



Sustainable Sport and Event Toolkit (SSET)

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Sport Organisation: Sport Event:

Location: Date:

Contact Person: Email:

About Sustainable Sport and Event Toolkit (SSET)

SSET aims to give sport organisations the tools required to incorporate sustainability organisationally and to plan and execute sustainable sport events. The Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) and the International Academy of Sports Science and Technology (AISTS) are collaborating on this initiative and are interested in testing this guideline in Winter 08-09. We welcome input and ideas.

SSET also integrates the management and sustainability practices recommended by the following organisations into a realistic application for sport events:

- ISO 14001-14006 (Organisation for Standardisation)
- GRI G3 (Global Reporting Initiative)
- IOC Agenda 21
- IOC Guide on Sport, Environment, and Sustainable Development
- BSI 8900-8901 (British Standards Institute)
- UNEP (The United Nations Environment Programme)
- Vancouver 2010 Sustainability Management and Reporting System

Who is it for?

Organisers of domestic and international sports events as well as National Federations, International Federations and National Olympic Committees.

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How to use this guide

This toolkit is designed to help you create your own sustainable sport and event strategy. The toolkit consists of a set of **Objectives** organised into eight main chapters:

Chapter 1 - CREATE A SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENT AND STRATEGY

Chapter 2 - MANAGEMENT

Chapter 3 - SITE SELECTION AND CONSTRUCTION


Chapter 4 - SITE, VENUE AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Chapter 5 - COMMUNITY AND SUPPLY CHAIN



Chapter 6 - TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Chapter 7 - CATERING, FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Chapter 8 - MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

Each chapter contains **Objectives**, **Action Items**, **Performance Indicators** (PIs), a column to put the name of the person responsible for each objective, project status **Checkboxes**, and links referring to additional **Resources** available on the SSET Wiki. Underneath each Objective, the symbol  denotes the standard the Objective relates to.

For Example:

STATE WHAT YOU WILL DO	HOW TO DO IT	DELEGATE IT	CHECK IT	RESOURCES
Goal - Objective	Action Items	Sustainability Champion	Status of Action Item	Refer to Wiki
Choose transportation modes that ideally use low emission technologies  GRI EN (3, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 18, 20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use low emission shuttle vehicles, bicycles, hybrid cars, etc. PI: Kilometers driven and fuel consumption of vehicles		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Transportation Guidelines 

Notes:

* The **PIs** are provided as a way to define and measure the success or level of completion of the objectives and action items.

* All **Objectives**, **Action Items** and **PIs** are provided as recommendations and may need to be modified to fit the specific needs of the event.

The SSET Wiki

An interactive wiki web platform is located at: <http://sset.wik.is/>

The wiki is used to provide additional resources to support the objectives in this document. Links are placed in the **Resources** column using the following symbols.

The following symbols show a link to additional resources available on the SSET Wiki web platform:



Examples / Solutions / Best Practices



Useful Tools / Documents



Calculators and Measurement Tools

There is also a 'Forum' page on the wiki for users of the toolkit to share best practices, ideas, statistics, stories, and general comments.

Getting started

Before you get started, consider how to:












- integrate key organisational values, policies, strategies, operational management systems, goals, and targets
- integrate the interests/expectations of key stakeholders (e.g. sponsors, host city, sport governing bodies)
- use your core competencies as an organisation and how they can best contribute to sustainability

Now, decide on your application level. Start with a level that is attainable while always trying to find new ways to achieve higher levels of sustainability. For example:

- create a commitment statement to convene a sustainable sport event and select at least 10 objectives to focus on, or
- integrate all relevant objectives and measure the success of these objectives, or
- fully integrate the objectives and add a reporting system validated by a third party.



1 - CREATE A SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENT AND STRATEGY

Make an organisational commitment to sustainability and sustainable sport events. Strive to be accountable for low-footprint, low-carbon, low/zero waste, inclusive, accessible and ethical sport and events.

