



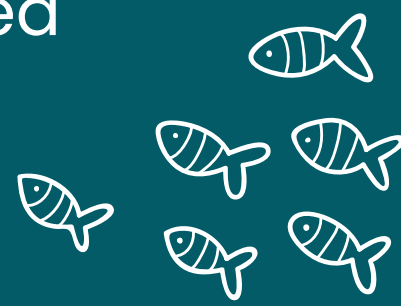
GREENER CONFERENCES

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1. ELIMINATING SINGLE-USE PLASTICS



- No plastic cups, cutlery, or packaging – only reusable alternatives
- Durable china and glassware for all meals and beverages
- Water stations instead of bottled water – bring your own bottle
- Recycled-material lanyards, reused annually for zero waste



2. SUSTAINABLE CATERING CHOICES



- Partnered with an eco-conscious caterer committed to zero food waste
- Locally sourced ingredients, with surplus food repurposed for livestock feed, energy conversion, or composting
- Buffet-style meals emphasizing plant-based options, significantly reducing meat and fish consumption



3. SPONSORS ENCOURAGED TO GO DIGITAL AND MINIMISE PRINTED MATERIALS



- Minimal printed materials – only what's essential!
- Printing on biodegradable seed paper (except for posters)
- Sponsor materials fully digital – no more paper-filled welcome bags!



4. RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION



- Partnered with hotels within walking distance of the venue
- Encouraging walking as the best way to commute between hotels and the event
- Easy access to public transport for longer distances, e.g. for airport transfers



5. EQUITY & INCLUSION: SPONSORED DELEGATE PLACES



- Supporting global participation with 20 sponsored online spots
- Prioritizing students, early career professionals, and researchers from low- and lower-middle-income countries
- Reducing travel-related carbon footprint by enabling online participation
- Fostering a diverse and inclusive scientific community through accessible opportunities



6. EASE GLOBAL FOREST: GROWING A GREENER FUTURE



- Established in 2021 to support global reforestation
- A distributed forest expanding with each EASE initiative
- Trees planted worldwide instead of delegate gifts and given as poster competition prizes
- Partnering with Plant-for-the-Planet to restore ecosystems

