

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE WORLD FORUM

TAIPEI 2025

SHAPING TOMORROW:
COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR
PEOPLE AND PLANET



EVENT REPORT

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Word from the Co-hosts



“SEWF25 in Taipei wasn’t just an event - it was the result of nearly a decade of dreaming, building trust, countless work and showing up for the impact movement.

To see changemakers from across the world gather here, feel seen and connect so deeply - it moved us beyond words. For the first time, Taiwan’s creative, resilient social innovators truly had the global stage. And what we experienced together wasn’t just a conversation - it was collective action in real time.

As Impact Hub Taipei celebrates our 10th anniversary - alongside the Impact Hub Network’s 20th - we’re more committed than ever to building a thriving, inclusive ecosystem.

As an Entrepreneur Support Organization and ecosystem builder, we’re proud to help carry this momentum forward in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. SEWF25 is a powerful reminder: change always begins when people come together - and Taiwan is ready to lead.”

Oliver Chang, Co-founder and COO, Impact Hub Taipei

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“One of the greatest pleasures of SEWF25 is seeing people renewing connections from previous SEWF gatherings and of course, making new connections.

Our hosting in Taiwan is very aligned with our SEWF values, where a strong social enterprise ecosystem is more important than international recognition by governmental institutions. This ecosystem deserves to be recognised and we hope this event will have a deep and long-lasting legacy for social enterprise in Taiwan and in the region. We look forward to working with all partners to improve the prospects for social enterprises in Asia.”

Gerry Higgins, Founder and Managing Director, SEWF

 **SEWF**



SPEAKERS

DAVE DISPANADDA DISKUL
MAE FAH LUANG FOUNDATION UNDER ROYAL PATRONAGE
(THAILAND)

ALICE YI JOU HUNG
MICROPC (TAIWAN)

WULAN LEMBONUNU
YAYASAN SIKOLA MOMBINE (INDONESIA)

MODERATED BY:
ANDREW C. LIN, TVBS GOOD (TAIWAN)

SEWF25 in words

“Being at SEWF, surrounded by so many incredible people building impactful social enterprises across the world, it’s easy to look around and think everyone here is doing such amazing things and forget that perhaps, I am too.

But then I’m reminded that what connects us all is a shared belief that business can be a force for good, that community, creativity and purpose can coexist and thrive together. And that reminder has been grounding and deeply inspiring. (...)

The social enterprise landscape in Taipei has completely captured my heart. It’s vibrant, innovative and full of people who are unafraid to reimagine what impact can look like. Every conversation feels like a seed of possibility.

To be surrounded by so many like-minded people who get it, who dream, build and care with intention, is something I’ll carry with me long after this week.”

Jawahir

“Thank you so much for all your hard work and the entire SEWF and Impact Hub Taipei teams for putting together such an inspiring and impactful event. It was truly an honour to be part of SEWF25 - the energy, connections and conversations were phenomenal.”

Ayesha

“...Being surrounded by changemakers from around the world, people driven not just by profit but by purpose, was incredibly affirming. It reminded me that we are not alone in wanting to build a better world, even when it comes with costs, challenges and sacrifices.

Despite our different races, languages, beliefs and religions, we all shared one common language: social impact.

(...) The content was rich, honest and deeply inspiring.”

Victor

“This year’s SEWF was inspiring. It was a space where changemakers from all over the world get together to exchange ideas, celebrate impact and collaborate for a meaningful cause. From powerful conversations to partnerships, we remember that real change doesn’t happen alone. It grows through connection, curiosity and shared purpose. A week full of learning, making connections and big ideas that we can’t wait to share with everyone.”

Biji-biji Initiative (Malaysia)



“Speaking at the Social Enterprise World Forum in Taipei last week was such an incredible experience. Grateful for the chance to share Go!Mama journey and most importantly, for the reminder from so many inspiring changemakers that the heart still leads the way. (...)

I’m humbled by the intentionality and authenticity of the founders I met and spoke with. Each one building not just businesses, but movements rooted in purpose and care.

Excited to stay connected beyond SEWF25 for deeper conversations and future collaborations.”

Vivian

“SEWF25 was truly a space of hope, solidarity and shared purpose - a reminder that collaboration across borders can help transform our collective future. A big thumbs-up to SEWF and Impact Hub Taipei for nurturing this global spirit.”

Jyotsna

“Just got back from the SEWF25 in Taipei and I’m still carrying so much inspiration from it.

Over three days, social enterprises from 65 countries came together to share ideas and learn from one another. I loved the mix of interactive workshops and innovative showcases - especially those advancing accessibility and inclusion...

I was also deeply inspired by a side event on Indigenous enterprises. First Nations Economics’s sharing was a powerful reminder that qualitative methods and stories are vital when understanding the impact of programs that work with historically marginalised communities

Honestly, I didn’t know what to expect going in, but the community was so warm and generous. I even met other impact measurement practitioners - a rare and energising connection outside an evaluation space! It reaffirmed the value of building a stronger community for those of us working behind the scenes to measure change.

Lastly, the positive psychology workshop by the Happiness Initiative with 45 minutes of vulnerability, encouragement and real human connection, reminded me that in social entrepreneurship, strengthening our inner well-being is part of sustaining our impact.”

Anh

“After 10 years of waiting, we are finally welcoming the Social Enterprise World Forum (SEWF) hosted in Taiwan! (...)

I’ve been touched by our young social entrepreneur who launched a Senior Meal Delivery Company because she saved a grandma’s life when she delivered a meal to her as a volunteer in an NGO. (...) Another is a prior refugee who helps other refugees with jobs, adapts to a new life and connects them to the elderly community in the UK as a win-win case. (...)

We were also surprised to meet friends who joined SEWF23 in Amsterdam. Some of them are visiting Taiwan for the first time! (...)

SEWF let me see how human virtue is without nations and boundaries. Everyone who joined this forum is trying to solve social issues they faced and save people, races and communities they love, the same atmosphere we felt at the prior SEWFs around the world.