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Create a commitment statement on convening a sustainable sport event  BS 8901 (6); BS 8900 (4.1); ISO 14001 (4.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a public commitment statement outlining your intention to organise a sustainable sport event and communicate this both internally and externally. PI: Written commitment statement Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Example 
Identify your key sustainable issues and stakeholders  BS 8901 (7); BS 8900 (4.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involve your key partners (E.g. IFs, OCOG, NFs, sponsors, local partners, authorities) to secure buy-in. Invite these key partners to be part of the commitment statement. PI: Signatures or letters of support from partners Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholder Analysis Chart 
Define your scope  BS 8901 (6); ISO 14001 (4.1, 4.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine time span, location, events and key activities to be addressed by your SSET commitment statement and strategy. PI: Scope defined Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Scope Decision Tree 
Identify and assess your risks and opportunities  BS 8900 (4.4); BS 8901 (6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify any risks/opportunities associated with your sustainable event and evaluate the magnitude and likelihood of these risks/opportunities occurring. PI: Risk assessment chart completed Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Assessment Matrix 
Allocate sufficient resources to ensure effective implementation  BS 8900 (4.3); BS 8901 (9.3); GRI (5); ISO 14001 (4.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget for time, money, people, work space and technology to implement sustainable sport and event commitments. PI: Continual checking that your targets are being met on time and on budget		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Plan to leave a positive legacy  Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the top three things your sport and/or event plans to accomplish to leave the site, venue, services, community or sport organisation better off once the sport event is finished. Prompts: What is your community contribution? Charitable donation? New level of volunteerism? Skills training? Job creation? Sport development? Something else? PI: Documented legacy plan Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Example 





1 - CREATE A SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENT AND STRATEGY (continued)

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Commit to benchmarking key measures for the next sustainable sport event  BS 8901 (13); ISO 14001 (4.2); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track progress of key measures across relevant areas of your organisation. Using this information, set new targets and update the sustainability plan. PI: Documented performance indicators and targets Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communicate your commitment to sustainable sport and events (see also Marketing and Communications chapter)  GRI (1.1 & 4.4); BS 8901 (9.6); ISO 14001 (4.2, 4.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share verbal and documented messages both a) internally - planning team, sport organisations, host venue, workforce and operations staff, in meetings, official communications, training, operating procedures; and b) externally - sponsors, suppliers, spectators, athletes, VIPs, media, authorities. PI: Communication and documentation sent to all key stakeholders Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	






2 - MANAGEMENT

Ensure governance to implement your sustainable strategy with the sport event organisation

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Designate a green/sustainable team leader and form a team  BS 8901 (13); ISO 14001 (4.4); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate a sustainable champion or leader with the necessary authority to oversee implementation of the SSE commitment and the designated implementation team (could include a leader, a recruiter and trainer, a data person/secretary, a reporter/communicator). PI: Function documented in job description Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Establish a 'way to work' together  BS 8900 (4.4); 8901 (9.7 & 11.2); GRI (5) Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine task leaders; budget, if any; method to track progress; and frequency of team meetings. PI: Documented meeting schedule Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Set measurable sustainability objectives and targets  BS 8900 (4.4); BS 8901 (8.2); GRI (4.12); ISO 14001 (4.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address relevant (locally significant/ meaningful to your main stakeholders both domestically and abroad) environmental, social and economic impacts and opportunities. E.g. Carbon responsible, low carbon or carbon neutral events. Zero waste or low waste to landfill events. Inclusive events for local and international people of visible minorities, people with disabilities, high inclusivity/community involvement goals. PI: Number of objectives achieved		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Perform regular checks and reviews of objectives and targets  BS 8901 (12); ISO 14001 (4.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check: stakeholder satisfaction, whether you and your suppliers are meeting contractual obligations, achievement of objectives and implementation of previous review recommendations. PI: Documented progress reports Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	












2 - MANAGEMENT (continued)

Ensure governance to implement your sustainable strategy with the sport event organisation

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Commit to documenting and reporting on your sustainability policy  GRI Reporting Guidelines; ISO 14001 (4.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainability reporting is the practice of measuring, disclosing and being accountable for organizational performance while working towards the goal of sustainable development. A sustainability report provides a balanced and reasonable representation of the sustainability performance of the reporting organisation, including both positive and negative contributions. Note that documenting is a vital part of a successful knowledge transfer system. <p>PI: Documents include: policy, objectives, targets, description of scope, other necessary documents needed for effective planning</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Best Practice (VANOC Report) 
Test preparedness for critical incident management  GRI EN (14, 26); ISO 14001 (4.4); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify any risks/opportunities associated with your sustainable event and evaluate the magnitude and likelihood of these risks/opportunities occurring <p>PI: Documented plan and drill schedule Y/N</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Comply with legal and 'other' requirements  GRI (4.12); GRI EN (28); ISO 14001 (4.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure compliance (measures) for temporary permits, domestic regulations, related management plans and voluntary commitments are in place for environmental, health and safety, community and security requirements. 'Other' requirements may include local, voluntary or corporate requirements and/or commitments to National Olympic Committees, sport federations, host Organising Committees and local authorities. <p>PI: Number of incidents/complaints related to legal requirements</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Best Practice (UCI Cycling Organiser Guide) 




