

Sustainability Strategy



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1. Executive summary

Please provide a one-page summary of the overall strategy.

2. Introduction

2.1 Justification - need for the strategy

Sustainability for events means taking action towards preserving our natural environment; promoting a healthy, inclusive society; and supporting a thriving economy.

Please briefly explain the need and the purpose of the strategy.

From a sustainability point of view, please answer the following questions:

- Why the need to organise an expo?
- What does the expo bring to the city/region/country?
- How can the expo contribute to UN 2030 Agenda?

2.2 Vision & Mission

Clearly define the mission and vision of your Expo that includes sustainability. A vision statement focuses on tomorrow and what an organization wants to ultimately become. Your vision statement gives the company direction. A mission statement focuses on today and what an organization does to achieve it. Your mission statement drives the company.

Please be specific to your contact/country.

For example:

Vision

To lead the way towards the conservation of biodiversity, or A world where plants and trees tackle climate change Mission

To drive sustainability throughout the expo industry by engaging with suppliers, stakeholders and visitors on impactful activities, or

To tackle climate change through the creation of innovative solutions using plants, or To increase public awareness and educate the society on living green and sustainable lifestyle.

2.3 Values

Please briefly mention your "values".

For example:

We are committed to building trust with each and every one of our actions, with integrity, transparency, and respect for the individual and community.

3. Situational Analysis

3.1 Normative and Institutional framework

3.1.1 International legal framework

Please clearly mention which of the following you are compliant with by adding a "tick" in the column. Please also add any additional legal framework you are compliant with.

Please provide proof of compliance to the frameworks below in the Appendices¹.



¹ These could be proof of subscriptions, confirmation of compliance, etc.

International framework	Compliant?
Europe	
Rules on access and benefit-sharing arising from	
the use of genetic resources and associated	
traditional knowledge	
Protecting biodiversity from invasive alien species	
Bern Convention	✓
EU rules for the marketing of fruit plants	✓
Safe and effective fertilisers on the EU market	✓
Agricultural and food supply chain — unfair	
business-to-business trading practices	
Rules on producing and labelling organic products	
'Farm to fork' strategy for a fair, healthy and	
environmentally friendly food system	
Protection against plant pests	
Using sewage sludge in farming	
Fighting water pollution from agricultural nitrates	
Protection of groundwater against pollution	
WTO	
Agreement on trade in goods	
Agreement on trade-related aspects of intellectual	
property	
Bilateral	
Example: EU-China agreement on protection of	
geographical indications	
US	
Rules on producing and labelling organic products	
International frameworks	
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for	
Food and Agriculture	
Protection of geographical indications — Geneva	
Act of the Lisbon Agreement	
Convention on Biological Diversity	✓
Convention on International Trade in Endangered	✓
Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	
Global Labeling Requirements for Genetically	
Modified Organisms	

3.1.2 National legal framework

Compliance with national laws and regulations is required for staging an Expo. Please list and explain any national or sub-national laws, regulations, or programs with which this strategy requires alignment. These can be related to environmental or social impact.



The explanation of those standards is necessary for knowledge exchange between Expo Organisers internationally.²

Often national policies provide baseline standard, but Expo Organisations are encouraged to be most forward-thinking in their country and set up standards higher than those required by the national law.

3.2 International Standards

3.2.1 UN Agenda 2030

Please clearly mention which SDGs³ and relative targets your Expo is contributing to and how. Please do so by "ticking" the relative targets and mentioning any actions you will take.

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Target		Justification (How? ⁴)			
	SDG 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and				
	nable agriculture				
Target 2.1					
Target 2.3					
Target 2.4					
Target 2.5					
Target 2.a					
SDG 5: Achieve	e gender equality	and empower all women and girls			
Target 5.1	✓	e.g. Implement a Diversity & Inclusion strategy – see Diversity & Inclusion Policy			
Target 5.a	✓	e.g. Apply an equal and fair recruitment process – see Labour Policy			
Target 5.b					
Target 5.c					
SDG 8: Promot	e sustained, incli	usive and sustainable economic growth, full			
and productive	employment and	d decent work for all			
Target 8.3					
Target 8.4					
Target 8.5					
Target 8.6					
Target 8.7					
Target 8.8					
Target 8.9					
Target 8.a					
Target 8.b					
SDG 9: Build re	esilient infrastruc	ture, promote inclusive and sustainable			
industrializatio	n and foster inno	vation			

² A good example of explanation of national legal framework can be found in the Sustainability Strategy of Expo Dubai 2020, p2-4: https://www.expo2020dubai.com/-/media/expo2020/sustainability/expo2020-sustainability-strategy.pdf

⁴ Please note – it is necessary to indicate actions that can be verified and monitored by AIPH during the Expo lifecycle.



