

Powering Up

Highlights from the 2026

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Letter from Helen Clarkson



Asian countries realise the opportunity of clean, competitive growth

Conversations this year felt more pertinent than ever, at the third Climate Group Asia Action Summit. With over 400 delegates from across the region and sectors, the energy I felt in the room embodied Asia's leadership and speed in the clean energy transition. So, I'd like to thank our partners, and you, for making it such a success – and bringing the energy.

What was clear across the Summit was the recognition that the energy transition in Asia is reshaping economies in the name of energy security, competitiveness, and resilience.

Discussions centred not just on ambition, as they have done in previous years, but on implementation at scale. Across the region, there is a shared need to meet rising energy demand while reducing reliance on volatile fossil fuels.

Speakers pointed to the need for Asia to share a clean industrial strategy, that leverages the superpowers of each country; critical minerals, manufacturing capability, financial power, and bring all those advantages together under a regional strategy.

However, what was made clear was the different ways in which countries are having to meet these demands;

the need for India to adapt to extreme heat, the landmass challenges of Singapore and the Philippines in their ability to build out renewables, China's drive to become the world's innovation superpower.

These important conversations demonstrated the energy we're seeing in these countries to push ahead with their clean energy transitions and address practical challenges to implementation. What was once seen as an issue for 10-15 years down the line, felt like an issue for right here, right now.

Some great highlights included the launch of the RE100 Ready Industrial Development Zones (IDZ) initiative, which will support the decarbonisation of some of the largest manufacturing hubs in the world. The Energy Stream dove deep into the practical details and challenges of clean energy transformation within different regional contexts. People were eager to discuss procurement pathways, grid infrastructure, blended finance, and enabling policy and scalable systems.

Addressing the complexity of these challenges is why collaboration is so important. We need to exchange knowledge, place it in context, share experiences at the national, regional, and organisational level,



and continue the ongoing success of the energy transition in many countries in the region. The Climate Group Asia Action Summit was set up to meet exactly this need, joining the forces of leaders across governments, business, investors, and civil society.

Thank you for your insights, your knowledge, and your engagement in Singapore. I look forward to seeing you again next year.

Helen Clarkson OBE
CEO of Climate Group

Driving impact



As the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHP) is set to change, we delivered our first Asia RE100 workshop for members and partners, offering a deep-dive session with expert technical insights and interactive discussions. Designed to give participants a head start, the workshop explored emerging shifts in the Protocol requirements and what they mean in practice.



Decarbonising Industrial Development Zones (IDZs) in China can have effects across the globe. We launched the RE100 Ready (China) IDZ Initiative with China Electric Power Planning & Engineering Institute (EPPEI), as well as the RE100 China Guidebook. These are both powerful examples of China's green transition strategy, providing insight into how one of the world's largest economies is scaling zero-carbon industrial development.



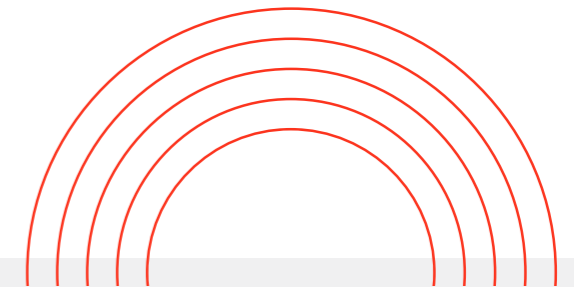
Google announced the launch of the DeepMind 'AI for the Planet' Accelerator in Asia Pacific, aimed at harnessing AI to tackle climate and environmental challenges across the region. A panel session highlighted the power of frontier models to support innovators to drive progress in clean energy, agriculture, and water.



This year, the Summit included a new Energy Stream - a dedicated space to spotlight the latest insights, innovations and challenges shaping Asia's clean energy transition. The Stream featured high-level representatives from the International Energy Agency, Government of South Australia, and China's Electricity Council.



Global energy think tank, Ember - our Knowledge Partner for this year - brought valuable analytical support, research, and input on energy trends to the Summit. Ember's expertise informed discussions on stage and provided a data-grounded perspective to help attendees navigate the energy transition.



We convened a high-level investment dialogue on bridging policy and capital. Subnational leaders, financial institutions, and investors came together to explore how to unlock and scale climate finance, and gain practical insights into the barriers and solutions shaping climate investment across Asia.