3 - SITE SELECTION AND CONSTRUCTION

To convene accessible sporting events with a minimal ecological footprint

STATE WHAT YOU WILL DO	HOW TO DO IT	DELEGATE IT	CHECK IT	RESOURCES
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Select sites and venues with a minimal ecological footprint  GRI EN (14, 26); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose existing sites and venues where possible. Consider temporary or portable infrastructures. Share your venue with other events or users if possible. Build for a sustainable legacy by integrating it with the needs of the community. Respect local culture and heritage. PI: Life cycle assessment of environmental impact		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Examples (Gstaad) (VANOC)  Tool (Life Cycle Assessment) 
Choose centrally located sites and venues  GRI EN (3, 7, 16, 17, 18, 20); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes, officials and spectators should have short and/or convenient commuting distances from sport event sites and accommodation. PI: Distances and travel times between various venues		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure barrier-free access for everyone  Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select/construct sites and venues that are barrier free (e.g. wheelchair accessible) and in locations that are accessible for all modes of transportation. PI: Number of complaints		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Examples (VANOC Barrier Free Guidelines) 
Select/build venues with efficient water technologies  GRI EN (8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include storm water capture and re-use; low-flow toilets and no-flow urinals; use of grey water; water-saver taps, etc. PI: Liters of water consumption		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Select/build energy efficient venues  GRI EN (4, 5, 6, 16, 17, 18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include clean and/or energy-efficient heating, cooling, air cooling and venting windows and lights. PI: Kilowatts of energy		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Ensure clean air by avoiding pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use environmentally sustainable construction materials which don't off-gas pollutants or allergens. PI: Follow and document sustainable housing guidelines (E.g. LEED)		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Best Practice (UCI Cycling Organiser Guide) 











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Select/build venues which minimise soil, flora and fauna impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use toxin-free materials, avoid cutting down trees and do not build in environmentally sensitive ecosystems. • Application of green building guidelines, application of smart site selection principles <p>PI: Checked with local authorities and environmental groups</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	VANOC Site Selection 
Include a site restoration plan  GRI EN (13, 14, 22, 26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid landfill waste by adding recycling and to the natural environments through replanting and clean-up. <p>PI: Kilograms of waste diverted from landfill; Kilograms of waste disposed in landfill</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Best Practice (Vancouver 2010 Wood Waste Story) 





4 - SITE, VENUE AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT

To minimize negative impacts to air, land, water and biodiversity; to convene low-waste sport events

STATE WHAT YOU WILL DO	HOW TO DO IT	DELEGATE IT	CHECK IT	RESOURCES
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Implement responsible energy management practices  GRI EN (4, 5, 6, 16, 17, 18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operate site and venue lighting, heating and cooling optimally. Use spectator signage and operational staff training and on-going inspections. Purchase low-energy designated office equipment (i.e. EnergyStar), turn off all lights, computers, printers, coffee machines, etc., purchase green electricity. PI: Kilowatts of electricity consumed; tonnes of direct greenhouse gas emission (CO2) offset		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Implement responsible waste management practices  GRI EN (14, 26); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the site and venue litter-free through efficient use and placement of garbage and recycling bins. Train staff and volunteers. Find ways to prevent the creation of waste. PI: Kilograms of waste generated; % recycled		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Implement responsible noise management practices  GRI EN (14, 26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce and prevent noise through signage, respect by-laws, training and inspections. PI: Number of complaints		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Ensure clean air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement a no-smoking policy, use biodegradable cleaning products and limit the use of vehicles on-site. PI: Number of complaints		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Implement responsible snow management practices  GRI EN (12, 14, 26); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use snow storage, piling and road salt that avoid negative impacts to local water drainage and natural habitats. Use snow hardening solutions responsibly. PI: Kilograms of snow hardening solutions and salt used		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Best Practice (VANOC) 
Strive to be paperless GRI EN (14, 22,26); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read, send and post electronic documents where possible. Print double-sided where applicable and always on recycled and FSC paper. Implement electronic systems for event registration, communications and finances where possible PI: Amount of paper consumed; % of recycled and FSC paper used		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 