³ https://sdgs.un.org/goals

Target 9.1						
Target 9.3						
Target 9.a						
SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and						
sustainable						
Target 11.3						
Target 11.4						
Target 11.7						
Target 11.b						
SDG 12: Ensure	sustainable cor	sumption and production patterns				
Target 12.3						
Target 12.4						
Target 12.5						
Target 12.6						
Target 12.7						
Target 12.8						
Target 12.a						
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SDG 13: Take ur	gent action to c	ombat climate change and its impacts				
Target 13.2						
Target 13.3						
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3.2.2 Global Reporting Initiatives (GRI) Standards

The GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) is the independent, international organisation that helps businesses and other organisations take responsibility for their impacts, by providing them with the global common language to communicate those impacts. GRI provides vital support to governments and market regulators in the development of sustainability reporting policies and regulations to stimulate corporate



transparency and accountability. Around the world, more than 160 policies in over 60 countries and regions reference or require GRI for reporting.

They provide the world's most widely used standards for sustainability reporting – the GRI Standards⁵.

Please clearly mention which ones you meet.

Please provide proof of compliance to the Standards below in the Appendices.

GRI Standard	Met	Justification
GRI 204: Procurement Practices		
GRI 205: Anti-corruption		
GRI 206: Anti-competitive		
Behaviour		
GRI 301: Materials		
GRI 302: Energy		
GRI 304: Biodiversity	✓	
GRI 305: Emissions	✓	
GRI 306: Waste		
GRI 308: Supplier Environmental	✓	
Assessment		
GRI 405: Diversity and Equal	✓	
Opportunity		
GRI 406: Non-discrimination		
GRI 408: Child Labour		
GRI 409: Forced or Compulsory		
Labour		
GRI 411: Rights of Indigenous		
Peoples		
GRI 413: Local Communities		
GRI 414: Supplier Social		
Assessment		
GRI 416: Customer Health and		
Safety		
GRI 417: Marketing and Labelling		

3.3 Context / Environment

3.3.1 PESTEL analysis

Six types of external factors are taken into consideration in the PESTEL analysis:

Political Economic Sociocultural Technological Environmental

 5 You can download the standards here: https://www.globalreporting.org/standards/download-the-standards/



A PESTEL analysis enables you to:

- 1. identify relevant external factors to your Expo (by filling in the table below),
- 2. decide what impact those external factors may have on your Expo
- 3. work out the relative importance to your Expo of each of these external factors.

These are therefore not necessarily **only sustainability factors** but factors that might have an impact (positive or negative) on the sustainability of the Expo.

You can then take this information and use it to design your sustainability strategy and implementation plan, especially when it comes to setting the goals and objectives.

The template below shows some typical factors to consider during a PESTEL analysis.

Political	Economic	Social	Technical	Environmental	Legal
 Stability of governme nt Trade regulation s Labour regulation s 	 Economic growth Interest rates Exchange rates Inflation rate 	 Population demographic s Employ Education level Ethnicities 	 Technology incentives State of technologic al change 	 Waste disposal laws Environmental protection laws Energy consumption regulation Popular attitude towards the environment 	 Employme nt regula tions Healt h and safety Regulations

The PESTEL analysis also helps inform the Opportunities and Threats cells of the SWOT analysis.

3.3.2 SWOT analysis

A SWOT involves identifying the Strengths and Weaknesses of the organisation (or internal to your environment), and Opportunities and Threats present in the environment that it operates in (or external).

It is a way of summarising the current state of an organisation in terms of sustainability and helping to devise a plan to address all four areas.

