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The contribution of festivals and events towards the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

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The [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) were adopted by all United Nations member states in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. The SDGs listed below, which are integrated, recognise that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance economic, social and environmental sustainability. The festivals and events industry need to reach these ambitious targets. The creativity, knowhow, technology and financial resources from all of society are necessary to achieve the SDGs in every context. Festivals and events have an opportunity to seize the SDGs as a driver of societal change and business growth.

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| 1. No Poverty | 10. Reduced Inequalities |
| 2. Zero Hunger | 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| 3. Good Health and Well-Being | 12. Responsible Production and Consumption |
| 4. Quality Education | 13. Climate Action |
| 5. Gender Equality | 14. Life Below Water |
| 6. Clean Water and Sanitation | 15. Life on Land |
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| 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | |

The aim of the special issue is to showcase how festivals and events are embracing the opportunities that the SDGs present. By using festivals and events to address economic, social and environmental issues, festivals and events are delivering short- and long-term benefits for stakeholders as well as society. This special issue of the International Journal of Event and Festival Management will showcase the latest research on the role of festivals and events in achieving the SDG. In particular, this special issue aims to provide innovative responses to festivals and events which achieve these goals.

We invite conceptual and empirical research articles that show how festivals and events achieve one or more of these goals. This special issue aims to present a collection of latest ideas and research on innovation through sustainable means to transform the world we live in. All submissions must follow IJEFM [Author Guidelines](#). Please submit via the journal's online submission portal ScholarOne by selecting the appropriate special issue: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijefm>.

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