Speakers

Over 30 speakers from across Asia took to the stage to discuss how the region is Powering Up.

With voices from China, India, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, Pakistan, the UAE, Australia and the UK, discussions offered a genuinely Pan-Asian perspective. These experts examined the region's universal climate challenges alongside nuanced, on-the-ground realities driving action in different markets.



The direction of travel is clear, the journey is what we have to define for ourselves.

Aditya Lolla,
Managing Director, Ember

Our 2026 speakers

- **Aditya Lolla**, Interim Managing Director, Ember
- **Ali Izadi**, Head of Asia Pacific, Bloomberg NEF
- **Asher Ling**, CTO and General Manager of Singapore and Malaysia, Princeton Digital Group
- **Athip Tantivorawong**, CEO, Innopower
- **Dan Li**, Secretary General, Chinese Renewable Energy Industries Association
- **Dr. Muyi Yang**, Senior Asia Analyst, Ember
- **Dr. Naoko Ishii**, Professor and Director, Center for Global Commons, University of Tokyo
- **Dr. Victor Nian**, Founder and Co-Chair, Centre for Strategic Energy and Resources
- **Esther An**, CSO, City Development Limited
- **Gina Domanig**, Managing Partner, Emerald Technology Ventures
- **Hikomichi Mizuno**, Founder and CEO, Good Steward Partners, LLC
- **Hongfu Jiang**, Chairman, Yunnan BTR New Energy Material Co
- **Hu Ming**, President, China Electric Power Planning and Engineering Institute (EPPEI)
- **Ishika Mookerjee**, Asia ESG Reporter & Singapore Deputy Bureau Chief, Bloomberg News
- **Kun Liu**, Secretary General, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Electric Power Industry Office
- **Martin Haese**, Chair, Premier's Climate Change Council, South Australia
- **Michael Wen**, Executive Vice President, Cathay United Bank
- **Pengfei Fan**, Director, Energy Policy and Market Research Institute of EPPEI
- **Peter Bakker**, President, World Business Development Council for Sustainable Development
- **Rachel Kyte**, Special Representative for Climate, United Kingdom
- **Rebecca Mikula-Wright**, CEO, Investor Group on Climate Change & Asia Investor Group
- **Spencer Low**, Head of Regional Sustainability, APAC, Google
- **Stephen Stapczynski**, Asia Energy, Team Leader, Bloomberg News
- **Sue-Ern Tan**, Head of the IEA Regional Cooperation Centre, International Energy Agency
- **Suzanty Sitorus**, Executive Director, ViriyaENB
- **Yao Chenchen**, Head of ESG, Jinkosolar
- **Zeeshan Ashfaq**, CEO, Renewables First



Part one

The next leap – will Asia usher in a new climate century?

Session highlights

Returning as host, Ishika Mookerjee, Asia ESG Reporter and Singapore Deputy Bureau Chief at Bloomberg News, gave opening remarks. A series of high-level discussions and ceremonial moments highlighted the significant progress Asia has made in recent years, while underscoring the gaps and opportunities that remain.

As geopolitical uncertainty sits front and centre, speakers explored how renewables are being reprioritised to strengthen energy security, shore up industrial capacity, and drive the region's next phase of sustainable growth.



What Asia is missing is the confidence that we can make it happen together, and only together.

Dr Naoko Ishii, Professor and Director, Center for Global Commons, University of Tokyo



Part two

Powering Up – can Asia’s clean energy boom keep pace with rising demand?

Session highlights

Sessions in this section examined whether Asia’s clean energy growth can match rising demand amid strained grids, uneven market development, and accelerating electrification. Speakers highlighted both strong progress and the urgent need for faster coordination, investment, and system-wide innovation to keep momentum.

Princeton Digital Group outlined how rapid growth in AI, data centres and digital infrastructure is reshaping energy demand and accelerating pressure on clean power deployment. The discussion underscored a region at a tipping point: ambition and capability exist, but execution now defines success.



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There is a need for actual demand to come closer to the supply for renewable energy. AI data centres can be the primer for kickstarting the next wave of investments into renewable or carbon-free energy generation.

