UN Conference Centre: A Sustainable Meeting Venue

**Walk the talk:** Opt for our sustainable menus that mostly offer vegetarian and vegan dishes from organic and locally produced ingredients.

**Not ready for fully vegetarian options?** Include some white meat options from locally raised and free-range farming and seafood from certified communities.

At UNCC, sustainable food menu options are available upon request. Major Intergovernmental Meetings of ESCAP and UN agencies have adopted this approach and CMU will coordinate this with the in-house caterer to provide tailor made sustainable solutions from the local and international cuisine.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
A meat diet uses twice as much resources as a vegetarian one!
White meats have a significantly lower carbon footprint than red meats.

**WE SAY NO TO PLASTIC POLLUTION AND MUCH MORE!**
No single-use catering items are served in UNCC. Only reusable catering services are provided, in line with our waste prevention strategy!

**DID YOU KNOW?**
ESCAP banned single use catering items in full in December 2018.
In one year, 9 tons of unnecessary waste are prevented at our compound!

**Say no to paper waste!** UNCC is equipped with a series of electronic sharing and documentation options that are easily available for meeting organisers. Paper printing has been strongly discouraged, being replaced by touchscreens, e-backdrops, QR codes and e-announcement system. As part of paper-smart initiative, a wi-fi connection is available within the UNCC so participants can download and share meeting documents. For exceptional requests, we have printing on demand capacity as well.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Paper is a scarce and valuable resource, protect it!
Paper emissions are associated with its production, transport, and disposal, as well as with the ink used for printing! Keep it on the screen...keep it green!
Want to know what your event footprint looks like? We have developed an ECO tool to measure your event footprint. How? Through a simple survey to participants and facilities data collection. To bring down UNCC facilities emissions, we have replaced most lighting with LED, and much more!

Did you know? The largest footprint of your meeting will come from participants travelling by air! Business class travel is accountable for twice as much emissions as economy one as a larger flight area is occupied.

Video-Teleconferencing

Ready to reduce travel emissions? We offer video-teleconferencing facilities, so you can reduce the number of in person participants and make your event greener.

Did you know? An intercontinental flight in economy class typically produces 1 ton of CO2e emissions. 1 tree will absorb 1 ton of CO2 over its entire lifetime (40 years)!

Emissions offsetting

Want to make your event climate neutral? Your event emissions can be offset through UNFCCC certified carbon credits.

Did you know? Offsetting cost is affordable ranging from 0.40 to 9 USD per ton of CO2. Select your preferred project and boost the sustainability of your event!

Make your event educational! Our ECO tool for carbon accounting and messaging will help you inform your participants and boost your Organisation’s reputation.

Did you know? All participants using the ECO tool will see their event attendance footprint right upon completing the survey! Averagely, a meeting participant travelling from the region will have a carbon footprint of 600 KgCO2e!

At ESCAP, Environmental Sustainability is at the core of our commitment to the SDGs. Join us!

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