

G-I-N & JBI 2019 Sustainability Strategy

G-I-N & JBI 2019 is taking proactive steps to deliver a sustainable conference.

First and foremost, this has been achieved through careful selection of a venue that has Platinum Certification under the EarthCheck environmental benchmarking system. The Adelaide Convention Centre is one of just a handful of convention complexes in the world that has been awarded EarthCheck's Platinum Certification, which recognises ten consecutive years of best practice in sustainability.

The Adelaide Convention Centre:

- Has an on-site composting system which has recycled more than 14 tonnes of organic waste since 2006
- Has numerous water conservation initiatives, such as sensor and low-volume taps, urinal water savers, portable tanks to capture and reuse water from fire system testing and drought-tolerant native plants in the gardens
- Use fully biodegradable and compostable cups and lids for both hot and cold drinks. To ensure the responsible disposal of these vessels and keep them out of landfill, the Centre has dedicated 'bio bins' in place across the venue. More recently, the ACC joined other venues across Australia to become plastic straw free
- Use washable cutlery and crockery
- Water stations with reusable cups
- Donates unused meals to Oz Harvest and Foodbank (more than 160,000 to date)
- Purchases 97% of its produce from local suppliers
- Commits to Fair Trade Principles where feasible
- Operates the largest worm farm in the southern hemisphere, which serves perfectly for composting the surrounding gardens!

The Adelaide Convention Centre is also located within a short walking distance of recommended accommodation, the BioMedical precinct, city transport and all public transport options.

G-I-N & JBI 2019 Sustainable Conference initiatives:

- The conference will be forgoing conference bags and aiming to be paperless where possible i.e. programme available on a conference app and a programme wall; digital programme and sponsor materials available on an eco-friendly USB
- Lanyards are made from recycled PET and Bamboo
- Providing delegates with a stainless steel, reusable water bottle
- Using a sustainable local florist for local, native table centrepieces for the gala dinner followed by donation to a nursing home.
- Exhibitors will be:
 - Required to use the correct recycling services at all times when in the event space
 - Discouraged from using excess packaging materials being brought to the event for disposal/recycling;

- Required to eliminate or reduce single use items such as straws, plastic bags, printed marketing materials
- Encouraged to upcycle materials where possible
- Encouraged to minimise give-aways, or provide recycled/re-usable give-aways
- Required to use energy efficient equipment/appliances that are Energy Star or Energy Rating
- Encouraged to be paperless where feasible i.e. to use QR codes on posters/banners to disseminate information, bringing less printed materials
- Organise Eco Caddys (<https://www.ecocaddy.com.au/#ecocaddy>) to be available at the end of the conference each day
- Communicate sustainable transport options via website, e-zines, conference app etc; encourage participants to use public transport, walking or using Adelaide Free bikes by offering maps and schedules, link to a journey planner etc.
- Provide opportunities for conference participants to engage in delivering the sustainability goals of the event.