We believe it’s not the end but the beginning for Taiwan’s social enterprises, social innovation organisations and changemakers who exchanged their stories and experiences with those from around the world. We will become better acquainted with one another, fostering collective action to thrive and collaborate in the near future!”

Nancy



What two or three words describe your overall SEWF25 event experience?

insightful refreshing
exciting friendly effective
energising camaraderie
collaborative uplifting motivating diversity
exposure
cultural great **inspiring** connections
thought-provoking experience awareness
fun hopeful first connection learning
informative good challenging
fast-paced expanded



SEWF25 in numbers

Highlights



1,000+
participants



65
countries
represented



40+
sessions



250
bursaries
awarded



14%
of speakers
under 30



58%
of speakers
identified as
women

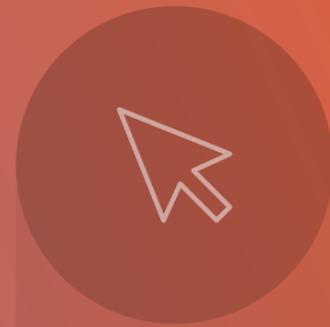
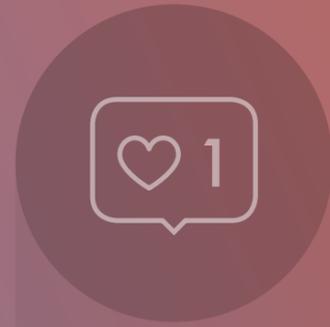
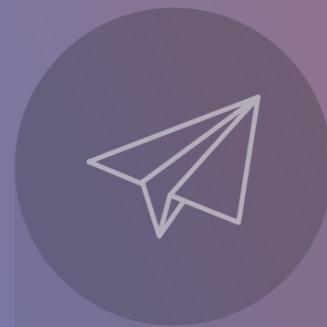


74%
first-time SEWF
speakers - the
majority were
social enterprise
leaders and
practitioners



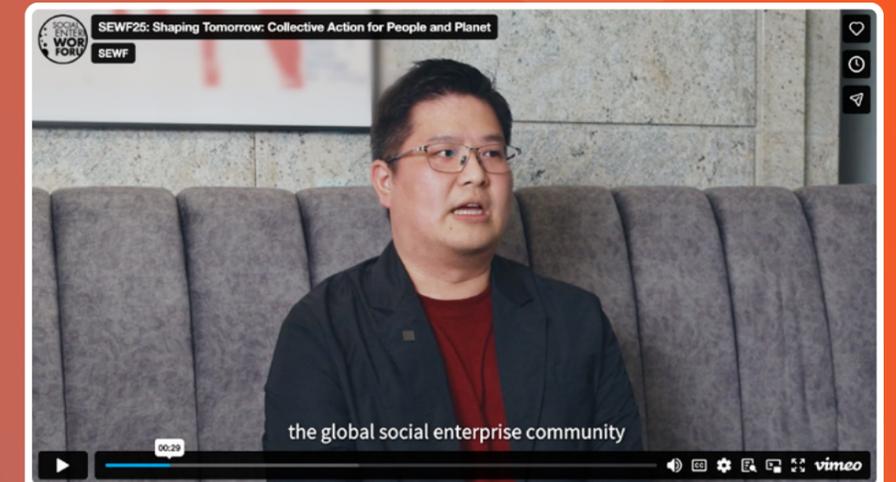
SEWF25 in numbers

Social media



Top countries by participation:

- Taiwan
- Australia
- Malaysia
- Hong Kong
- United Kingdom



[Watch the SEWF25 highlights](#)



Read about SEWF25 in the news and social media



SARAWAK TRIBUNE
Seven social enterprises fly Malaysian flag at SEWF 2025



TVBS
Audrey Tang emphasizes Taiwan's role in global innovation



TVBS
Technology's role in climate solutions discussed at SEWF



PIONEERS POST
Audrey Tang and others' big ideas for a better future at SEWF25



PIONEERS POST
How SEWF 2025 can be an 'engine for change' in delegates' home countries



TVBS
Taiwan hosts global gathering of social enterprise experts



TVBS
Forum showcases Taiwan's community-driven social solutions



TVBS
Experts in Taipei push social procurement for change



PIONEERS POST
Taiwan's innovation energy fires up Social Enterprise World Forum 2025



HANKYUNG
The reason why we paid attention to SK's social enterprise support performance in Taiwan



EROUN.NET
Social Value Research Institute, attracting global attention as a "procurement model that purchases value, not price"



PIONEERS POST
The Editor's Post: 'Heart connections' and AI lessons from two weeks with the global social enterprise community



TOM ALLEN, IMPACT BOOM
Shifting The Tide: Uniting Movements to Mainstream Business for Good

