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Kazakhstan and Green Climate Fund Launch National Climate Investment Platform

Kazakhstan and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) signed an agreement establishing the Qazaqstan Climate Investment Platform (QCIP), a new mechanism designed to strengthen the country's climate-finance ecosystem. The platform will prepare investment-ready climate projects, coordinate climate-finance pipelines, and support implementation of Kazakhstan's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and broader decarbonisation agenda. Developed through the GCF Readiness Programme, QCIP is expected to help mobilise both domestic and international capital for climate-related investments and accelerate delivery of national climate objectives.

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Kazakhstan's Updated Green Taxonomy Enters into Force

A new Green Taxonomy approved by Kazakhstan's Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources entered into force on 10 October 2026, providing an updated framework for projects eligible for financing through green bonds and green loans. The taxonomy expands and clarifies categories and technical screening criteria across renewable energy, energy efficiency, green buildings, water management, sustainable agriculture, clean transport, biodiversity and transition energy activities. The update strengthens Kazakhstan's sustainable-finance architecture and provides greater certainty for issuers, investors and financial institutions.

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Kazakhstan and International Partners Strengthen Caspian Sea Conservation Cooperation

Kazakhstan and international partners agreed to strengthen regional cooperation on the protection of the Caspian Sea ecosystem, including biodiversity conservation, environmental monitoring and sustainable management of marine resources. Discussions in Aktau focused on improving cross-border coordination, supporting scientific data sharing and advancing joint measures to address ecosystem degradation and environmental risks affecting the Caspian Sea. The dialogue reinforced commitments to long-term regional collaboration aimed at preserving one of Eurasia's most ecologically significant water bodies.

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Uzbekistan joins COP31 BRIDGE climate-finance initiative

Uzbekistan was selected as one of five pilot countries participating in the COP31 Climate Implementation Bridge (BRIDGE) programme. The initiative is designed to help governments convert climate commitments into investment-ready projects capable of attracting public and private financing. Participation in BRIDGE is expected to strengthen Uzbekistan's climate-investment pipeline, improve project preparation capabilities and support implementation of national climate objectives by connecting policy ambitions with practical financing opportunities.

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Uzbekistan Secures USD 200mln from ADB to Modernise Power Grids



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a USD 200mln loan agreement with Uzbekistan to modernize the country's electricity distribution network. The programme includes upgrades to 60 substations, deployment of digital network-management systems and measures to reduce technical losses. According to ADB, the project will facilitate integration of approximately 3.3 GW of renewable-energy capacity and reduce annual greenhouse-gas emissions by nearly 23,000 tCO_2e. The investment is expected to improve grid reliability, boost energy efficiency and support Uzbekistan's clean-energy transition.

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Uzbekistan and SDSN Sign Agreement on Sustainable Development Goals



Uzbekistan and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) signed a cooperation agreement aimed at accelerating implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The partnership will support evidence-based policymaking, research, capacity building and monitoring of national progress towards the SDGs. The agreement is expected to strengthen collaboration between government institutions, academia and international experts, helping integrate sustainable development priorities into long-term economic and social planning.

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Uzbekistan Launches National Cleanliness and Circular Economy Campaign

Uzbekistan launched a nationwide environmental campaign focused on cleanliness, waste management and circular-economy principles. The initiative promotes responsible consumption, increased recycling, improved waste collection and greater public participation in environmental protection. The campaign forms part of the government's broader efforts to improve urban and rural environmental conditions while supporting resource efficiency and sustainable development objectives.