Please conduct the SWOT analysis for the sustainability of your Expo (i.e. considering environmental and social factors) by filling in the template below with the following steps:

Step 1 - List all strengths that exist now. Then in turn, list all weaknesses that exist now.

Step 2 - List all opportunities that exist in the future. Opportunities are potential future strengths. Then in turn, list all threats that exist in the future. Threats are potential future weaknesses.

Step 3 - Plan of action - Review your SWOT matrix with a view to creating an action plan to address each of the four areas. In summary:



- Strengths need to be maintained, built upon or leveraged.
- Weaknesses need to be remedied or stopped.
- Opportunities need to be prioritised and optimised.
- Threats need to be countered or minimised.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
•	•
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
•	•

4. Policies

Please mention and briefly explain any policies⁶ you have in place or are currently developing for the expo. Policies are the guiding principles of the strategy. AIPH suggests you develop the policies below. If you have different ones, please list and explain those too.

4.1 Human rights

All organisations have a responsibility to respect human rights. Enlightened ones recognise that it is not only the moral thing to do, but also the smart thing to do for their business. Your first step is to develop a human rights policy. This is the public expression of your company's commitment to respect internationally recognised human rights standards.

If you have a human rights policy, please briefly present it and attach it in the appendices.

If you are planning on developing one, please refer to the UN Global Compact <u>Guide</u> on How to Develop a Human Rights Policy.

If you are not planning on developing a human rights policy, AIPH suggests you commit to the UNGC principle 1 and 2 and explain how you are planning on upholding them.

4.2 Labour

Respect for workers' rights and compliance with labour standards are the foundation of decent work. Advancing decent work and raising the living standards of all workers across operations and supply chains require you to adopt sustainable, responsible and inclusive workplace practices, and for companies with supply chains to use their leverage with suppliers to contribute to the realization of decent work globally.

A Labour Policy should include: living wage⁷, child labour and occupational health and safety.

⁷ Although there is no universal definition, living wage can be defined as "the remuneration received for a standard workweek by a worker in a particular place sufficient to afford a decent standard of living for the worker and her or his dependents. Elements of a decent standard of living include food, water, housing, education, health care, transportation, clothing and other essential needs including provision for unexpected



⁶ These are similar or related policies that cover your potential social and environmental impact. For example, you might have a Code of Conduct instead of an Anti-Corruption Policy, or a specific Child Labour policy. If this is the case, please add a brief explanation in this section and attach the policy in the appendices.

If you have a labour policy, please briefly present it here and attach it the appendices.

If you are planning on developing such a policy, please refer to the '<u>Labour</u> Principles of the UN Global Compact – A Guide for Business'.

If you are not planning on developing a labour policy, AIPH suggests you commit to the UNGC principles 3, 4, 5 and 6 and explain how you are planning on upholding them.

4.3 Anti-corruption

If you have an anti-corruption policy, please briefly present it here and attach it the appendices.

If you are not planning on developing an anti-corruption policy, we suggest you sign the <u>UNGC Anti-Corruption Call to Action</u> and commit to apply, throughout the organisation and the running of the expo, principle 10 of the UNGC, Anti-corruption: "<u>Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery</u>". Please also explain how you are planning on upholding principle 10.

If you have any anti-corruption certification, such as the ISO 37001, please provide a copy of the certificate.

4.4 Diversity & Inclusion

A Diversity & Inclusion⁸ Policy is a fundamental policy critical to employee engagement. It is dedicated to encouraging a supportive and inclusive culture amongst the whole workforce. The aim is to ensure that all employees and job applicants are given equal opportunity and that your organisation is representative of all sections of society. Each employee will be respected and valued and able to give their best as a result.

If you have a diversity & inclusion policy, please briefly present it here and attach it the appendices.

