

Sustainability of the Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2019

New York, USA, September 2019

A climate neutral summit

- CO2 emissions are avoided, notably by limiting employee air travel, hosting them in a hotel within walking distance of the venue, choosing a venue centrally accessible by public transport, installing efficient lighting systems for session production.
- The summit carbon footprint is calculated and fully offset.

Participants! Walk and use public transport – the venue is centrally located near Grand Central and Lexington subway stations – and avoid the heavy traffic during UNGA. You can also offset your own travel emissions directly [here](#).

A sustainable food offering

- Food offered at the summit consists of plant-forward menus.
- Ingredients are sourced locally, inside a 100-mile radius of the event venue.
- Surplus food is collected and redistributed through a local association

Responsible sourcing

- The summit is an LEED-certified venue.
- Summit elements have been rented from local suppliers (e.g. furniture, technical equipment, stages, backdrop structure) where possible.
- Materials have been chosen based on their sustainability credentials (e.g. certified cardboard and paper).

Zero waste to landfill

- No programme leaflet is distributed; information is on the summit app.
- No gift or goodies are given away to participants.
- Anything that cannot be reused will be given a second life (e.g. backdrop and carpet will be recovered, summit posters will be recycled).
- A multi-bin system ensures separate collection of event waste for recycling and composting.

Participants! Bring your own reusable water bottle and refill it on-site. All beverages are homemade, packaging-free.

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