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Sustainability Policy



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At Ashoka, sustainability is a priority

Sustainability is our objective in planning the Ashoka Changemaker Summit, and it is reflected in all of our decisions for the event.

Our venue, Maison de la Poste, centers sustainability in its operations and has had its policies awarded with the Green Key Eco Label. We have also ensured that all food served at the Summit will be vegan or vegetarian, in recognition of the high carbon emissions caused by meat consumption. Our catering partners, Les Frères Debekker prioritize local ingredients and minimize waste by using easily recyclable packaging.

However, we also recognize that planning an international conference such as ACMS brings its own unique set of challenges regarding sustainability. To avoid flying to Brussels is a privilege few hold, while hotels carry their own environmental challenges. This is why we, alongside some of our fellows working on Planet & Climate issues, offer you these suggestions to ensure that the ACMS is a carbon neutral event.

In an Everyone A Changemaker world with your support, we are ready to tackle this challenge of planning an international and sustainable event. We can't wait to see you in Brussels!

Carbon Offsets: Partnership with Treedom

While we encourage attendees to take the train to Brussels, we understand that this is a privilege that is not possible for everyone. This is why we are partnering with Treedom – an Italian organization run by Ashoka Fellow Federico Garcea. The emissions calculator on their website will help you understand how much carbon your flight to the Changemaker Summit will emit and how to best offset it

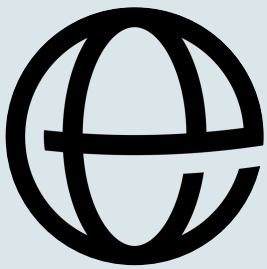


Choose the trees you wish to plant to offset your carbon emissions. Treedom has many interesting options you can get to know on their website, each representing a different quality.

Treedom is committed to transparency, sending pictures of your trees and geotagging them so that you not only know that it has been planted, but can watch it grow into the world.

Other ideas to offset your environmental impact

Another way to offset your activity around the ACMS is to donate to organizations that are making a quick, positive difference in combatting the climate crisis. While they won't make your emissions disappear, they will have a direct, meaningful impact to help compensate for your flight. Here are four suggestions, each the work of an Ashoka Fellow:



Client Earth
by Ashoka Fellow James Thornton

Client Earth uses the power of the law to protect all life on Earth, combining thousands of individual voices into one powerful force for change.



SolShare
by Ashoka Fellow Sebastian Groh

A first mover in the latest clean-tech developments in Bangladesh, a high social impact market with more EVs on its streets than Tesla has sold globally to date and the world's largest distributed renewable energy program.



Mapbiomas
by Ashoka Fellow Tasso Azevedo

MapBiomias is a collaborative network formed by NGOs, universities, and technology startups, which reveals the transformations in the Brazilian territory through science, making knowledge about land use accessible to seek conservation and combat changes in climate.



SIKU
by Ashoka Fellow Joel Heath

The Indigenous Knowledge Social Network, which mobilizes traditional knowledge and environmental terminology to facilitate Indigenous-driven solutions for – and strategies to mitigate – climate change in the North.

More ideas to minimize your flight's individual carbon footprint

Flying economy allows the plane to travel with more people


Direct flights minimize carbon-heavy takeoffs and landings. If direct is impossible, choose flights with layovers that are on the direct flight path.

When choosing your flights, research the planes used by the airline: newer models are more fuel-efficient than older ones, and midsize planes use less fuel than jumbo jets.

Take a daytime flight, as the contrails will help block heat away while night flights trap heat.



Create Conversations Around Our Planetary Crisis During the Summit



Talk to people about the climate crisis and how it relates to the work being done at the summit. It's probably the greatest threat to our collective wellbeing on this planet right now, including the huge mental and emotional toll it is taking on all of us. It can sometimes feel hard to raise as a topic but it's vital that we do, otherwise we will not take the collective action needed to avert disaster. Look for ways to start a conversation about how we can all urgently reduce the carbon emissions from our work and practice, including ways to make the Ashoka Changemaker Summit lower-carbon in the future.