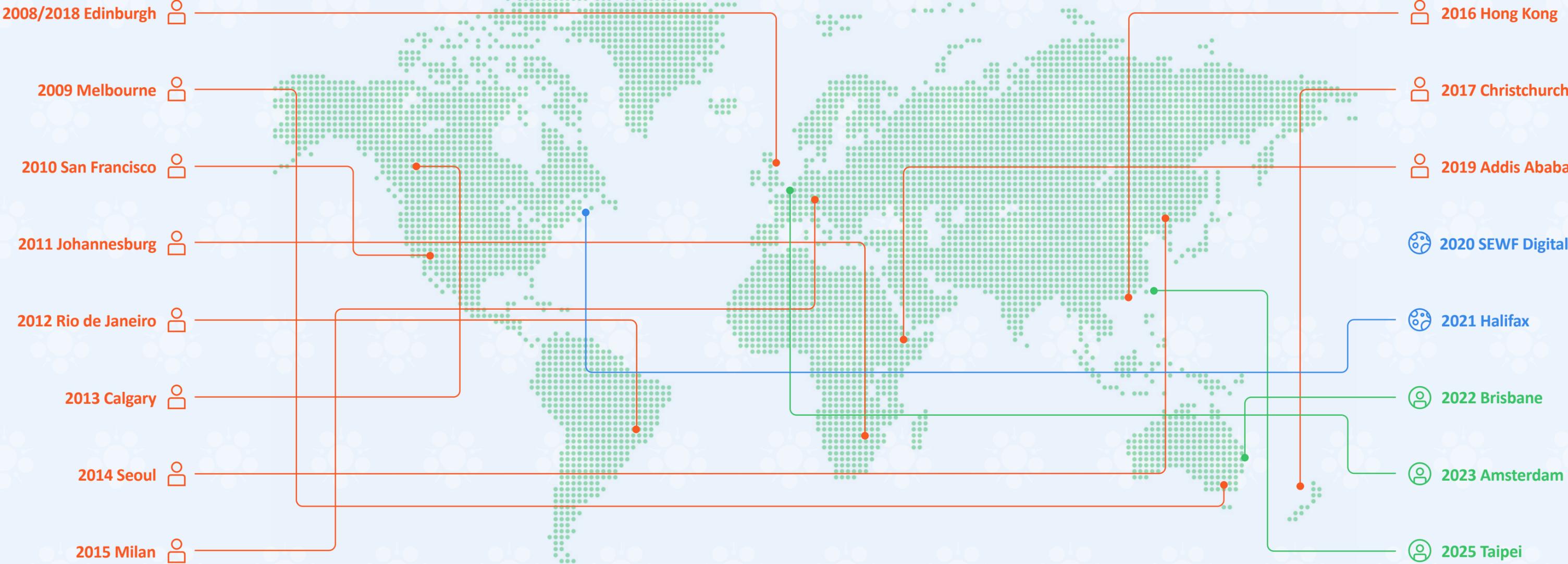


WAN DAZRIQ, PURPOSE
Purpose, Connection, and Community. Reflections from SEWF 2025



Global map of SEWF locations

 In-person  Digital  Hybrid



Spotlight on Taiwan: Why Taipei?

Taiwan is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing social enterprise sector, driven by a strong commitment to sustainability, innovation and social wellbeing.

With its dynamic industrial and technological landscape, Taiwan has cultivated a thriving environment for social impact organisations and sustainable initiatives that strengthen the social and solidarity economy. Government leadership has played a key role in this growth with policies and action plans that promote collaboration among government, business and civil society to advance social innovation, ESG initiatives and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As an independent social enterprise, SEWF is not bound by political protocols and we approached the opportunity to host SEWF25 in Taiwan with open eyes. We recognised that this choice might reduce engagement from some global sponsors, governments and INGOs.

However, our priority was to acknowledge the significant progress Taiwan has made in developing a mature social enterprise ecosystem over the past decade and to ensure that the SEWF community could learn from the policy and practice from this country and region.

Taiwan has been an active contributor to SEWF since 2015, consistently sending large delegations of social enterprises to attend the event. Hosting SEWF25 there enabled the wider community to experience first-hand the impressive systems, organisations and innovations that have taken root locally. The strong participation from Malaysia, Hong Kong and across the wider APAC region further affirmed the value of this decision.

SEWF looks forward to supporting a lasting local and regional legacy from the event, especially as Asia continues to take on a more prominent role in global discussions on new economy models and social enterprise.



About the Co-host: Impact Hub Taipei

As Co-host of SEWF25, Impact Hub Taipei embodies the spirit of innovation and collaboration.

Through its incubation programmes, advocacy and community-building efforts, it continues to empower social enterprises and impact-driven start-ups, fostering meaningful connections and amplifying the impact economy across Asia.

Impact Hub Taipei was established in 2015 as part of the Impact Hub Network – the world’s largest ecosystem for social innovation and social entrepreneurship, with locations in major cities around the globe. As an Entrepreneur Support Organization (ESO), Impact Hub Taipei is dedicated to empowering

and nurturing social enterprises, non-profit organisations and impact-driven start-ups. With social impact at the heart of its mission, the organisation provides three core services: 1) coworking space, 2) incubation and acceleration, 3) communication and advocacy.

Certified as a B Corporation in both 2018 and 2023, Impact Hub Taipei continues to work alongside the global B Corp community to promote a more inclusive, equitable and sustainable economy.

**IMPACT
HUB** Taipei



Programme

The SEWF programme was co-designed, starting with a stakeholder consultation in Taiwan and followed by a regional consultation online, to identify the key themes, topics, legacy objectives and other ideas.

A programme co-production group, made up of members of SEWF and Impact Hub Taipei, then worked to develop the programme using the consultations as guidance, as well as consulting with the SEWF Youth Advisory Group and others. There was an open call for speaker nominations with priority given to first-time speakers at SEWF, unheard voices and untold stories.



Total session views online:
17,750 and counting

Most popular sessions:

- **Debate: This house believes that it takes a village - not a city - to drive social change**
- **Welcome to SEWF25 day 2: Urgent rethink: The economy is broken - What comes next?**
- **Social enterprise solutions for the planet**

SEWF25 key themes:

- **People**
- **Planet**
- **Ecosystems**



"I really enjoyed the workshop today. I didn't know that one hour workshop can redefine my definition of happiness. Now I got some useful insights in my life."

Eva



"The high representation of women and people of colour speaking was awesome.

The topics of conversation were incredibly interesting and it was a great showcase of successful social enterprises."

