

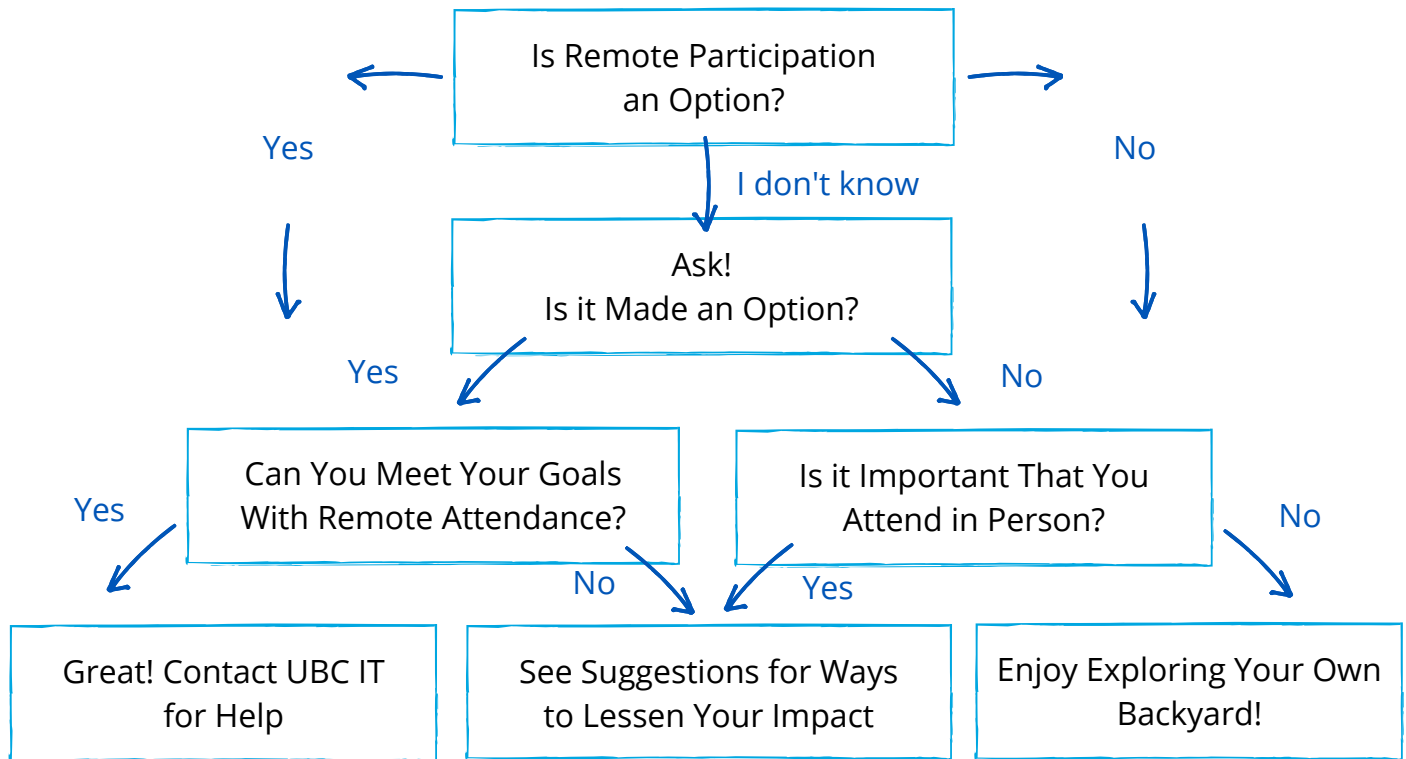


Air Travel Decision Tree

Limiting climate change requires a substantial and sustained reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

With the adoption of the Climate Action Plan 2030 UBC pledges to reduce business air travel emissions to 50% of 2019 levels by 2030.

This Air Travel Decision Tree provides a framework for decision making around work-related air travel.



Climate Justice

Who will feel the impact of your travel?

Will hosting an online event allow more people to attend, who otherwise may not have?

Get Started

Track your flight emissions and work up to halving them by 2030.

Talk with your professional organizations about switching to online gatherings every other year.



Decision Aids

Career Stages

Early

Networking, presentations, and contributions to the field are extremely important.

Intermediate

Networks are solidified, but presentations and contributions to the field remain important.

Established

Expertise is well recognized. Contributions shift to supporting early stage and governance.

How Important is it That You Go

- Where are you in your career?
- Can you engage or learn without travel?
- Is the trip appropriate from a climate justice perspective?
- Is the trip appropriate in light of the climate emergency?

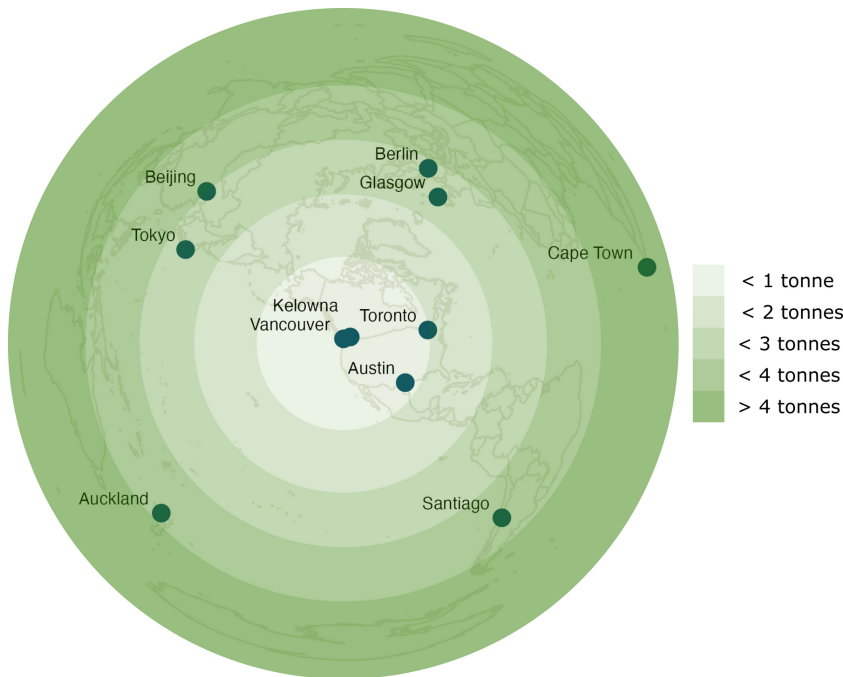
If You Go - Lessen Your Impact

- Is the event close? There may be other travel options, like carpooling.
- Can you combine the trip with other work related activities, or a personal vacation?
- Fly direct, economy class only.

Check out

[*Academic air travel has a limited influence on professional success*](#)

Seth Wynes, Simon Donner et al. Journal of Cleaner Production, 2019



Measuring Your Impact

Reducing emissions to 2.1 tonnes CO₂ per person per year is required to keep Earth below a 2 degree Celsius rise in temperature.

Calculate flight CO₂ emissions at ostromclimate.com



CO₂ emissions, round trip economy air travel per passenger.
Adapted from <https://greentravel.arts.ubc.ca/climate-aviation/>

Lowering emissions is a process we're all in together.
Talk with your colleagues about what a lower-travel future looks like.
Learn more at greentravel.arts.ubc.ca and guides.library.ubc.ca/climate