

Sustainable Clinical Trials

The Journey from Ambition to Action

5 November 2026, online, all times are CET

9:00 – 10:30: Session 1: Setting the stage

Time	Title	Speakers
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome address	Fiona Adshead, <i>SHC</i>
9:15 – 9:45	The case for moving from ambition to action now	Jason LaRoche, <i>Johnson & Johnson</i>
9:45 – 10:15	Driving change: what the research tells us - Headline findings from the “Big Sustainable Clinical Trials Survey”. How do trialists feel about sustainable trials and what is holding people back from taking action - Research findings on the importance of changing behaviours to enable design and delivery of greener trials	Joanna Bell, <i>SHC</i> Frank Sui-keung You, <i>University of Aberdeen</i>
10:15 – 10:30	The Community of Practice: accelerating action together	Nathalie Preiswerk, <i>SHC</i>

10:30 – 11:00: Coffee break and networking

11:00 – 12:30: Session 2: Clearing the path: how the wider system can enable action

Time	Title	Speakers
11:00 – 11:10	To what extent is environmental sustainability a guiding principle for our entire ecosystem?	Fiona Adshead, <i>SHC</i>
11:10 – 11:50	Panel: A conversation with regulators - A joint pilot study from regulatory agencies - How to enable environmental sustainability initiatives while implementing regulations?	Fiona Adshead, <i>SHC</i> Lisa Yin, <i>Fimea</i> Gunilla Andrew-Nielsen, <i>MPA</i> Steve Hoare, <i>MHRA</i> Rieke van der Graaf, <i>UMC Utrecht</i>
11:50 – 12:30	Panel: Beyond the trial: what patients, HTA experts and public-private partnerships are asking for - When do environmental sustainability and patient interests align? When do they collide? What do we do about it? - Including sustainability in HTA assessments, and how it may affect trial design - Evaluating the long-term impact of project proposals: a systems-change lever	Keith Moore, <i>SHC</i> Nicholas Brooke, <i>The Synergist</i> Anke-Peggy Holtorf, <i>ESHTA</i> Nathalie Seigneuret, <i>IHI</i>

12:30 – 13:45: Lunch break and networking

13:45 – 15:15: Session 3: What works: decarbonisation as a lever for operational and business goals

Time	Title	Speakers
13:45 – 13:55	Environmental sustainability as a lens for operational efficiency and wider business goals	Patrick Eckenstein, <i>Novartis</i>
13:55 – 14:35	Panel: The business case for environmentally responsible clinical trials: real-world experiences - Concrete cases showcasing a range of levers - Business gains that sustainability thinking made possible	Patrick Eckenstein, <i>Novartis</i> Pete Morley, <i>Novo</i> Bernd Steffens, <i>Boehringer Ingelheim</i> Rebecca Hastings, <i>Parexel</i>
14:35 – 15:15	Panel: From expectations to partnership: sponsors, CROs and suppliers moving together - How procurement teams can encourage sustainability through sourcing, partner selection and dialogue - What sponsors are asking of their partners, and why - What CROs and suppliers need: clarity, realistic timelines and shared tools - Aligning expectations across sponsors, CROs and suppliers	Jen Valsler, <i>AstraZeneca</i> Mairead Lyons, <i>Novartis</i> Michael Cohen, <i>Thermo Fisher Scientific</i> Alejandra Medina, <i>Quipment</i> Sandra Voss, <i>Marken</i>

15:15 – 15:45: Coffee break and networking

15:45 – 17:00: Session 4: Ateliers: From shared challenges to practical solutions

Choose your breakout room. Each atelier works as a peer roundtable: the facilitator takes two or three challenges raised by participants, and the group works through them together.

Time	Title	Facilitator
15:45 – 16:45	Atelier 1: Assessing emissions in practice For anyone navigating the practical realities of quantifying carbon emissions in clinical trials. Bring your questions: Where do I find the data I need? How do I apply the SHC calculator to a specific case? How should a result be interpreted and used?	Hugh Whetherly, <i>ERM</i>
15:45 – 16:45	Atelier 2: Implementing the SMI/iLCCT Joint Minimum Supplier Expectations For sponsors and supply chain partners assessing what the “Joint Minimum Supplier Expectations” mean for their organisations. Bring your questions: Who are they for? What do they ask of suppliers? How can they be implemented?	Jonathan Sandars, <i>Roche</i> Frank Mols, <i>BCG</i>
15:45 – 16:45	Atelier 3: Arguments for environmental sustainability For anyone building support for environmental sustainability within their organisation. Bring your situation: What case do you need to make, and to whom? Where does your argument currently meet resistance? The group will help test and strengthen your framing.	Frederik Dam van Deurs, <i>Care Pathway Consulting</i>
16:45 – 17:00	Closing remarks	Fiona Adshead, <i>SHC</i>