If you do not have a policy already, please consider including the following sections:

- The scope of the Diversity & Inclusion Policy (i.e. the commitment to ensuring an equitable, diverse and inclusive workplace).
- Who is responsible for the policy application and monitoring.
- Standards for recruitment, training and career development.
- A disability code of good practice.

events" (UN Global Compact). Please refer to the following reference sheet for guidance on how to achieve living wage: https://www.unglobalcompact.org/library/5887

⁸ **Diversity** means that an organization employs a diverse team of people that's reflective of the society in which it exists and operates. In a workplace, diversity means that the workforce is made up of employees with different races, genders, career backgrounds, skills, sexual orientation, etc. Diversity is proven to make communities and workplaces more productive, tolerant and welcoming. **Inclusion** is the practice of providing all employees with equal access to opportunities and resources. Inclusion efforts in the workplace help to give traditionally marginalised groups, like those based on gender, race or even those with physical or mental disabilities, a means for them to feel equal in the workplace.



- The process for making complaints of discrimination in the workplace.
- How the company will monitor and assess the effectiveness of the policy and working best practices.

4.5 Accessibility

If you have an accessibility policy, please briefly present it here and attach it in the appendices.

If you are planning on developing such a policy, please consider mentioning the following:

- elevator or ramp access
- transportation routes to and from the venue
- accessible parking
- seating and personal space
- access for support persons
- access for service animals
- training for employees
- feedback processes
- any specifics in your pre-expo communications
- any additional feature including storage of medicine and special products, Quiet Rooms, first-aid centres and areas for service dogs.

Please also consider obtaining the International Board of Sensory Accessibility (IBSA) certification to receive the "Sensory Accessible Event" certification.

4.6 Environment

An environmental policy is a statement about your environmental position and values. It serves to identify environmentally harmful practices and highlight more environmentally friendly ways of working. A good environmental policy demonstrates to your organisation and to the wider community a commitment to protect the environment in a responsible manner.

An environmental policy can also highlight cost savings, as well as more environmentally friendly ways of working. Be aware however, that the benefits are unlikely to materialise unless you put your environmental policy into practice. By setting up an action plan, you can set out the actions to be carried out to help your business meet its environmental objectives, when this will be done and the responsibilities of those involved.

The environmental policy should:

- cover what the policy is intended to achieve
- mention who is responsible for implementing the environmental policy
- comply with environmental legislation and other requirements
- assess the environmental impact of all historic, current and likely future operations
- continually seek to improve environmental performance
- expect similar environmental standards from all suppliers and contractors



 agree to commit to environmental principles and continual improvement at the highest level in your business

If you have an environment policy, please briefly present it here and attach it the appendices.

If you do not have one, please refer and commit to UNGC principle 7, 8 and 9 and explain how you will be upholding them.

5. Goals and Objectives

5.1 Goals

Please include the overarching goals you would like to achieve with the Expo in terms of sustainability.

We suggest you align your goals to the 5 AIPH Sustainability Priorities (already inserted in the table below), applying them as the goals to be achieved with your Expo. You are free to amend them, define more specific goals as related to your context and to include additional goals.

ID	Sustainability Priorities / Goals	Key Performance Indicators ⁹¹⁰	Baseline (Year X) ¹¹	Target (Year X+) ¹²
1	Using plants and green spaces to support climate adaptation and resilience programmes in urban environments	E.g. % Expo green spaces dedicated to mitigate climate change	20%	35%
2	Promoting nature in cities and sustainable horticultural practices worldwide	E.g. N° of promotion/dissemination activities organised N° and type of activities promoting nature in the city	5	40

⁹ Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result. KPIs provides a focus for strategic and operational improvement, create an analytical basis for decision making and help focus attention on what matters most.

¹² Managing the use of KPIs includes setting targets (the desired level of performance) and tracking progress against that target. Please indicate the year the target will be reached: the end of the Expo life cycle (e.g. 2026).



¹⁰ Please develop indicators that are SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-Bound. A specific indicator will be narrowly defined and will describe exactly what needs to be measured. A measurable indicator is one which can be aligned with a specific numeric or ranked value to show improvement over time. Defining your indicators for milestones which are realistically achievable is key to success. Ensuring indicators are relevant provides for a consideration of the context in which the Expo is operating. Finally, time-bound indicators are those which include a date by which you expect to see the change, giving substance and life to the Expo as a whole.

¹¹ Baseline is a reference point that is used to analyse the current performance of a project: your starting point before you start working towards your sustainability goals. Please indicate the year your baseline has been taken: the start of construction (e.g. 2022).