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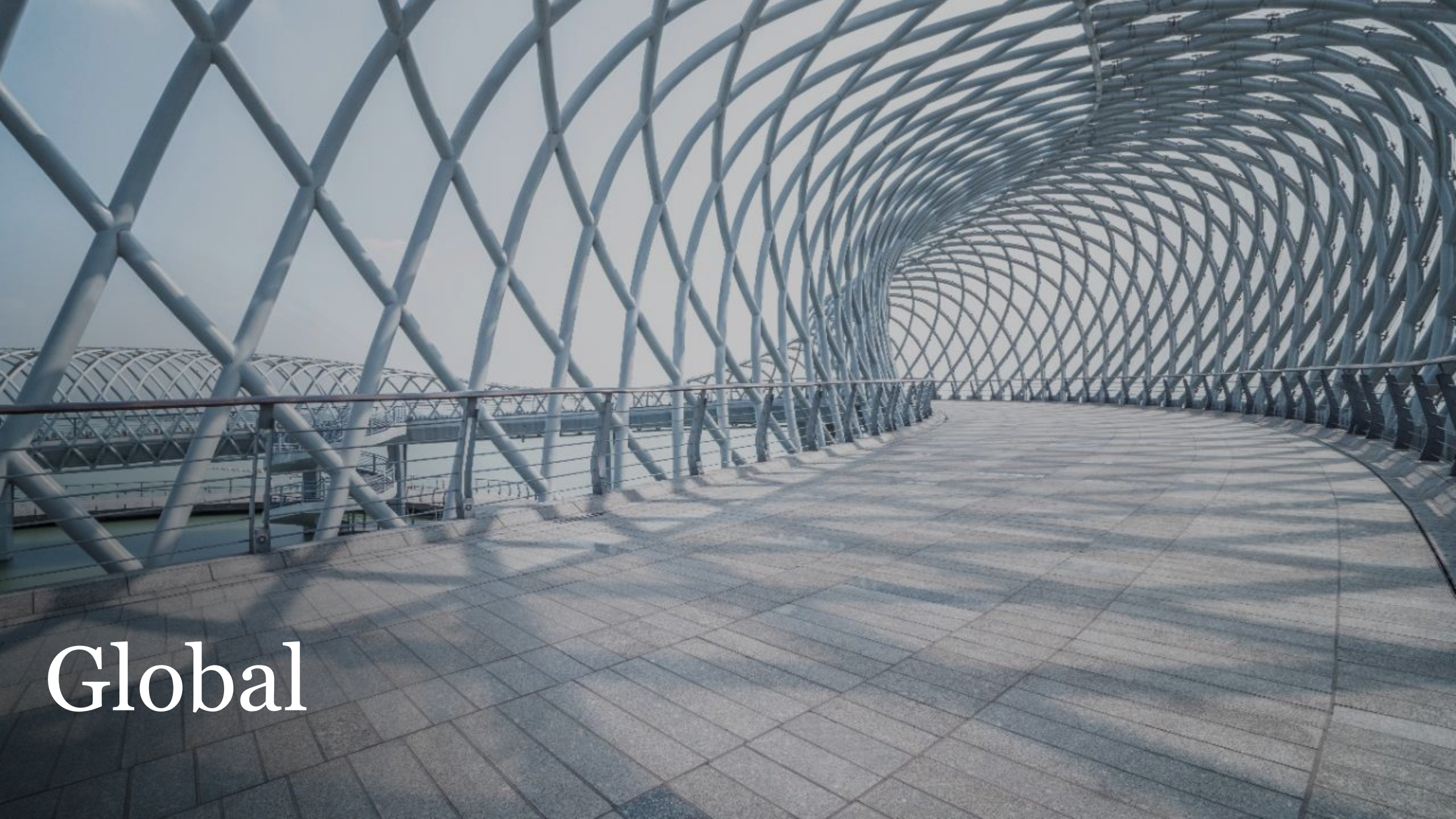