Asher Ling, CTO and General Manager of Singapore and Malaysia, Princeton Digital Group

Part three

Constructing climate resilient economies – what levers can we pull now?

Session highlights

We next explored how Asia could build more resilient economies while still scaling climate innovation. It focused on the need to unlock investment, reduce risk, and create the right conditions for new ideas and technologies to grow.

Speakers discussed how funding gaps, economic pressure, and rising climate risks were making it harder, but also more urgent than ever to act. The closing message focused on how turning ambition into real impact would depend on faster, better coordinated action across finance, policy, and industry.



We [Asia] don't want to reinvent the wheel; we want to create a new trajectory.

Dr Divya Sharma, Executive Director India, Climate Group



We're trying to pull together both sides (of the financial landscape) to enhance each other.

Michael Wen, Executive Vice President, Cathay United Bank



Asia is a bright spot in attracting investor confidence.

Rebecca Mikula-Wright, CEO, Investor Group on Climate Change & Asia Investor Group on Climate Change



The Energy Stream

The Energy Stream created space for more in-depth conversations on the issues at the top of the region's agenda. Running alongside the main programme, it brought together policymakers, businesses and experts to dig deeper into the challenges and opportunities shaping Asia's energy transition. The sessions focused on practical delivery, unpacking how policy, technology and corporate demand can come together to accelerate progress across the region.

The Stream concluded with our first Power Hour – a dynamic twist on the traditional networking drinks reception. Instead of leaving conversations to chance, the Hour was structured around topic tables, hosted by subject matter experts, giving attendees the opportunity to dive into meaningful discussion and exchange insights around shared interests.



With the depleting gas reserves in the Gulf of Thailand, we have planned to increase renewable energy capacity.

Athip Tantivorawong, CEO, Innopower



Collaboration is absolutely critical, and South Australia would have achieved very little without it.

Martin Haese, Chair, Premier's Climate Change Council, South Australia



You can pledge whatever you want, but if you don't track and plan to deliver, it's just a commitment on paper.

Esther An, CSO, City Development Limited



Roundtables

Closed-door discussions brought together senior leaders from business, government, and civil society to drive real-world action.

Bridging policy and capital: Accelerating subnational climate finance

The roundtable explored how to scale investment in subnational climate projects, highlighting the role of strong project preparation, clear financing structures, policy certainty, and blended finance. Participants also emphasized coordinated action among governments, investors, and DFIs to build investable project pipelines.

Cool solutions: Charting practical pathways for smarter efficiency in Asia Pacific

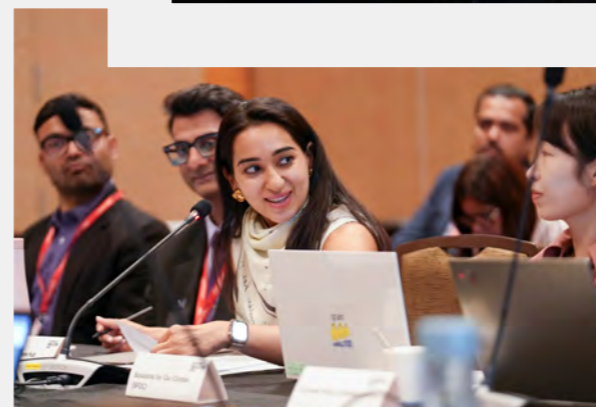
Increased cooling demand across Asia-Pacific is placing growing pressure on energy systems, costs, and emissions. Participants discussed how existing technologies can help this if supported by stronger implementation mechanisms to improve efficiency, accessibility, and adoption.

Building bolder: Raising Asia's low carbon ambition in construction

Participants highlighted the need to build awareness, demand, and collaboration across the low-carbon construction value chain. Discussions emphasised harmonised standards, transparent progress tracking, scalable pilot projects, and dedicated dialogue platforms.

What will it take to scale methane action in Asia?

Subnational governments, delivery partners, and private sector actors came together to advance waste methane action in Asia-Pacific. The roundtable highlighted the need for stronger data and MRV systems, and the revenue potential of methane mitigation.