3	Adopting circular economy principles, reducing plastic waste and other forms of pollution, supporting efficient production and ethical supply chain management		
4	Promoting plant growing and green spaces for all, upholding fair and equitable practices across the horticultural value chain, diversity, and human rights		
5	Engaging, informing, and inspiring people to appreciate the importance of plants and the places where they grow, and to take action to protect and enhance their local environment through plant growing		

5.2 Objectives

Please list the objectives that will allow you to achieve the goals mentioned above.

Please include your objectives for each of the sections below and fill in the respective tables.

For each of the section please make sure you also include objectives related to 13:

- 1. Innovation
- 2. Education, communications and engagement¹⁴
- 3. Knowledge sharing and reporting on achievements and lessons learned
- 4. Legacy

You will need to include clear and measurable actions to achieve the objectives in the Implementation Plan.

Please mention any supporting documents you might already have, such as Sustainable Materials Guidelines, to support the achievement of your sustainable objectives in more than one category.

5.2.1 Design

Please explain and include your objectives related to the design phase of the Expo.

¹⁴ Please make sure to insert action related to education and communication activities too. These will help you formulate the education plan and the communication & engagement plan.



 $^{^{13}}$ For more information on the four points please refer to Annex X of the Regulations

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
1.1	Design to use space and materials in an efficient manner	Integrated design approach with clear standards	N/A	Developed and used for the entire Expo
1.2				

5.2.2 Contractors & Construction

Please explain and include your objectives related to:

- Permanent infrastructure, temporary structures, signage and décor
- Materials to be used
- Landscaping and ecological management

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
2.1	Use renewable and recyclable materials when building new structures	Certification for buildings by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).	N/A	Platinum / Gold certification
2.2		<u> </u>		

5.2.3 International Participants

Please explain and include your objectives related to the involvement of international participants in your sustainability strategy.

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
3.1	Enable participants and facility managers to understand and contribute to responsible use of resources	Percentage of pavilions and buildings to have smart metering with digital feedback for energy and water consumption	0	80%
3.2				

5.2.4 Transport

Please explain and include your objectives related to:

- Transport and mobility
- Walkability: pedestrian-focused circulation on the Expo site encouraging a healthy, secure and walkable lifestyle
- Accessibility, including special needs



ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
4.1	Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems	N° of electrified public transport		
4.2	Encourage alternative transport methods	GHG emission	10 ton	3 ton

5.2.5 Biodiversity

The focus of this section is to protect the plant and animal varieties both within and outside the Expo areas, and to set requirements for the creation of enhanced biodiversity and ecology as a result of the Expo.

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
5.1	e.g. Ensure the enforcement of the international treaties on biodiversity conservation	N° of treaties enforced	N/A	3
5.2				

5.2.6 Energy

Please explain and include your objectives to minimise the impact of energy consumption. Energy reduction and/or renewable energy production will also support the delivery of a (near) carbon-neutral Expo.

Please explain and include your objectives related to:

- Passive design strategies (such as the use of natural ventilation and daylight, optimisation of building orientation, biophilic design that provides shading and evaporative cooling)
- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy generation on-site and off-site

Please detail any sustainable standards you might be following, such as the Standards for Building Efficiency, in order to reach your objectives.

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
6.1	e.g. Reduce energy consumption	Gigawatt/hour	150	90
6.2				

5.2.7 Water

Please list and explain your objectives related to water consumption. Please include any information related to demand reduction and substitution, as well as water resource protection



ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
7.1	e.g. minimize water consumption	Million Litres/hour	50	15
		% publicly accessible fixture and fitting with smart controls	35%	90%
7.2				

5.2.8 Pollution

Please list and explain any objectives aimed at ensuring that the potential adverse pollution impacts of hosting the Expo are mitigated.

Please cover noise, light, atmosphere and impact on surrounding neighbourhoods.

