

Minimizing the Environmental Footprint of the 2010 RCEN Conference

The green objective for the RCEN's 2010 Conference is to reduce as much as possible, within the budget available, the environmental footprint of the event. Prior to and during the conference, the following actions will be taken to minimize our individual and collective footprints.

1. Promotion of the role participants can play in the greening of the event:

- The organisers have worked with the Grand Plaza hotel to reduce the environmental footprint of the event (see the [list of criteria](#)). Participants will be given further information concerning how they can aid this initiative in the registration area.
- On September 18th, a workshop will be held to provide conference participants with information on how to organise sustainable events for their own organisations.

2. Encouraging the use of transportation options that represent an appropriate balance between convenience and low carbon footprint:

- Participants will be encouraged to make the most environmentally-friendly choice in their mode of transportation to the event.
- When registering online, participants will be asked if they are willing to carpool to Montreal. The RCEN will help coordinate carpooling to and from the event.
- A prize will be awarded during the Saturday Gala Dinner to those who have minimized the environmental impact of their travel the most.
- Conference organisers are seeking a sponsor to provide carbon offsets for attendees.

3. Keeping the use of paper to a minimum:

- Rather than printed versions, documentation for the event will be available in downloadable PDF format on the 2010 Conference website.
- At the venue, computers and printers will be provided in the registration area so that participants can selectively download or print important documents.
- The conference's agenda and other useful information will be displayed on large monitors in the registration area.

Thank you for helping us make this event as environmentally-friendly as possible!

