

Sustainability Conference & Career Fair

Official Attendee Rules & Conduct Policy

This document establishes the mandatory rules and conduct standards for all participants of the Sustainability Conference & Career Fair. The conference is a selective, university-hosted professional event. All attendees and presenters are required to comply fully with these rules.

1. Purpose of Attendance

Attendance is granted for academic and professional development. Participants are expected to attend with the intent to:

- Learn about real-world sustainability challenges and solutions
- Engage with industry professionals, researchers, and innovators
- Participate in thoughtful discussions and professional networking
- Contribute to an academic and collaborative environment

Attendance is considered a merit-based opportunity and must be treated accordingly.

2. Eligibility and Selection Rules

- Attendance and presentation slots are granted through a competitive review process.
- Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance.
- Applicants may apply as:
 - General Attendees
 - Poster & Research Presenters (Room 1)
 - Innovation & Startup Pitch Presenters (Room 3)

- Applicants may choose to apply as attendees only; this carries equal standing and respect.

Ethos Sustainability reserves the right to:

- Approve or deny applications based on quality and alignment
 - Assign accepted presenters to only one presentation room
 - Revoke acceptance if any rule or standard is violated
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3. Professional Conduct Rules

All participants must maintain professional conduct at all times.

Required Conduct:

- Treat speakers, judges, sponsors, organizers, volunteers, and peers with respect
- Follow directions from conference staff immediately
- Engage professionally in sessions, presentations, and networking activities
- Ask respectful and relevant questions

Prohibited Conduct:

- Disrupting sessions or presentations
- Inappropriate language or behavior
- Harassment or discrimination of any kind
- Plagiarism or misrepresentation of work
- Disrespect toward presenters, judges, or attendees

Violations may result in immediate removal from the event.

4. Attendance and Participation Rules

- Attendees are required to remain for the full conference duration unless prior approval is granted.
- Passive attendance is not sufficient; active engagement is required.

Participants must:

- Attend scheduled sessions
 - Engage with exhibitors and professionals
 - Participate in discussions and networking appropriately
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5. Dress Code Rules

This is a professional academic conference. Dress standards apply.

Required Attire:

- Business casual or professional casual clothing
- Closed-toe shoes
- Clean and presentable appearance

Not Permitted:

- Clothing with offensive, explicit, or inappropriate language or imagery
- Attire deemed disruptive to a professional environment

Conference staff may require corrective action for dress code violations.

6. Academic Integrity Rules

All submitted and presented work must meet academic integrity standards.

Participants must ensure:

- Work is original
- Information is accurate
- Sources are properly credited

Any plagiarism, fabrication, or false representation will result in removal and possible disqualification from future Ethos Sustainability programs.

7. Team Participation Rules (When Applicable)

For team-based attendance or presentations:

- Each team member must submit an individual application
- All applications must list the same project title
- Full team member names must be listed consistently across submissions
- Teams are evaluated collectively

Failure to follow team submission rules may result in disqualification.

8. Media and Documentation Rules

By attending, participants acknowledge and agree that:

- Photos and videos may be taken during the event
- Media may be used for educational and promotional purposes
- Personal contact information will not be publicly released

Participants with media restrictions must notify organizers in advance.

9. Safety and Campus Compliance Rules

All participants must comply with university and venue policies.

Required compliance includes:

- Following campus rules and posted regulations
- Remaining within designated conference areas
- Following safety instructions from staff
- Reporting concerns or incidents immediately

Safety and respectful conduct are mandatory.

10. Binding Acknowledgment Rule

By attending the Sustainability Conference & Career Fair, each participant agrees to:

- Follow all rules and conduct standards in this policy
- Represent themselves and their institution professionally
- Uphold principles of sustainability, integrity, and collaboration

Noncompliance may result in removal from the event and forfeiture of recognition or awards.

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Building the next generation of sustainability leaders through excellence, professionalism, and impact.