

Pledge of Sustainability

Event Date(s): _____

We ask all organizations sponsored by ReMain to make a pledge of sustainability. Please check the goals you can achieve environmentally and socially, from the event's conception through its implementation, and communicate these policies to those working on your behalf along with the event participants.

Purchasing – I pledge to manage purchases through these targeted goals:

- BUY SUSTAINABLY: ____% of purchasing from vendors that have sustainable practices.
____% of products purchased to be products made from sustainable materials.
- BUY LOCAL: ____% of products will be locally manufactured or purchased from local vendors.
- USE 100% recycled paper and soy inks for all printed materials necessary.
- BUY GREEN cleaning products and biodegradable garbage bags.

Waste – I pledge to work toward zero waste:

- LIMIT the amount of printed materials by using the internet and electronic media.
- COMMUNICATE through electronic mailings during planning and implementation. Use online registration whenever possible.
- RE-USE: signage, set-up materials, catering supplies.
- RECYCLE: Provide recycling bins and signage at all event venues for: plastics, metal, glass, and other recyclable materials.
- COMPOST: Use compostable plates, bowls, cutlery, napkins, and cups if the event requires disposable food service.
- OFFER: Reusable bags, bottles, containers and water refilling stations to reduce plastic wastes for patrons, participants and staff.

Transit – I pledge to encourage sustainable transport:

- RECOMMEND PUBLIC TRANSPORT to participants, audience, staff, and volunteers by educating them about its benefits, provide ride sharing options, offering incentives or rewarding usage.
- EDUCATE AND ENCOURAGE participants about cycling and walking to the event.
- USE DOWNTOWN VENUES: Multi-venue events should utilize nearby locations to encourage pedestrian connections.
- USE ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES: If possible use low-impact, fuel-efficient vehicles to produce the event.

Energy – I pledge to reduce power consumption:

- OPTIMIZE use of day-lighting.
- CONDUCT a switch-off and unplug campaign during the event and adopt it as a policy during event planning.
- USE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY: Use alternatives to diesel- and gasoline-powered generators.
- ADOPT other initiatives to reduce the energy consumed by the event. Share your new practices with us.

Education – I pledge to cultivate environmentally responsible practices:

- BRAND the event's greening with themes and slogans in electronic or eco-printed publications.
- USE the event to demonstrate sustainability in action.
- COMMUNICATE these policy goals to all vendors, participants and other stakeholders.
- SURVEY participants online to evaluate their event experience and its new practices.

Other Initiatives – I pledge to develop new ideas and ways to mitigate my event's negative impacts:

- INSPIRE. Offer new ideas that can enhance event stewardship.

Prior to funding, please provide ReMain with your completed pledge and action plan based on that pledge. Two weeks after the event, we ask that you share a performance report outlining your achievements and identifying opportunities for further improvements.

Name of Organization / Event: _____

Event Administrator: _____

