

Livable Cities, Collaborative Communities

Sustainability Policy

Livable Cities, Collaborative Communities is committed to fostering sustainability and minimizing environmental impact. This policy outlines our commitment to sustainable practices and our steps to create a positive environmental, social, and economic conference.

1. Sustainable Procurement

Buying Local: Whenever possible, we prioritize purchasing goods and services from local businesses to support the local economy and reduce transportation-related emissions.

Sustainable Materials: We will strive to use eco-friendly and sustainable materials for promotional items, signage, and conference materials. Preference has been given to materials with recycled content and easily recyclable materials.

2. Waste Reduction

Paperless Event: We are committed to minimizing paper usage by promoting a paperless conference environment. All communications, schedules, and materials will be available digitally. Printed materials will be kept to a minimum; when necessary, we will use recycled paper.

Reusable Water Bottles: We encourage attendees and staff to bring reusable water bottles to reduce single-use plastic waste. Water refill stations will be available throughout the venue.

3. Energy Efficiency

Carbon Offset: *Livable Cities, Collaborative Communities* will calculate its carbon footprint and invest in reputable carbon offset projects to neutralize the event's environmental impact.

Energy Conservation: We will strive to use energy-efficient equipment and lighting throughout the conference venue. Attendees will be encouraged to turn off lights and electronic devices when not in use.

4. Transportation

Public Transport: Attendees will be encouraged to use public transportation, carpooling, or biking to reduce individual carbon footprints. Information on sustainable transportation options will be provided.

5. Community Engagement

Local Community Involvement: We aim to engage with and positively contribute to the local community. This may include collaboration with local organizations, sourcing local catering, and involving local businesses in the conference.

6. Sustainable Practices Communication

Communication: *Livable Cities, Collaborative Communities* will communicate its sustainability initiatives to attendees, sponsors, and partners through various channels, including the conference website, email communications, and signage at the venue.

7. Continuous Improvement

Feedback and Evaluation: We welcome feedback on our sustainability efforts and will conduct post-event evaluations to identify areas for improvement and implement changes in subsequent conferences.

By adhering to these sustainability policies, *Livable Cities, Collaborative Communities* aims to lead by example in promoting environmental responsibility and creating a positive and lasting impact on the communities we engage with.

This policy will be regularly reviewed and updated to align with evolving sustainability best practices.

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