

S/R/I 2025

**SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH
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**SHAPING A
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

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A CONGRESS FOR ALL

Humanity is at a crossroads.

Climate change, loss of biodiversity, resource depletion, and social inequality are interconnected crises here, now, demanding urgent action.

Together, we can build a better tomorrow.

This Congress brings together today's and tomorrow's leaders, innovators, and change-makers to collaborate on solutions and drive meaningful progress toward sustainability with participation from 80+ countries.





THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SYSTEM IS THE PROUD HOST OF THE SRI2025 CONGRESS

The University of Illinois System is Illinois' premier higher education network, encompassing three world-class universities and serving over more than 97,000 students. Our diverse community of scholars, innovators, and leaders drives economic growth, addresses society's greatest challenges, and enriches lives.

Together, our campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield are at the forefront of driving sustainable practices and finding solutions to combat climate change. With a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary research and action, we are dedicated to addressing the urgent sustainability, energy, and environmental challenges facing our planet today and in the years ahead. Our commitment to innovation and collaboration allows us to pave the way towards a greener and more sustainable future.



"SRI2025 will convene people committed to sustainability, from experts to community activists, from all over the world. Together, they will explore innovative and implementable solutions that will lead to better outcomes for our children and grandchildren. The U of I System's history as a leader makes us the perfect host for such a forum."

— Tim Killeen, president of the University of Illinois System

PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS



SRI2025 offers an inclusive, interactive, and inspiring global platform for co-creating state-of-the-art solutions and innovations and building a coalition of those willing to achieve a sustainability transformation.



SRI2025 unites global leaders from 80+ countries in research, government, civil society, and business to meaningfully advance progress towards sustainability at a local and global level.



SRI2025 takes place in the North America for the first time ever. It is co-hosted in the heartland by the University of Illinois System and focuses on action-forward, knowledge-based, and inclusive approaches to sustainability.

SRI2025 is a comprehensive and interactive program focused on catalyzing sustainability solutions. It centers on four core pathways:

One Health:

Connecting Human, Animal & Planetary Health

Collaborative Decision-Making:

Fostering Connections with Communities

Innovative Tools:

Developing & Deploying New Technologies for Sustainability Solutions

Holistic Solutions:

Integrating Food, Energy, Water, and Infrastructure



SRI2025 CONGRESS

A global platform for collaboration

- Extensive stakeholder engagement and capacity building
- Collaborative project development and funding
- Showcases and demonstrations of cutting-edge innovations
- The latest research on sustainability solutions
- Daily plenary sessions with a diversity of leaders
- Curated workshops and panel discussions
- Engagement with Indigenous communities
- Special Juneteenth programming focuses on sustainability, equity, and justice
- Compelling public events and custom excursions across the region

THE OPPORTUNITIES

The program will feature a dynamic mix of activities

- **Connect with other change makers:** Engage with experts, policymakers, funders, community, and industry leaders.
- **Discover and create innovative solutions:** Learn about groundbreaking projects and technological advances, take part in creating solutions with potential for measurable impact.
- **Share experiences and learnings:** Insights formed regionally can transform the world.
- **Learn how to overcome challenges:** Find pathways to bring new sustainability solutions to market.
- **Forge partnerships:** Collaborate and leverage with new partners.
- **Inspire change:** Be part of a movement to create a sustainable future.

PARTNERSHIP

Partnering on SRI2025 offers a transformative opportunity for your organization to actively participate in the global dialogue of sustainability problem-solvers. Get in touch to inquire about opportunities that align with your strategic objectives, organizational values, and goals in advancing people, planet, and purpose. Contact SRI@futureearth.org for details.



JOIN US IN CHICAGO

Chicago is the perfect host city for SRI2025. Right on one of the Great Lakes, which together hold 20% of the world's fresh water supply, this quintessential American metropolis is home to a vibrant tapestry of cultures and is a driving force in sustainability

in the US. The city's world-renowned universities, researchers, business builders, investors, and developers of next generation talent provide the perfect substrate for growing ideas, exploring solutions, and co-creating a sustainable future.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens soon. To sign up for news and alerts, email SRI@futureearth.org.

HOTEL

The SRI2025 will take place at the Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk hotel, in the heart of the city. Details will be available soon.

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