Lauren



Programme at a glance – Day 1 (29 October 2025)

Time		Hybrid		In person			Digital						
TWT	UTC	The Hall	The Warehouse	Learning Studio	Community Corner	Changemakers' Forum							
08:00	00:00	Registration and networking [08:00-09:00]											
08:15	00:15												
08:30	00:30												
08:45	00:45												
09:00	01:00	Welcome to SEWF25: People, Planet and Action: Building solutions in times of crisis [09:00-10:00]					Livestream: Opening [09:00-10:00]						
09:15	01:15												
09:30	01:30												
09:45	01:45												
10:00	02:00												
10:15	02:15	Spotlight on Taiwan [10:15-11:00]		Social enterprise solutions for the planet [10:15-11:00]		Workshop: Business for good immersion board game: Where profit meets purpose [10:15-11:15]		Community Corner [10:15-11:15]		SEWF Cinema [10:15-11:15]		Livestream [10:15-11:00]	Livestream [10:15-11:00]
10:30	02:30												
10:45	02:45												
11:00	03:00	Marketplace, networking and coffee [11:00-11:45]					Marketplace, catch-up OnDemand						
11:15	03:15												
11:30	03:30												

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TWT	UTC	The Hall	The Warehouse	Learning Studio	Community Corner	Changemakers' Forum		
11:45	03:45	Ageing well: How social enterprises contribute to inclusive societies [11:45-12:30]	Buying for impact: How social procurement is driving change [11:45-12:30]	Workshop: Stories with purpose: Connecting emotion and reason through "Storydoing" [11:45-12:45]	Community Corner [11:45-12:45]	Growing innovation: Social enterprises transforming agriculture [11:45-12:45]	Livestream [11:45-12:30]	Livestream [11:45-12:30]
12:00	04:00							
12:15	04:15							
12:30	04:30	Lunch, marketplace and networking [12:30 -14:00]			Modern self-healing approach inspired by Taichi philosophy - An aromatic wellness ritual [12:45 -13:30]	Marketplace, catch-up OnDemand		
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14:00	06:00	The power of networks: Collaborative ecosystems for sustainable change [14:00-14:45]	SED Talks (SEWF's version of TED©) [14:00-14:45]	Workshop: Access to markets through strategic partnerships [14:00-14:45]	Community Corner [14:00-14:45]	SEWF Cinema [14:00-14:45]	Livestream [14:00-14:45]	Livestream [14:00-14:45]
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Time		Hybrid		In person			Digital		
TWT	UTC	The Hall	The Warehouse	Learning Studio	Community Corner	Changemakers' Forum			
15:00	07:00	Crafting futures: Empowering artisans and preserving culture through enterprise [15:00-15:45]	Food for thought: The role of social enterprises in shaping the future of food [15:00-15:45]	Workshop: Rewriting your inner narrative [15:00-16:00]	Community Corner [15:00-16:00]	From aid to innovation: The role of government in supporting social enterprises [15:00-16:00]	Livestream [15:00-15:45]	Livestream [15:00-15:45]	
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15:30	07:30								
15:45	07:45	Marketplace, networking and coffee [15:45 -16:30]						Marketplace, catch-up OnDemand	
16:00	08:00								
16:15	08:15								
16:30	08:30	Debate: This house believes that it takes a village — not a city — to drive social change [16:30-17:30]						Livestream [16:30-17:30]	
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17:00	09:00								
17:15	09:15								
17:30	09:30	Networking [17:30-19:00]					Marketplace, catch-up OnDemand		

Programme at a glance – Day 2 (30 October 2025)

Time		Hybrid		In person			Digital		
TWT	UTC	The Hall	The Warehouse	Learning Studio	Community Corner	Changemakers' Forum			
08:00	00:00	Registration and networking					Marketplace, catch-up OnDemand		
08:15	00:15	[08:00-09:00]							
08:30	00:30								
08:45	00:45								
09:00	01:00	Welcome to SEWF25 day 2: Urgent rethink: The economy is broken — What comes next?					Livestream: opening		
09:15	01:15	[09:00-10:00]					[09:00-10:00]		
09:30	01:30								
09:45	01:45								
10:00	02:00								
10:15	02:15	Tech for good: Harnessing innovation for social impact	Building a circular world: Lessons and insights from social enterprises	Workshop: Delivering what matters: Using SCALE to transform incubators and accelerators	Community Corner	Driving social change through faith-driven capital	Livestream	Livestream	
10:30	02:30	[10:15-11:00]	[10:15-11:00]	[10:15-11:15]	[10:15-11:15]	[10:15-11:15]	[10:15-11:00]	[10:15-11:00]	
10:45	02:45								
11:00	03:00	Marketplace, networking and coffee					Marketplace, catch-up OnDemand		
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11:30	03:30								

Programme at a glance – Day 2 (30 October 2025)

Time		Hybrid		In person			Digital		
TWT	UTC	The Hall	The Warehouse	Learning Studio	Community Corner	Changemakers' Forum			
11:45	03:45	Beyond capital: Reimagining finance for impact [11:45-12:30]	Beyond jobs: How social enterprises are creating pathways to meaningful work [11:45-12:30]	Workshop: Impact measurement and management for social enterprises [11:45-12:45]	Community Corner [11:45-12:45]	Universities as catalysts: Advancing social enterprise through education, research and innovation [11:45-12:45]	Livestream [11:45-12:30]	Livestream [11:45-12:30]	
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12:15	04:15								
12:30	04:30	Lunch, marketplace and networking [12:30-14:00]						Marketplace, catch-up OnDemand	
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13:15	05:15								
13:30	05:30								
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14:00	06:00	Rethinking partnerships: The power of social enterprise collaboration [14:00-14:45]	SED Talks (SEWF's version of TED©) [14:00-14:45]	World Café: Co-creating the future of social investment [14:00-14:45]	Community Corner [14:00-14:45]	SEWF Cinema [14:00-14:45]	Livestream [14:00-14:45]	Livestream [14:00-14:45]	
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Time		Hybrid		In person			Digital		
TWT	UTC	The Hall	The Warehouse	Learning Studio	Community Corner	Changemakers' Forum			
15:00	07:00	Rising stars: Young social enterprise leaders innovating for a better world [15:00-15:45]	Building resilient communities: Place-based solutions for a sustainable future [15:00-15:45]	Workshop: People and Planet First: Building opportunities through collective action [15:00-16:00]	Community Corner [15:00-16:00]	SEWF Cinema [15:00-16:00]	Livestream [15:00-15:45]	Livestream [15:00-15:45]	
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15:45	07:45	Marketplace, networking and coffee [15:45 -16:30]						Marketplace, catch-up OnDemand	
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16:30	08:30	Closing keynote: Audrey Tang, Taiwan's Cyber Ambassador [16:30-17:30]						Livestream [16:30-17:30]	
16:45	08:45								
17:00	09:00								
17:15	09:15								
17:30	09:30	Closing Reception					Marketplace, catch-up OnDemand		



The power of place: Songshan Cultural and Creative Park



Hosted in a former tobacco factory, now Songshan Cultural and Creative Park, SEWF25 truly embodied the spirit of transformation.

