

# How sustainable is the 2019 World Economic Forum on Africa?

The carbon footprint of the meeting is calculated: the results are used to improve our sustainability performance event after event in the context of the [Forum's broader sustainability strategy](#).



Rented or reusable decorative elements have been chosen whenever possible to keep waste to a minimum. The wood used comes from sustainably managed forests.



Emissions from staff air travel are compensated. Participants are encouraged to compensate their own travel emissions on [this page](#).



Media can try food cooked with the Wonderbag, a heat-retaining cooker that reduces energy use and CO2 emissions.



Water stations enable staff and participants to refill their reusable water bottles.



A multi-bin system enables the triage and disposal of recyclable waste.



The event venue is ISO 14001 certified for environmental management and has a 4-star rating from the Green Building Council of South Africa. It has stringent targets for energy, water and waste.



Innovative concepts have been implemented to replace single-use plastic decor in session rooms.



No printed programme leaflet is provided. Paper used for other purposes is sourced from sustainably managed forests.



Meals are prepared with diverse, local and healthy ingredients. Six out of 10 food options are vegetarian. The fish served is green-listed on the Southern African Sustainable Seafood Initiative/ WWF list.



An airport-transfer [registration system](#) optimizes the use of Forum shuttles to reduce emissions. Drivers practice and sign a Green Driving Pledge.



Official hotels are within walking distance to reduce the need for motorized transport.