



The WDS2010 conference will include a focus on Sustainability in Dairy. In line with this, Summit organizers are exploring ways to reduce the environmental impact of the Summit.

Venue

SKYCITY, the Summit venue has been working on energy efficiency programs for many years now. They are currently trialling an urban micro-scale wind turbine on the roof of the hotel. This wind turbine feeds electricity into the circuits which supply the public areas of the hotel, stairwells, aviation lighting and outside on the Sky Tower. Wherever feasible, re-useable items will be used instead of disposable ones. Recycling facilities are also available at all of the venues being used for the Summit.

Transport

Air New Zealand offers a Carbon Offset Programme, where contributions go directly to wind farm credits in New Zealand. Passengers can also donate to the Air New Zealand Environment Trust, which supports projects to enhance New Zealand's natural Environment. The Trust's first project is a conservation programme involving more than 100 acres on Mangarara Station in Hawke's Bay on the Eastern side of the North Island.

Hotels

The hotels listed on the WDS2010 website have been audited against key sustainability areas including, energy conservation, water conservation, waste management and purchasing responsibility. This will allow delegates to make an informed choice. Moreover, most of the hotels are within easy walking distance to the conference venue.

Assessment

Sustainability initiatives will be assessed by a Masters student from Massey University's Centre for Energy Research. This will allow us to see the impact of the Summit in terms of Green House Gas Emissions, and calculate the reduction in emissions from any changes made.

For more information and progress updates, check out the conference website www.wds2010.com

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