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## News and Activity Update

### MARCH 2025

SUSTAIN ended 2024 with a flurry of activity, and the pace has increased in the first two months of 2025. During January and February 2025, SUSTAIN has:

- submitted its first annual report to ICOM
- created its first member survey (first item below and available [HERE](#))
- registered its support for ICOM-EUROPE's SAREC application to pursue training in decolonization with ICOM-AFRICA
- committed to participating in the ICOM 27th General Conference in Dubai in November 2025
- responded to requests from ICOM to advise on efforts to emphasize culture in global conversations about sustainability, as outlined in Culture2030 goals and through ICOM's participation at G20 South Africa, COP30 Brazil, and the 2025 World Conference on Cultural Policies (MONDIACULT) in Spain
- discussed ICOM's request for a SUSTAIN member to sit on an advisory committee to Culture for the Planet (you can read more about that initiative [HERE](#)).
- scheduled meetings with FLA (International Federation of Library and Archives) and CIMAM (International Committee for Museums and Collections of Modern Art) to discuss shared sustainability goals,
- and numerous other details as outlined below.

If you are new to SUSTAIN, you can read about the launch of the new ICOM International Committee in November 2023, and the work since then [HERE](#).

Let us hear from you if you want to be involved. Use the [CONTACT](#) button on the SUSTAIN website.

## **ICOM SUSTAIN MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**

ICOM's International Committee for Museums and Sustainable Development

Defining sustainability can be complex, and many different approaches exist. SUSTAIN aims to foster conversations and provide resources to support ICOM members and their organizations in addressing sustainable futures. This survey is designed to help us understand what the ICOM community needs to do this, and what members expect SUSTAIN to deliver. Results will help SUSTAIN best answer our community's needs.

We thank you in advance for taking the time (about 10 minutes) to answer this survey. All answers will support us in delivering better and more tailored work for our members. Your participation is extremely valuable.

Click [HERE](#) to access the survey.

Please complete as soon as possible to help SUSTAIN plan 2025 offerings.

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## **ICOM SUSTAIN Website & LinkedIn page**

ICOM SUSTAIN has a website and a LinkedIn page to share information, announcements, and keep you informed about museums and sustainability:

<https://sustain.mini.icom.museum/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/icomsustain>

and indicate if you want to work with the Website, LinkedIn or both.

## **SUSTAIN at ICOM's 27th General Conference 2025 DUBAI**

ICOM SUSTAIN is busy preparing for sessions and its first General Assembly at an ICOM General Conference.

Click [HERE](#) for information on the THEME: [The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities](#).

ICOM-SUSTAIN plans to partner with ICOM-AVICOM and ICOM-NATHIST for three sessions, delivered in a hybrid format.

12th November 2025. Session A: Conference Format (14:30–16:00) delivered in partnership with ICOM-AVICOM.

12th November 2025 Session B: Training Format/Conference Format (16:30–18:00) delivered in partnership with ICOM-NATHIST.

13th November 2025. Session C: Conference Format (14:30–16:00) delivered in partnership with ICOM-AVICOM.

### **ICOM-SUSTAIN Day & General Assembly**

15th November 2025 ICs Day: Planning in progress with delivery in a hybrid format. This will include a one-hour business meeting. Location: likely at TERRA / Expo City; but we may arrange study visits to the Al Shindagha Museum and the Museum of the Future.

If you plan to attend and/or want to be involved, please let us know by completing the [CONTACT form](#) on the SUSTAIN website.

## **WEBINARS 2025**

SUSTAIN plans a series of webinars during 2025, starting in May, and continuing in June, August, September, and October.

Watch for information via SUSTAIN's webpage and LinkedIn postings.

Members of SUSTAIN's board drafted two resolutions and coordinated submissions of the drafts (in English and translated into French and Spanish) for review by ICOM.

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### **SUSTAIN Young Member Grant Recipient**

Nanyondo Prossy, manager of the Railway Museum in Uganda, received SUSTAIN's 2024 Young Member grant for a project called 'Revitalizing the Uganda Railway Museum as a Hub for Sustainable Development Education.'

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