Under2 Coalition Investment Dialogue

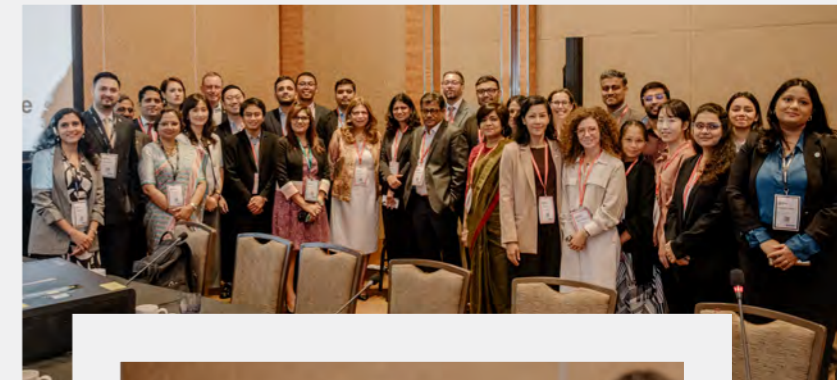
Members and partners of our Under2 Coalition convened a closed-door roundtable with subnational leaders, financial institutions, development partners and philanthropy to explore how to unlock investment and scale climate action across Asia-Pacific.

Discussions highlighted a shared challenge: subnational governments play a critical role in delivering climate goals but face fragmented financial systems, limited access to capital, and barriers to developing investment-ready projects. Participants stressed the need to strengthen project bankability through clear policy frameworks, credible transition plans, and stronger institutional capacity.

Financial leaders emphasised the importance of risk mitigation, robust project pipelines, and blended finance models that align public and private capital, while recognising the need for tailored approaches across diverse regional markets.

The dialogue also underscored the need for stronger coordination between national and subnational governments, greater technical support, and standardised frameworks that can help scale investment. Participants agreed that climate finance must shift from isolated projects to long-term, programmatic investment strategies.

As the Under2 Coalition enters its second decade, the discussion reinforced a clear priority: translating climate ambition into investable opportunities that can deliver impact at scale, while ensuring that financing models support both mitigation and adaptation efforts across diverse regional contexts.



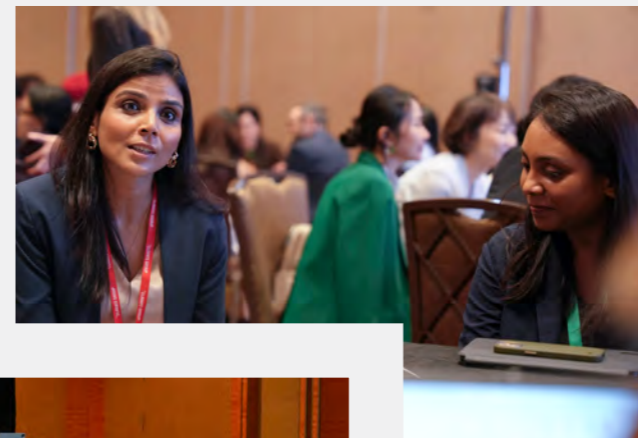
Our global network in action

More than 50 members from across Climate Group initiatives joined us at the Climate Group Asia Action Summit to share insights and innovations. From interactive member workshops to structured networking sessions, it was inspiring to convene leaders committed to driving collective impact.

Members of RE100, EV100, SteelZero, ConcreteZero, Smart Energy Coalition, 24/7 Carbon-Free Coalition, and the Under2 Coalition participated in roundtables, workshops, and panel sessions, to accelerate the region's transition to net zero.

For the first time, RE100 hosted a technical workshop focused on helping corporates navigate complex renewables markets and renewable electricity purchasing, through an interactive agenda and expert-led guidance.

The [Subnational Methane Action Coalition](#) (SMAC) held its first convening in Asia, bringing together governments and financiers to discuss climate finance solutions ahead of COP31, and welcoming the Government of Punjab as a new member.