Azerbaijan Approves Long-Term Low-Carbon Development Strategy

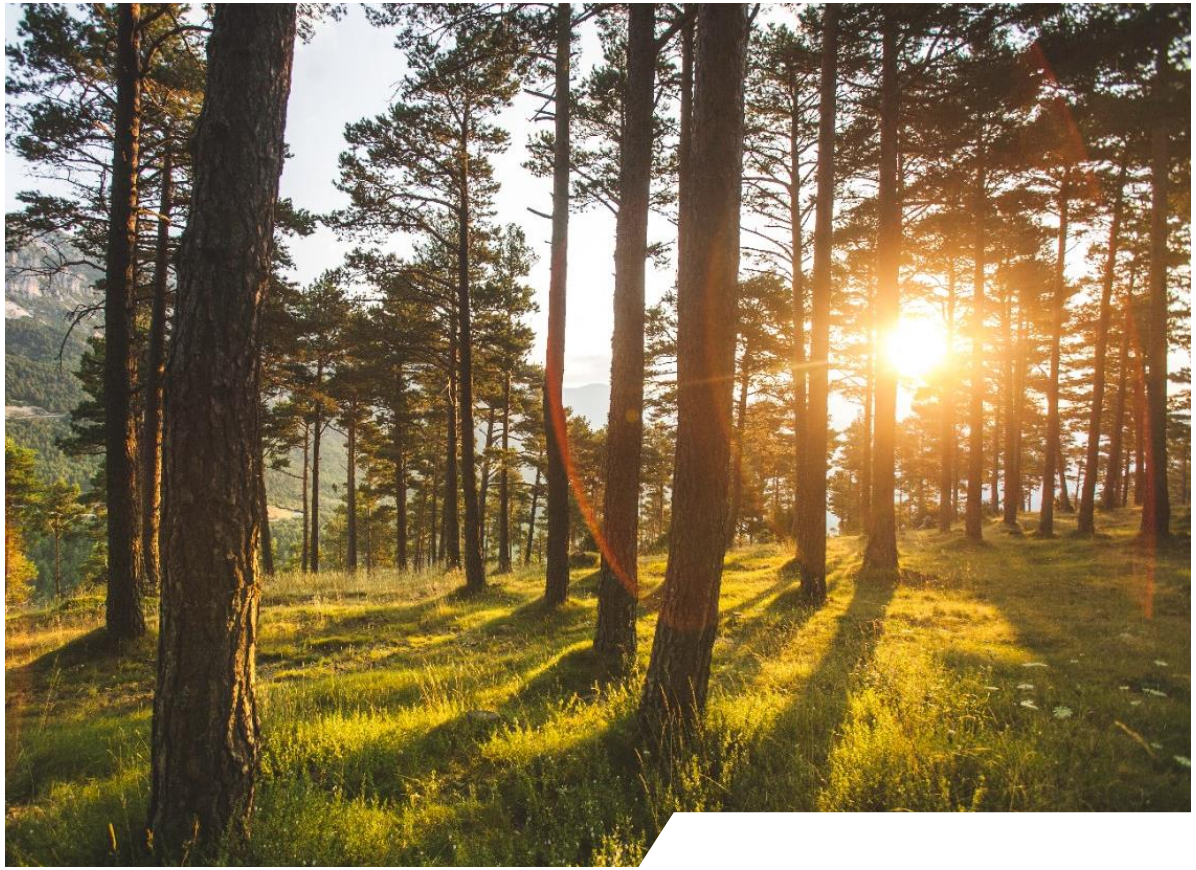
Azerbaijan approved its Long-Term Low-Emission Development Strategy, setting a target to achieve net-zero GHG emissions by 2060, establishing a strategic framework for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and supporting the country's transition towards a more sustainable economy. The strategy outlines long-term priorities for decarbonisation, energy transition and climate-resilient development while contributing to national and international climate commitments. The approval marks an important step in strengthening Azerbaijan's climate-policy framework ahead of future implementation measures.



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ISSB Consults on Nature-Related Disclosure Requirements



The International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) launched a public consultation on proposed amendments to IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards to introduce nature-related disclosure requirements. The proposals build on existing climate-reporting requirements and seek to provide investors with more consistent information on how organisations depend on and affect nature. The consultation represents an important step in the ISSB's broader efforts to establish a global baseline for sustainability-related financial disclosures and address growing investor demand for nature-related information.

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TNFD Releases LEAP 2.0 Nature Assessment Guidance

The Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) published LEAP 2.0, an enhanced version of its assessment framework for nature-related risks and opportunities. The updated guidance is intended to help organisations identify, assess and manage nature-related impacts, dependencies, risks and opportunities across operations and value chains. By improving consistency in nature-related assessments, LEAP 2.0 supports broader uptake of TNFD recommendations and strengthens integration of biodiversity and natural-capital considerations into corporate decision-making and risk management.

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SBTN Launches Science-Based Targets for Nature 2.0

The Science Based Targets Network (SBTN) released Nature 2.0, a revised framework designed to help organisations set, implement and monitor science-based targets addressing nature-related impacts and dependencies. The updated methodology aims to improve practicality while maintaining scientific credibility and consistency. Nature 2.0 supports companies seeking to align business strategies with planetary boundaries and complements growing market expectations around biodiversity, ecosystem protection and nature-related disclosures.

