Sustainability at LUPUS 2025

Embracing a sustainable congress experience

At LUPUS 2025 in Toronto, we are committed to incorporating sustainable practices that go beyond mere buzzwords, translating into real, measurable outcomes. Our dedication to environmental stewardship reflects a shared responsibility to protect the future for generations to come, both locally and globally. Sustainability is more than an initiative for us-it's a core value shaping every facet of the congress.

With Toronto's rich history of innovation and green leadership, LUPUS 2025 is purposefully planned with sustainability at the forefront. This commitment spans across all aspects of the event, from the organizing team and committees to our partners and delegates, whom we warmly invite to join us in this mission. Together, we aim to reduce the ecological footprint of the congress while fostering a healthier future for all.

Being part of LUPUS 2025 – How can you contribute?

As individuals and a community, we can and should contribute towards maintaining the natural ecological balance in the environment and preserving the planet and its natural systems and resources. Here is what we invite you to do as part of the LUPUS 2025 congress:

• Use the mobile app (instead of printing) to inquire about the program details. The application will be available several weeks before the congress.

- All lanyards & badges will be collected and recycled after the meeting. Make sure to leave yours when leaving the congress venue at the end of the congress.
- Reduce the waste you generate and separate disposal
- Opt for reusable mugs and bottles

Sustainable Development Goals at LUPUS 2025

The <u>Sustainable Development Goals</u> (SDGs, also known as the Global Goals) are 17 goals with 169 targets that all UN Member States have agreed to work towards achieving by the year 2030. They set out a vision towards a more sustainable future and aim at tackling issues such as poverty, hunger and equality.

At LUPUS 2025 want to do our part to promote the achievement of these goals in our own value chain. The SDGs that we support and work towards are:

Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages

Improving outcomes for people with lupus is at the heart of LUPUS 2025. This includes:

- Accelerating research into innovative treatments and diagnostics.
- Advocating for equitable healthcare access for lupus patients worldwide.
- Sharing global best practices to enhance the quality of care.

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning

opportunities for all

Education is the foundation of progress in lupus care. At LUPUS 2025, we will:

- Provide cutting-edge knowledge and training for healthcare professionals.
- Empower patients and their families with the tools to manage lupus effectively.
- Advocate for global awareness campaigns to destigmatize lupus and promote early diagnosis.

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Lupus disproportionately affects women, making gender equity a central theme. Together, we aim to:

- Address gender disparities in lupus research and healthcare.
- Focus on empowering women with lupus through better education and resources.
- Advocate for policies that promote equitable healthcare for all.

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Innovation is key to transforming lupus care. This SDG inspires us to:

- Showcase advancements in medical technology and infrastructure.
- Drive collaborations that bring innovative treatments to market faster.
- Foster global partnerships that encourage resource-

sharing and innovation in lupus research.

Reduce inequality within and among countries

Lupus outcomes vary widely across regions and communities. LUPUS 2025 is committed to:

- Highlighting the disparities in lupus care and access to treatments.
- Promoting initiatives to reduce healthcare inequalities globally.
- Ensuring that underserved populations receive the attention and resources they need.