Much like the shipbuilding hangar of Kromhouthal in Amsterdam that hosted SEWF23, this post-industrial space offered a powerful metaphor for change, from production to collaboration. Its open halls and vibrant marketplace provided the ideal setting for exchange, connection and the kind of conversations that spark new ideas and partnerships.

SEWF25 carried forward the DNA of SEWF23 in Amsterdam, once again showing how the choice of venue can create energy, increase connections and inspire collaboration. This remarkable space in Taipei played a vital role in enabling meaningful exchange and connection, proving the importance of space not just in hosting events but in shaping them.

“Fantastic venue, accessibility and amenities. Wonderful volunteers. Clarity and well organised. My best conference to date.”

Sujata



Marketplace



The marketplace was the vibrant heart of SEWF25, serving as a central hub where a diverse range of social enterprises came together to showcase their transformative work.

This lively convergence of ideas, products and experiences captured the essence of SEWF25, a celebration of social entrepreneurship where connections are made and inspiration flows freely.

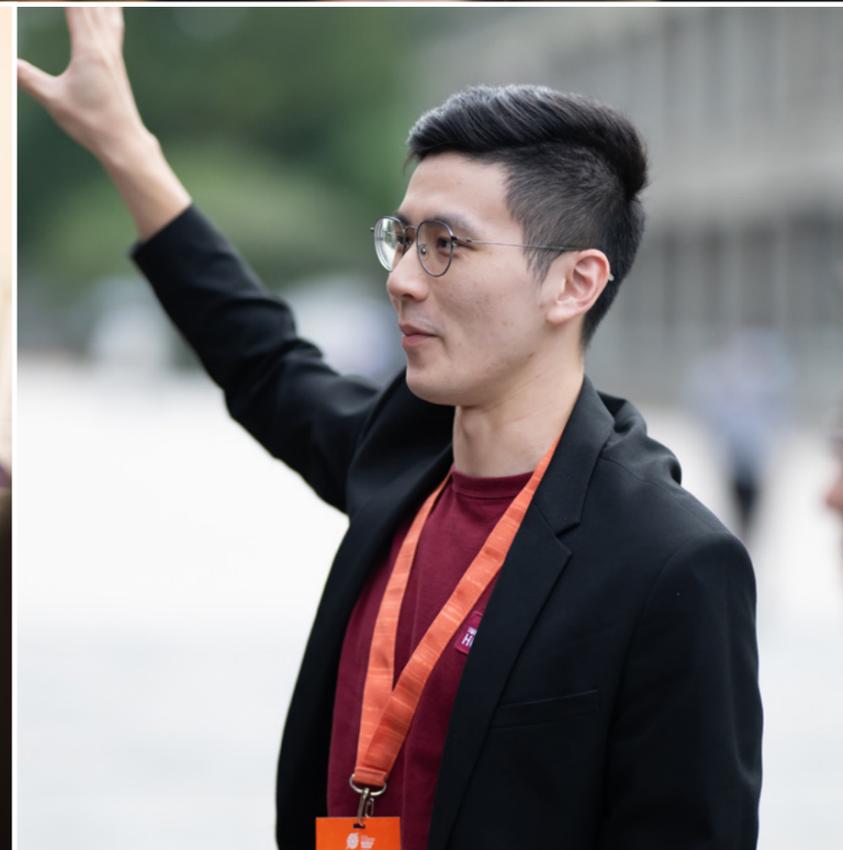
Participants had the opportunity to explore over 60 stalls, featuring a strong international presence including a significant representation from Malaysia. Social enterprises not only presented their work in person but also shared it with a global audience through the digital marketplace. This year, due to the venue location and space, the marketplace was open to the public with many passers-by visiting over the two days, raising awareness of social enterprise while also boosting sales.