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Attendee data



Attendees:
372



Organisations that attended:
301



From total number of countries:
29



Members who attended:
54

Media

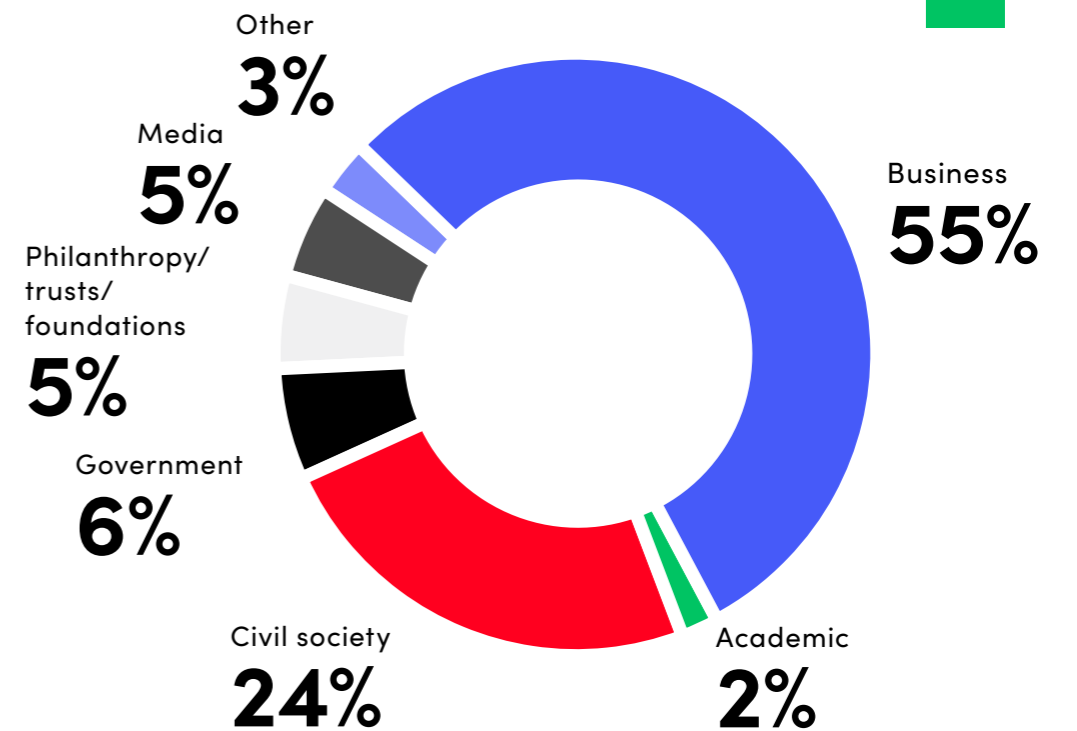
Media outlets including Bloomberg, Jakarta Post, and the Straits Times attended the Summit.

We worked with Dialogue Earth to brief a delegation of journalists from Indonesia on renewable energy transition.

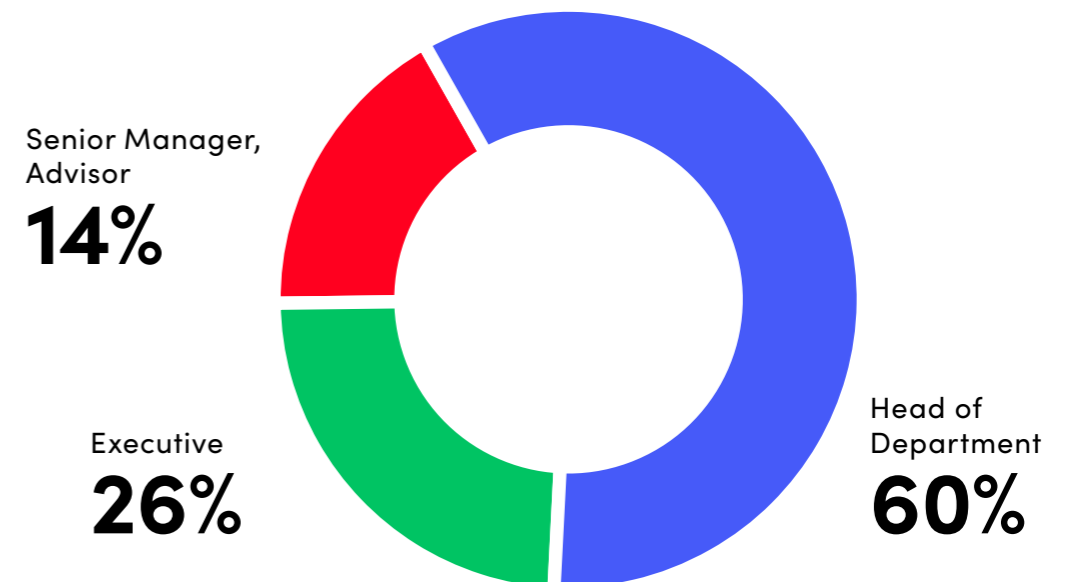
There were 10 pieces of media coverage including the Straits Times and Press Trust of India.



