



Carbon and Energy Professionals New Zealand Sustainable Event Policy

1 Context and Scope

Carbon and Energy Management is at the core of CEP's mission to help create a more sustainable world through the continuous improvement of Carbon and Energy Management best practice.

This policy refers to the events organised by CEP and outlines our commitment to integrating the highest standard of Carbon and Energy Management and more environmentally sustainable practices into the entire lifecycle of our events.

This is a public document and applies to all attendees at our events and activities, including members, guests, volunteers, staff, suppliers, exhibitors, and other interested parties.

2 Purpose

CEP recognises that our events have an impact on the environment, not only through event related GHG emissions, but also through the influence CEP can have on the event stakeholders through the demonstration of Carbon and Energy Management best practice.

To this end CEP commits to apply this policy to ensure we “walk the walk” with respect to all events that we facilitate.

This policy provides a framework and direction on how we manage our events to deliver direct and indirect environmental benefits.

3 CEP Commitment to Sustainable Events

CEP will design impactful event experiences that educate and inspire attendees while also delivering environmental value using innovative and responsible event practices through the entire event lifecycle.

With reference to the Global Sustainability Goals, CEP have selected the following four SDGs to focus our own event policy objectives:





4 Objectives

The following overall objectives have been identified to guide CEP's approach to events. Individual events will have additional and specific objectives based on the challenges and opportunities facing that market.

REDUCE

- Minimise material use and waste while increasing waste diversion
- Reduce energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions, and offset emissions to be carbon neutral

RETHINK

- Switch to more sustainable materials and design for lower event environmental footprint
- Engage key stakeholders to improve the sustainability performance of our events
- Offer healthy, local, culturally appropriate and responsibly sourced food and beverages
- Support virtual participation and engagement

REGENERATE

- Raise awareness and inspire development and actions that respects biodiversity, conservation and local ecosystem regeneration

RESPECT

- Ensure a good working environment for the workers involved, ensuring regulatory compliance and appropriate safety conditions
- Create an environment that is diverse, open and accessible to all participants

REPORT

- Assess and transparently report the environmental, social and economic impacts of our events. Performance reports for previous events will be made available on the CEP [website](#).

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