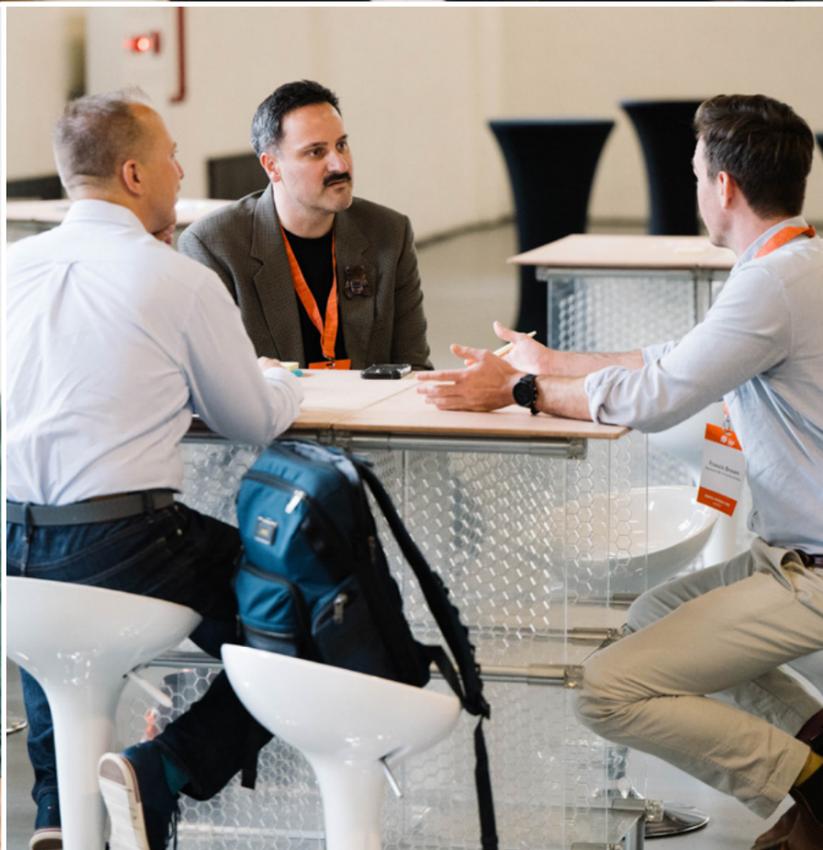
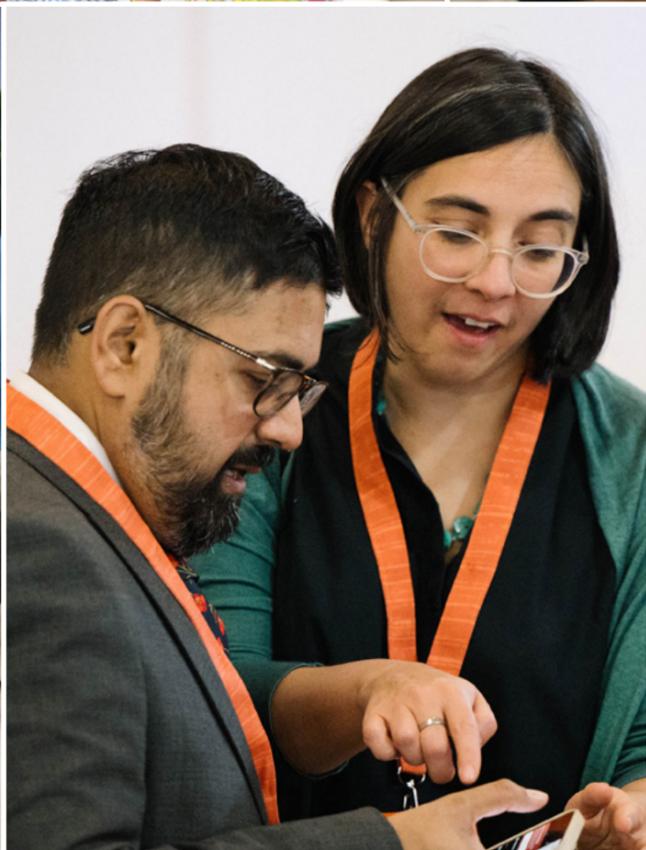


“Big shout-out to SEWF and Impact Hub Taipei for an incredible event, bringing together 1000+ social innovators, policymakers and changemakers from 65 countries around the world to shape a better future for people and the planet! It was lovely connecting with passionate people, learning from their journeys and experiencing the warmth and vibrancy of Taiwan’s people and culture.”

Sadia







Hybrid model: Participation without borders

Accessibility is a core value of SEWF, which is why we provide different ways to participate so people can join without needing to travel to the in-person event.

We invest in robust hybrid technology to enable meaningful digital participation, including a high-quality livestream experience, a digital marketplace and opportunities to connect and network with all participants. Each year, we also develop an event app to support seamless interaction and engagement. Alongside this, our Community Hub model provides a space for local convening around the world, allowing people to connect with the main event while participating within their own communities. Together, these options ensure that SEWF remains accessible, inclusive and globally connected.

Game on: Boosting participation

To increase engagement, the SEWF25 event platform incorporated a gamification element where participants earned points for actions such as completing their profile, connecting with others, or contributing to the discussion board. The most active participants, both in-person and online, received prizes generously donated by local social enterprises and businesses. This playful approach encourages interaction, rewards participation and helps create a more connected and vibrant event experience.



5,250+
actions completed

Thank you to those who donated prizes for the in-person leaderboard:

- Biji-biji Initiative
- Department of Information and Tourism, Taipei City Government
- Green Acres
- Sluvi
- Three Leafs

“I’m so excited to start watching SEWF25 today online! I’m particularly interested in hearing from Indigenous business experts from around the world and also the session about the role of social enterprise in shaping the future of food.”

The past two SEWF I’ve had a digital ticket and have learnt so much about social enterprises around the world and the incredible impact. (...)”

Carly

“A very early start this morning - but great to be able to join SEWF25 from afar!”

This morning, SEWF25 opened in Taipei and highlighted how social enterprises are leading the way in strengthening communities, protecting ecosystems and driving meaningful change around the world. (...)

Grateful for the opportunity to learn from global peers and bring ideas to the table at home. (And plenty of other sessions to catch up On Demand).”

Steven



Community Hubs

SEWF Community Hubs provide a space for local social entrepreneurs, changemakers and the wider ecosystem to come together to connect, learn, share and collaborate.

Hosted by local organisations during SEWF's hybrid event, Community Hubs connect local and global conversations. Community Hubs feature content from the SEWF global event (either livestreamed or OnDemand), while hosting their own programme of activities, including in-person networking, discussions and more.

The SEWF Community Hub model was developed in direct response to the global pandemic and the climate emergency. Unlike many events, SEWF has taken the decision to not grow in-person attendance but instead invest in developing a strong hybrid model including digital participation and Community Hubs. This model also reduces barriers to access, ensuring more diverse participation and representation.

SEWF25 COMMUNITY HUBS

Designed by local organisations for the local ecosystem, Community Hubs can take many forms. They have included full-day conferences, networking dinners and more informal community meet-ups. The model was piloted in 2021 and 2022 and rolled out in 2023.

In 2025, more than 400 people participated in ten SEWF Community Hubs across the globe. From Kraków to Lagos, Edmonton to Cairo, SEWF Community Hubs hosted a wide range of activities from panel discussions with local partners to hands-on workshops connecting ecosystem actors, creative lab sessions for designers and innovators and informal networking events tailored to each community's needs.