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
8.1	Minimise excessive lightening	High efficiency public realm lighting systems; Public open space lighting that incorporate automatic controls, sensors or other energy saving technologies	0	Fully functional before the opening and for the entire duration of the Expo

5.2.9 Carbon¹⁵

Please list and explain any objectives aimed at ensuring that the potential adverse climatic impacts of hosting the Expo are mitigated. In setting your objectives, please consider:

- 1) direct emissions (Scope 1)¹⁶
- 2) indirect emissions owned (Scope 2)¹⁷
- 3) indirect emissions not owned (Scope 3)¹⁸

¹⁸ Scope 3 emissions are all indirect emissions - not included in scope 2 - that occur in the value chain of the reporting company, including both upstream and downstream emissions. In other words, emissions are linked to the company's operations.



¹⁵ These objectives will necessarily be linked to the ones related to energy and pollution.

¹⁶ Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions from the Expo-owned and controlled resources. In other words, emissions are released into the atmosphere as a direct result of a set of activities, at the Expo level. It is divided into four categories: stationary combustion (e.g. fuels, heating sources), mobile combustion (e.g. cars, trucks), fugitive emissions (e.g. refrigeration and air conditioning), and process emissions (e.g. production of CO2 during cement manufacturing). All fuels that produce GHG emissions must be included in scope 1.

¹⁷ Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy, from a utility provider. In other words, all GHG emissions released in the atmosphere, from the consumption of purchased electricity, steam, heat and cooling.

Please consider whether you could aim at hosting a carbon-neutral¹⁹ event²⁰. Hosting a carbon-neutral event presumes you take the following steps:

- 1) **Measure**: the Expo needs to measure its total greenhouse gas emissions²¹.
- 2) **Cut emissions**: after you identify hotspots in its carbon footprint, it can take steps to shrink those emissions.
- 3) **Offset**: the Expo can buy high-quality carbon offsets to cover the emissions that can't easily be eliminated.
- 4) **Communicate your impact:** create compelling communications about your event's sustainability commitment.

Please also consider whether you can obtain the PAS 2060²² certification – the internationally recognised standard for carbon neutrality.

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline (e.g.) 2022	Target (e.g.) 2026
9.1	e.g. minimise carbon emissions during the Expo timeline	greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction strategy	No strategy – to be developed	Full implementation
		% of GHG reduced	Site-wide carbon emissions in 2022	30% reduction
9.2				

5.2.10 Sustainable Events Operations and Management

Please include your objectives related to the event operations and overall management, including but not limited to:

- Food and catering on the Expo site
- Retail
- Ceremonies, shows and promotions

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
10.1	Achieve ISO 20121 Sustainable Event Management certification	Certification awards	N/A	Achieved
10.2	Achieve Sustainable Events Standards	Certification awards	N/A	Platinum / Gold Sustainable Events Standards

5.2.11 Waste & Dismantlement

Please clearly define how you are planning to:

- Avoid/reduce waste
- Reuse waste
- Recycle waste



¹⁹ Carbon neutrality means not adding new greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to the atmosphere. Where emissions continue, they must be offset by absorbing an equivalent amount from the atmosphere, for example through carbon capture and reforestation that is supported by carbon credit schemes.

²⁰ For extensive recommendations on carbon reduction and offset please refer to the Global Carbon Project: https://www.globalcarbonproject.org/carbonneutral/index.htm

²¹ Please refer to Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GGP) Tools, https://ghgprotocol.org/calculation-tools.

²² https://www.nqa.com/en-gb/certification/standards/pas-2060

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
11.1	Minimize the quantity of waste to landfill	Metric Tons	Based on the amount of recyclable construction material (%)	Based on the amount of recyclable construction material (%)
11.2				

5.2.12 Legacy

Please include your objectives related to dismantlement and legacy transition and in particular on:

- Reuse and repurposing of materials, structures and other assets
- Landscape restoration
- Reporting

ID	Objective	Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target
12.1	Develop solutions in sustainability that are scalable and can be rolled out and implemented on a broad level, extending the benefits to the wider economy	Percentage of materials used in permanent construction retained for Legacy	0	90%

6. Conclusions

Please briefly include next steps and links with the various implementation plans.

Appendices

Please include in this section your policies, guidelines or additional document that will contribute to the sustainability of your Expo.

- 1. Policies
- 2. Guidelines

