

Annual Sustainability in Higher Education Summit

by University of Hawai'i



Event Summary:

This was the 5th Annual Sustainability in Higher Education Summit, which took place on March 16-18, 2017. The Summit explored sustainability through both indigenous perspectives and global dialogue. Alongside the sharing of knowledge, the Summit aimed to coordinate curriculum across all ten UH campuses to better support student interest in sustainability and to create curricular coherence. Also included in the Summit was a panel on titled “*Meeting of Wisdoms*” which continued UH dialogue around the intersections of ancestral knowledge and modern science, an e-Poster session, working sessions, the President’s Green Award luncheon, and a full-day Student Summit.

Green Event Highlights:



- ✚ Reusable sporks were provided to all guests in partnership with Kokua Hawai‘i Foundation.



- Map of food vendors. 80% of the food was sourced from farms in west O'ahu, and about 95% of the food was sourced locally. Menu planning and coordination with farmers beginning 8 months in advance.



- Community service huaka'i to cultural sites were organized for the last day of the conference.



- Conference attendees chose between projects at Ka'ala Farms and MA'O Farms as a way to gain an embodied experience of ancestral sustainability knowledge applied in contemporary context.



- Food waste was separated and composted onsite.



For more information on the event, visit <http://blog.hawaii.edu/sustainabilitysummit/2016-2/2016-keynotes-invited-guests/>