Community Hubs



SEWF25 COMMUNITY HUBS





SEWF25 COMMUNITY HUBS



- 1. Tandil, Argentina**
Co-hosted by [EKHOS](#) and [Mesa de Impacto Tandil \(MIT\)](#)
- 2. Calgary, Canada**
Hosted by [Social Innovation Hub](#)
- 3. Edmonton, Canada**
Hosted by [Flourish Alberta](#)
- 4. Cairo, Egypt**
Hosted by [Creativity Lab for Empowerment and Innovation](#)
- 5. Letterkenny, Ireland**
Hosted by [Atlantic Technological University](#)
- 6. Lagos, Nigeria**
Co-hosted by [Entojutu](#), [Durian](#) and [Bramble](#)
- 7. Lagos, Nigeria**
Hosted by [Muazu Africa](#)
- 8. Kraków, Poland**
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- 9. Honiara, Solomon Islands**
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- 10. Kampala, Uganda**
Hosted by [Federation of Uganda Social Entrepreneurs \(FUSE\)](#)

“As SEWF25 wrapped up in Taiwan, we’re still glowing from what happened right here in Lagos at our own Muazu Africa Community Hub Event.

It was small, intentional and deeply human. The kind of space where people didn’t just network, they listened.

The conversations were raw and grounding. We heard from those innovating in rural border communities, often unseen yet leading powerful shifts in access, agency and enterprise. Their stories reminded us why proximity remains at the heart of sustainable development.

This gathering reaffirmed what Muazu Africa stands for bridging the rural deficit by building systems that amplify local innovation, unlock access and strengthen the ecosystem for social enterprises driving change where it matters most.”

Muazu Africa

“I’m honoured to attend the Social Enterprise Uganda Summit, an SEWF25 Community Hub hosted by the Federation of Uganda Social Entrepreneurs (FUSE) in partnership with the SEWF today, at KCCA Hall, Kampala. This hybrid global gathering also connects us virtually with multiple fellow innovators from Uganda and those from the Impact Hub Taipei (...)

Events like this Summit are more than networking—they are a platform to learn from global peers, showcase local innovations and strengthen our capacity to create inclusive and sustainable economies here in Uganda and across Africa. (...)

Benjamin

“A few days ago, I was honoured to represent ATLAS Initiative Nigeria at the Social Enterprise World Forum (SEWF) 2025 [Community Hub] in Nigeria alongside my amazing colleagues.

It was such a refreshing experience connecting with brilliant minds driving social impact across different sectors - and even more heartwarming to reconnect with familiar faces. A big shoutout to the amazing speakers and the host Entojutu, for doing such an incredible job bringing together changemakers who shared diverse and thought-provoking insights. I left feeling inspired, challenged and more committed to deepening my work in education, empowerment and environmental sustainability.”

Bushirah

“Last Thursday, I had the privilege to represent Bramble Network at the Social Enterprise World Forum Community Hub, Nigeria organised by SEWF across the globe and brought together in Nigeria by 3 incredible organisations Bramble Network, Entojutu and Durian Nigeria. The event was both insightful and fun, especially with the conversation led by Mr Tobi Adegbite on the possibility of achieving sustainability and scalability as a social enterprise in Africa.

We had an insightful panel session on the topic of balancing people, planet and profit with prestigious panelists doing justice to the topic...It was altogether a beautiful moment, having to learn and meet people doing amazing things in the social impact space.”

Bolade

“On behalf of local partners Mere Care, Honiara Council of Women and leaders throughout our small city and island nation, we are grateful for the opportunity to learn from the amazing social enterprise leaders globally. Thank you very much SEWF.”

Donna

SEWF25 Week (27-31 October)

SEWF25 Week was a week-long celebration of the social enterprise movement, bringing together changemakers from around the world.

For those attending in Taiwan, the week included Social Enterprise Tours on Monday and Friday, Fringe Day events on Tuesday and the two-day SEWF25 hybrid conference on Wednesday and Thursday.



Social Enterprise Tours (27 and 31 October)

Social Enterprise Tours took place on 27 and 31 October with five different options to explore Taiwan's thriving social enterprise ecosystem. This year, over 90 people participated in the tours.

SEWF25 Social Enterprise Tours:

1. **Sustainable Changemakers in the City: Social Enterprise Tour in Taipei**, Hosted by: Walk in Taiwan
2. **Visiting the Sustainable Changemakers in Dadaocheng**, Hosted by: Walk in Taiwan
3. **Hsinchu Social Enterprise Visit: Exploring Local Sustainability in Practice**, Hosted by: Walk in Taiwan
4. **From Market to Table: A Circular Journey**, Hosted by: Duo Fu
5. **Taiwan Accessible Tourism Experience Tour - Keelung Heping Island Geopark**, Hosted by: Duo Fu



“Kicking off SEWF25 in Taipei with a day full of inspiration.

Joined the Social Enterprise Tour by Walk in Taiwan today - from Come True Coffee to MacroHi to NPO Hub by Impact Hub Taipei - each stop brewed its own story of impact and community.”

Rain

“Day 1 offered an incredible tour of sustainable social enterprises in Taipei from fair trade coffee initiatives to upcycled fashion brands and artisan collectives. Each story reinforced the importance of starting small, staying consistent and building with purpose.”

ASIGE

Social Enterprise Tours (27 and 31 October)



Fringe Day (28 October)

 **SEWF25** FRINGE DAY

SEWF25 Fringe Day events are independently hosted by local and international partners the day prior to the two-day conference.

From social procurement to Indigenous innovation, this year's programme was packed with powerful conversations, hands-on workshops and cross-border collaboration. In 2025, there were 13 SEWF25 Fringe Day events, exploring bold ideas and making meaningful connections with changemakers from around the world.