5 - COMMUNITY AND SUPPLY CHAIN

To involve your community and engage an ethical and transparent supply chain that will help support sustainable sport and event commitment

STATE WHAT YOU WILL DO	HOW TO DO IT	DELEGATE IT	CHECK IT	RESOURCES
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Establish a sustainable purchasing policy  BS 8901 (9.5); GRI EN (14, 26); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a policy that contains the contracting procedures and a code of conduct to source products and services that are both sustainable and ethical. PI: Documented purchasing policy Y/N		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	(VANOC Supplier Code of Conduct) 
Recruit from the local community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use local organisations for applicable temporary jobs, volunteers and contractors (E.g. waste recycling services, clean up crews, entry level job agencies and those that recruit from local enterprises and/or those that support socially-diverse, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities). Be sure to ensure a fair wage system. PI: Minorities work-force ratio, male/female workforce ratio		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Seek sustainable sponsors  BS 8901 (9.5); GRI EN (14, 26); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek sponsors with the commitment and capability to help achieve sustainable sport event goals. Examples of what sponsors can bring include low waste and low carbon solutions; ethical sourcing and sustainable operations; track record of community involvement. PI: Number of sustainable sponsors		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Integrate event with local community stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively seek to get the support and involvement of the tourism office, city and regional authorities, local organisations, etc. PI: Engagement level		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Lease, rent or buy local, environmentally friendly and community-inclusive  BS 8901 (9.5); GRI EN (14, 26); Vancouver 2010 SMRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use local enterprises and those that support socially-diverse, Aboriginal people, and people with disabilities. PI: Percentage of local and ethical companies engaged		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Donate equipment to local sport and community organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate to local schools, public recreation centres and community sport clubs that can make good use of sporting equipment. PI: Amount of goods donated		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	








6 - TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION

To favour green fleets, public transportation, and accommodation thereby minimising negative impacts to air quality and climate

STATE WHAT YOU WILL DO	HOW TO DO IT	DELEGATE IT	CHECK IT	RESOURCES
Goal - Objective	Action Items	Sustainability Champion	Status of Action Item	Refer to Wiki
Offer accessible public transportation services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liase with local public transportation authorities to ensure sufficient and effective modes of public transportation. <p>PI: Travel times from various geographic areas</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Example (Swiss rail) 
Choose transportation modes that ideally use low emission technologies  GRI EN (3, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 18, 20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use low emission shuttle vehicles, bicycles, hybrid cars, etc. <p>PI: Kilometers driven and fuel consumption of vehicles</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Support sustainable accommodation  GRI EN (4, 14, 17, 18, 26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose sustainable and socially responsible accommodation close to sport events (E.g. Hotel Association of Canada - Green Step, hotels/motels/campsites with green and/or socially responsible programs and practices). <p>PI: Percent of sustainable hotel rooms used; Percent of people staying in sustainable hotels</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Provide responsible parking services  GRI EN (12, 14, 26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose parking services that help to ensure clean water drainage and responsible clearing practices (E.g. particularly for snow removal and clearing). <p>PI: Number of incidents</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	
Provide smart-driving guidelines and education  GRI EN (3, 5, 6, 7, 16, 17, 18, 20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide athletes and spectators with information and incentives on how to reduce their environmental impact through travel. Provide guidelines and training for all event workforce vehicle drivers on items such as a no-idling policy, maintenance of vehicles and other fuel saving measures. <p>PI: Number of fans and participants using alternative transportation</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	









7 - CATERING, FOOD AND BEVERAGE

To source sustainable food, reduce waste to landfill and contribute to local community groups