Attendee split by sector



Attendee split by seniority



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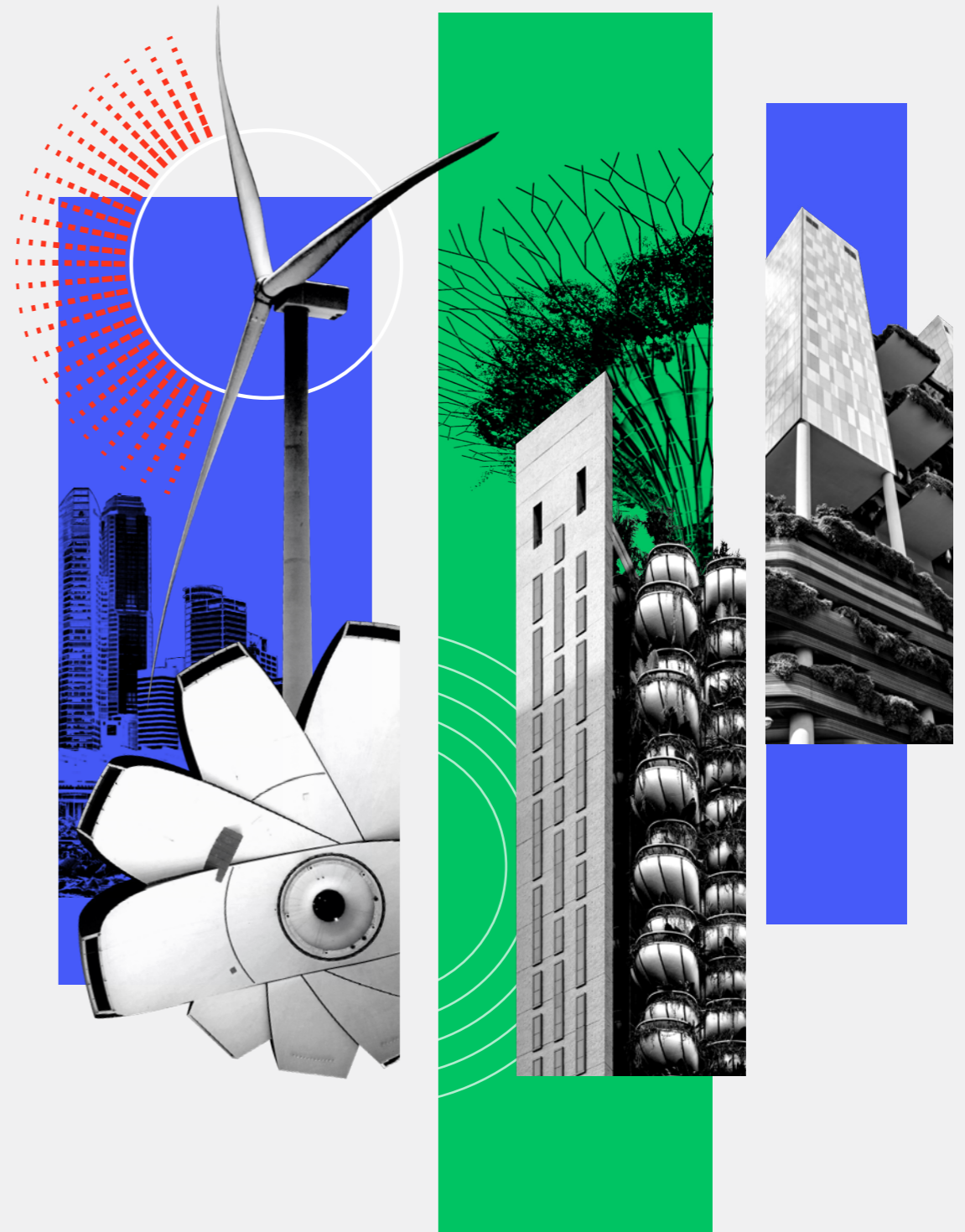
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