SEWF Social Procurement Fringe Day

Co-hosted by:

SAP, SEWF and SK Group

PEOPLE First: From CUHK research to social innovation for mental wellbeing

Co-hosted by:

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Fu Jen Catholic University and KPMG Taiwan

Designing our 100-year life

Hosted by:

Silver Linings Global

Applying a gender lens to impact measurement: Practical methods for social enterprise

Co-hosted by:

The Social Investment Consultancy (TSIC) and Her Attitude

Building a venture runway: From impact idea to investment and thriving in the first five years

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Fringe Day (28 October)

 **SEWF25** FRINGE DAY

**PLANET in practice:
Sustainability through CUHK
research, humanities and green
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**Empowering Indigenous futures:
From First Nations Economics
in Australia to Tagbanua
Indigenous Tribe in Palawan
(Philippines) to Seediq tribes in
Taiwan**

Co-hosted by:
First Nations Economics, Feng Chia University
and Taiwan NPO Self-Regulation Alliance

**Sustainable gateways:
Connecting Taiwan, ASEAN and
beyond for impact**

Hosted by:
Catalyst Now

**Recipe for designing a
meaningful, practical
and impactful ecosystem
development program for
entrepreneurs**

Co-hosted by:
Impact Hub Network and Impact Hub APAC

**Exploring regional/global
collaborations for social
innovations from Thailand**

Co-hosted by:
Social Enterprise Thailand Association and
ChangeFusion

**Harvesting ideas to build
support for food and agri
innovators**

Co-hosted by:
IKEA Social Entrepreneurship, IKEA Taiwan and
Social Enterprise Insights

**Beyond the blueprint:
Grassroots lessons from
Malaysia's social enterprise
movement**

Hosted by:
CSED Malaysia

Social Innovation Lab Open Day

Hosted by:
Social Innovation Lab

“Spent my Fringe Day at the Catalyst Now Asia & the Pacific event for SEWF25, it was an inspiring morning focused on connecting Asia and beyond for impact!”

Azima

Fringe Day (28 October)



SEWF25 FRINGE DAY



Sustainability

SEWF supports the global social enterprise movement to create local and global impact in the fight against climate change.

Many enterprises in the SEWF community address environmental challenges, whether through campaigning and education or by developing and implementing climate solutions.

As a global event organiser, SEWF recognises the significant environmental impact of events, especially those involving international travel. Following consultation with our community and recognising the long-term positive social, economic and environmental legacy of SEWF events in host countries, we will continue to offer in-person participation. To reduce travel and encourage online engagement, we will continue with the alternate-year hybrid model. We will regularly review this approach as technology evolves.



Working with SEWF25 Co-host Impact Hub Taipei, we agreed to the following measures as part of our commitment to sustainability:

- **Programme:** “Planet” was one of the priority themes for 2025, ensuring that climate is at the centre of all programming for the selection of session topics, organisations and speakers.

Remote participation options

- **Hybrid technology:** Invested in hybrid technology to ensure a high-quality experience for those joining online and at Community Hubs to reduce the need for international travel as well as to reduce barriers to access.
- **Community Hub model developed** to connect local and global conversations providing an option for people to meet and network locally without travelling internationally. SEWF provided guidance to Community Hubs to encourage them to embed similar sustainability practices into their events.
- **Digital bursaries:** Thanks to SEWF partners, we were able to provide digital bursaries to support people to participate in SEWF25 virtually under three categories: youth, financial hardship and for people based in low-income, lower-middle-income or conflict-affected countries.



Venue

Considerations when selecting a venue for SEWF include:

- Sustainability practices embedded in the venue.
- Ability to use external suppliers so we can prioritise social enterprises and local suppliers.
- Location and public transport links to encourage sustainable travel.

Suppliers

All SEWF events prioritise social enterprise suppliers. Where social enterprise options are not available, local suppliers are used with priority to independent businesses over large commercial companies.

Waste

- Multi-containers were provided to separate waste, where possible.
- Plates, cups and cutlery were collected each day, washed and reused.
- Packaging was kept to a minimum and single-use plastic was avoided.

Food

- A local caterer provided meals using food provided through a partnership with Carrefour and its impact stores.
- Snacks were provided by social enterprise Children Are Us Foundation.
- Water refill stations were available.

Other considerations

The majority of event communication and signage was virtual, available via event emails and the event app.

Digital signage was used with minimal resources printed and those that were printed used sustainable materials.

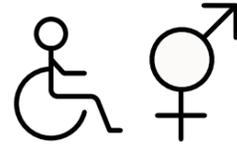
Most equipment and furniture was rented locally, including marketplace booths, seating, staging and more.

Name badges were printed on recyclable paper and using reusable non-branded lanyards made from scrap material produced by a local non-profit organisation.

Speaker gifts were provided by social enterprises and did not contain single-use plastic.



Accessibility



SEWF strives to ensure our events are accessible to all.

We continue to consult with experts and follow best-practice guidelines as we further develop our event model. Some of the measures adopted for SEWF25 included:

- **Accessibility requirements:** During registration, participants were asked about accessibility needs. Everyone who submitted a requirement was contacted for further information to ensure appropriate information and support were provided.
- **Pre-event information:** Recognising the importance of advance details, we provided session and venue information early to assist participants to plan and prepare.
- **AI translation and captions:** English captions and translation from English into Mandarin were available for hybrid sessions for both in-person and digital participants.
- **Bursaries:** Digital bursaries were offered under three categories: youth, financial hardship and for people based in low-income, lower-middle-income or conflict-affected countries. 250 digital bursaries were awarded to reduce barriers to access and increase participation.
- **Discounted tickets:** SEWF and Impact Hub Taipei worked to secure sponsorship to be able to provide discounted ticketing including for young people, social enterprises, non-profits and local social enterprises.
- **Venue accessibility and other considerations:** Songshan Cultural and Creative Park was a fully accessible venue. All gender toilets, a breastfeeding room and a prayer room were available on site.
- **Content breaks:** The event programme included sufficient transition time between sessions, staggered lunch breaks and longer-than-average coffee breaks, supporting both in-person and digital participants to rest and reset.
- **Access to content:** All hybrid sessions were recorded and made available to ticket holders shortly after each session ended. After the event, recordings were accessible OnDemand via the event platform. All hybrid sessions will be accessible through the SEWF Video Library later in the year.



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