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SOUTH SUMMIT

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

At South Summit, we are convinced that the transition to a global net zero economy is the greatest opportunity of our generation. Humanity is facing massive challenges related to sustainable development, and we are convinced that innovation through entrepreneurship and the entire ecosystem that surrounds it is the answer to these challenges. Innovation based in a green economy, commitment to zero-emissions and ESG values have a high potential to make a positive impact on society. We want to be the motor which accelerates this transition onto a green economy through innovation and entrepreneurship.



At South Summit we want to catalyze and inspire entrepreneurship and the innovation ecosystem to respond to this much needed change. To achieve this objective, we will:

- Strive to promote sustainability as an opportunity for startups and as the ecosystem of innovation.
- Highlight opportunities for businesses related to the transition to a net-zero economy, and identify technological gaps, market tendencies and areas of investment, assuring that this transformation includes everyone and does not leave any vulnerable group behind.
- Emphasize leaders and references in sustainable innovation.
- Generate content in our events that revolves around sustainability (speakers, networking activities, etc.)
- Make sustainability a cross-cutting issue in all the content of our events.
- Be a benchmark in the design and production of events relating to sustainability, low environmental impact, low emissions, and maximum social and economic impact.

This last objective is important, not only do we want to set an example by making our events sustainable as an exercise of coherence and sustainable commitment, but we have also set out to be the most cutting-edge and innovative event in sustainability, so that our platform can inspire the next generation of start-ups.



AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF OUR COMMITMENT TO **THE VALUES** OF THE **GREEN ECONOMY, ESG CRITERIA** AND THE **OBJECTIVES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** OF THE **2030 AGENDA** OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WE DECLARE THAT OUR EVENTS WILL BE DEVELOPED UNDER THE FOLLOWING VALUES

LEADING THE MOMENTUM OF SUSTAINABILITY IN THE ECONOMY, AS A LEGACY OF SOUTH SUMMIT

We want our sustainable commitment to transcend the global economy, therefore we will strive to promote the commitment of socially responsible entrepreneurship among our stakeholders (investors, entrepreneurs, corporations, governments, and other interested parties), looking for points of connection between all of them regarding the ESG criteria and facilitating the development of sustainable solutions for the planet's global issues at our events.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECT

We will plan and develop our events guaranteeing:

- Strict compliance with all applicable environmental regulations.
- The minimization of our greenhouse gas emissions from energy consumption and transportation, the reduction of our overall energy consumption, the increase in our use of renewable energy sources and optimizing the mobility of speakers and the public. In addition, at each event we will estimate the emissions that we cannot avoid, and we will proceed to neutralize them through Net Zero offset actions.
- The promotion of the circular economy with respect to the materials which we use, prioritizing those that come from recycling and can be reused.
- The reduction of our ecological footprint from food and beverage consumption.
- The minimization of waste, especially single-use packaging, and recycling those that we have not been able to avoid.

TO BE CATALYZERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF ENTREPRENEURS

We will energize the entrepreneurial community to raise awareness of the ecosystem and increase our impact by joining forces with others.

We will amplify the actions and achievements in sustainability of our community of companies with the objective of establishing benchmarks and leaderships that serve as inspiration to catalyze the changes in the different actors of the economy.

To maintain and enhance the continued improvement of aspects related to sustainability in the events which we organize and produce. At Spain Startup we have implemented and kept up to date a sustainable event management system aligned with the EVENTSOST "Certificate of Compliance" scheme and the international standard UNI-NE-ISO 20121:2013, in which we involve our entire value chain, employees and collaborators.

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REPURPOSED
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FOR LONGEVITY