

  ...and leftovers to charitable causes. Shop according to the exact number of participants to reduce food waste.
- GO DIGITAL
  ...to eliminate waste from your event. Could
  you use electronic signage and an event app?
- USE THE RIGHT PRODUCTS
  ...event merchandise and promotional items.
  Avoid single-use items and use as little packaging as possible. Can you replace the physical goodie bag with a virtual one?
- FOR CO2 EMISSIONS
  ...with projects that regenerate nature and/or
  the local community for example, the Climate
  Forest Fund.

MAKE CLIMATE CONTRIBUTIONS

## MORE SUSTAINABLE SUPPLIERS

- 6 CHOOSE A SUSTAINABLE DESTINATION ...that can host CO2-reduced events and is accessible by greener transportation.
- CHOOSE A VENUE THAT
  USES RENEWABLE ENERGY
  ...and has easy access to public transport or is within walking distance to everything.
- USE LOCAL, SUSTAINABILITY-ORIENTED SUPPLIERS
  ...and materials. Check if the supplier is sustainability-certified.

**CHOOSE MORE CLIMATE-**

- FRIENDLY CATERING
  ...that can preferably be served with minimal packaging! Can the restaurant offer plant-based dishes? Is there access to tap water that can be filled in your own water bottle?
- CHOOSE AN ENVIRONMENTALLY
  CERTIFIED ACCOMMODATION
  ...book a room in a sustainability-certified lodging, for example, Green Key or Swan Label.

## COMMUNICATION

- MAKE THE EFFORTS VISIBLE
  Select Sustainable Development Goals and indicators that are relevant to focus on during the conference.
- MEASURE YOUR FOOTPRINT
  ...on the environment and society and report
  it to event participants, your stakeholders, and
  the public.
- EDUCATE EXHIBITORS

  ...on how they can contribute to creating more sustainable events. Can you reward those who perform the best?
- BE TRANSPARENT
  ...share your sustainability and procurement policy and relevant sustainability certifications with customers on your website.
- WORK TOGETHER
  ...with all your stakeholders to succeed in the sustainable transition.