STATE WHAT YOU WILL DO	HOW TO DO IT	DELEGATE IT	CHECK IT	RESOURCES
Goal - Objective	Action Items	Sustainability Champion	Status of Action Item	Refer to Wiki
Reduce ecological footprint of food  GRI EN (3, 6, 17, 18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source from fair-trade, organic, seasonal, local and regional sources where possible, high percentage of fruits and vegetables and use tap water instead of bottled water. PI: Percentage of fair-trade, organic and regional food		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Promote healthy diets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose healthy food products (fresh, in season where possible, non-trans fat, low sugar, fruit and vegetables, grains). PI: Percentage of healthy food used		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Minimise food waste and maximise composting and recycling  GRI EN (22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise food waste by cooking to order as much as possible and link with composting waste management system. Provide recycling and composting bins in convenient locations. PI: Kilograms of waste produced		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Reduce food packaging waste  GRI EN (22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procure food with biodegradable, recyclable and/or minimum packaging. PI: Kilograms of waste produced		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Five things you can do 
Contribute to local community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask caterers to donate unused food to local shelters. PI: Amount of food donated		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	

8 - MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

To promote sustainability while at the same time raising the profile of your sport event and with key stakeholders

STATE WHAT YOU WILL DO	HOW TO DO IT	DELEGATE IT	CHECK IT	RESOURCES
Goal - Objective	Action Items	Sustainability Champion	Status of Action Item	Refer to Wiki
Implement a clear sustainable marketing plan for a consistent branding strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose a few focused messages as part of your branding strategy and use them throughout the event. <p>PI: Documented marketing plan Y/N</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Example 
Promote your image by communicating your key messages and values  ISO 14001 (4.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use your leadership on sustainability to promote the sustainable aspects of your brand and the image of your event. Be careful not to 'greenwash', the term used to describe the overuse in marketing of terms and images that are either not accurate or oversell an organisations environmental practices. This can both hurt your credibility and open you up to sanctions by advertising authorities. <p>PI: Spectator marketing feedback surveys</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Example 
Communicate in an environmentally friendly way  GRI EN (14,22,26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure your communication is consistent with your sustainability message by avoiding unnecessary paper, flyers, mail-outs, etc. <p>PI: Kilograms of paper used</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Example 
Integrate your sponsors and stakeholders into your sustainable marketing plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite alignment and support by sponsors on your branding and marketing strategies. <p>PI: Sponsorship satisfaction feedback surveys</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Example 
Make everyone champions of your cause  ISO 14001 (4.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The better volunteers, participants, officials, etc. buy in to what you are doing, the more likely they will also help get out your message. <p>PI: Volunteer feedback surveys</p>		Discussed <input type="checkbox"/> Documented <input type="checkbox"/> Implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>	Example 

Abbreviations

AISTS – International Academy of Sports Science and Technology

BSI – British Standards Institutions (individual standards are abbreviated to BS xxxx)

GRI – Global Reporting Initiative

IOC – International Olympic Committee

ISO – International Standards Organisation

OCOG – Olympic Games Organising Committee

PI – Performance Indicator

SSE – Sustainable Sport Event

SSET – Sustainable Sport and Event Toolkit

UNEP – United Nations Environment Program

Vancouver 2010 SMRS – Vancouver 2010 Sustainable Management Reporting System

VANOC – Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

Definitions

Agenda 21: A program run by the United Nations (UN) related to sustainable development. It is a comprehensive blueprint of action to be taken globally, nationally and locally by organizations of the UN, governments and major groups in every area in which humans impact on the environment. The number 21 refers to the 21st century. The IOC has also created a joint document with the UN entitled “The Olympic Movement Agenda 21.”

Barrier-free: Sites or buildings that have been built or modified, and events that have been arranged, to ensure that persons with disabilities can use the building or participate in the event as fully as a person without disabilities.

Biodiversity (Biological diversity): The variety of life, including the variety of species, the genetic variety within species and the variety of ecosystems of which they are a part.

British Standard (BS) 8900:2006 Guidance for managing sustainable development: BS 8900 is designed to help organizations develop an approach to sustainable development.

British Standard (BS) 8901:2007 Specification for a sustainable event management system with guidance for use: BS 8901 provides requirements for planning and managing sustainable events of all sizes and types. BS 8901 encompasses the entire range of events ranging from large scale conferences and unique events such as the London 2012 Olympic Games to music festivals and air shows. The standard is applicable throughout the sector supply chain encompassing venues, organizing companies and industry contracting firms.

Carbon offsets: Actions to reduce or avoid greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in one location in order to “offset” GHG emissions occurring in a second location. As carbon dioxide is the most important GHG by volume, completely offsetting carbon dioxide emissions produces a result that is often described as “carbon neutral.”

Climate change: The changes to the Earth’s climate resulting from increasing concentrations in the atmosphere of greenhouse gases (GHGs), such as carbon dioxide. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has determined that the marked increase in GHG concentrations since pre-industrial times is the result of human activity, including the burning of fossil fuels (such as oil) land clearing and agriculture. Since GHGs trap heat in the atmosphere, the dominant change has been a rise in average temperatures globally, although there is significant variation, with larger increases at the poles.

Ecosystem: An ecosystem consists of a dynamic set of living organisms (plants, animals and micro-organisms) all interacting among themselves and with the environment in which they live (soil, climate, water, air and sunlight).

Environmental assessment: A process to predict the environmental effects of a proposed project throughout its lifecycle (including construction, start-up, operation and shut-down) and to recommend ways to eliminate, minimize or mitigate those impacts. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act requires that the federal environmental assessment process be applied when a federal authority is involved in a project. In BC, the BC Environmental Assessment Act requires certain projects to undergo environmental assessment and obtain an EA certificate before they can proceed. Environmental, economic, social, heritage and health effects are all considered in the BC environmental assessment process.

Environmental/Social/Economic Performance Indicators: Performance indicators relating primarily to environmental, social and economic areas.

Footprint: 1) In a spatial context, the area occupied by permanent and temporary facilities and their associated activities. 2) In an ecological context, it measures humanity's demand on nature by considering the resources consumed and resources affected to support our activities.

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI): A global, multi-stakeholder initiative to develop a common framework for sustainability reporting. The Sustainability Reporting Framework includes the Sustainability Reporting Guidelines, now in their third version, Sector Supplements and Protocols. The GRI is a collaborating centre of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).

ISO 14001: An international standard that sets requirements for Environmental Management Systems. Environmental Management Systems should address policy, planning, implementation/operation, checking/corrective action, and management review.

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED): A certification system that "recognizes leading edge buildings that incorporate design, construction and operational practices that combine healthy, high-quality and high-performance advantages with reduced environmental impacts". The LEED system used in Canada is tailored to Canadian climates, construction practices and regulations by the Canada Green Building Council, based on the LEED rating system developed by the US Green Building Council. Points towards certification are awarded for meeting performance criteria in five categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality.

Performance Indicators (PI): PIs are used to help an organization define and measure progress toward the organizational goals or objectives. GRI also uses Performance Indicators to elicit comparable information on the economic, environmental and social performance of the organization.

Stakeholder: A person or organization that has a legitimate interest in a project or entity. Also refers to people who could affect or are affected by an organization's social, environmental and economic performance.

Sustainability (also often referred to as Environmental Sustainability): "Meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." (Brundtland Commission). The concept of sustainability usually includes the areas of environmental, social, and economic development.

Sustainability Management and Reporting System (SMRS): A performance-based system that defines our sustainability objectives, fosters an integrated approach to achieving them, and provides transparent reporting on results relative to sustainability-related bid commitments and corporate goals, to both internal and external audiences.

Sustainability Reporting: The practice of measuring, disclosing and being accountable for organizational performance while working towards the goal of sustainable development. A sustainability report provides a balanced and reasonable representation of the sustainability performance of the reporting organization, including both positive and negative contributions.

Triple Bottom Line: Another term for 'sustainability' that refers to the idea that environment and social factors should be considered in addition to the financial bottom line.

Zero Waste: The concept that all activities are designed to eliminate waste and that any residual waste is recovered to be used as inputs to other processes.

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- 1) Commit to sustainability as a team
- 2) Facilitate accessible venues and services
- 3) Travel lightly
- 4) Buy local, ethical and green where practical
- 5) Recruit local and target populations where practical
- 6) Operate eco-efficiently & protect sensitive areas
- 7) Minimize waste to landfill – reduce, reuse, recycle
- 8) Facilitate Aboriginal participation
- 9) Leave a positive legacy
- 10) Celebrate and share successes

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