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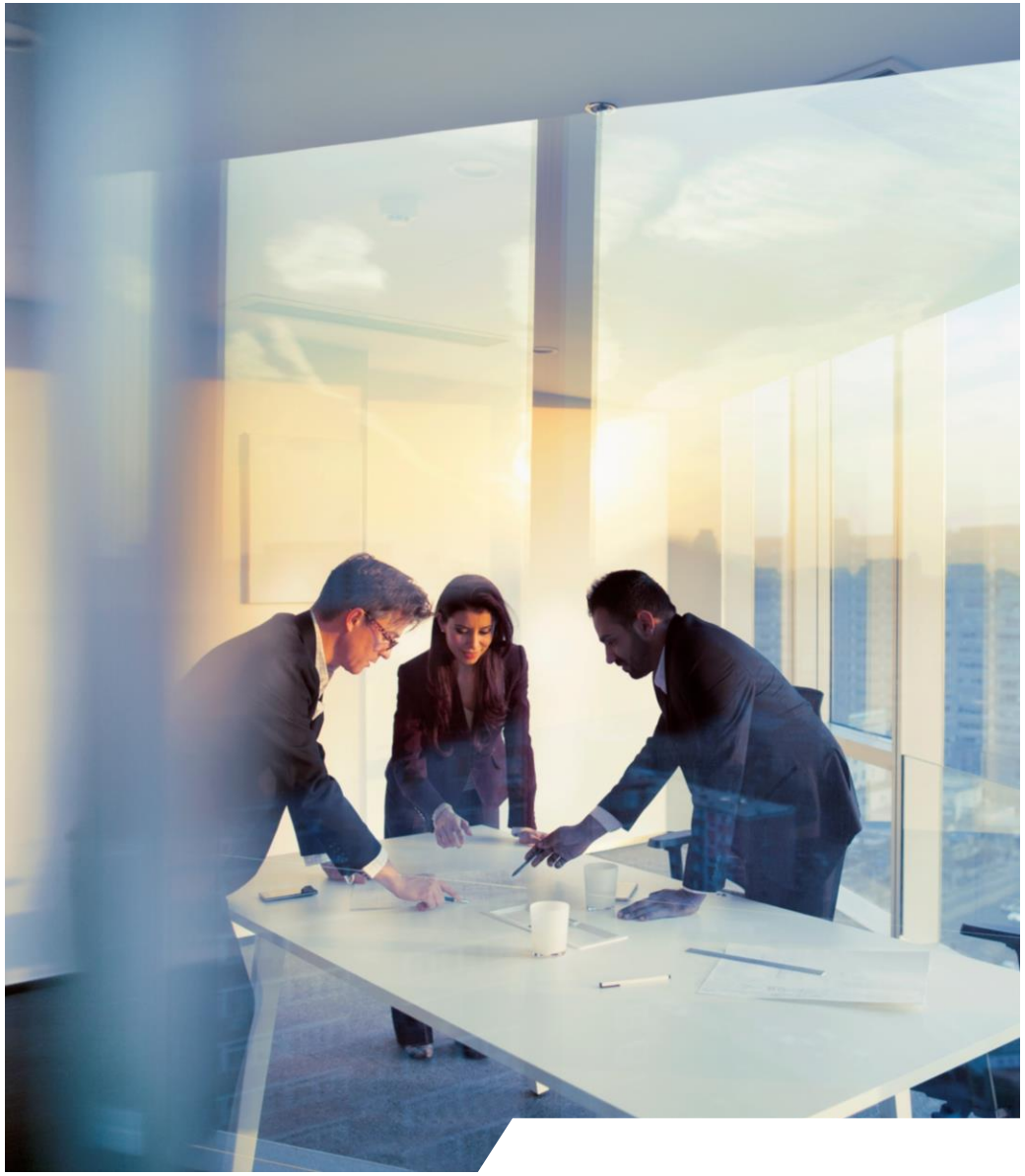
World Bank Launches Metals and Minerals Country Compacts Initiative

The World Bank Group launched the Metals and Minerals Country Compacts initiative to help resource-rich countries develop sustainable critical-mineral value chains that support economic growth and the clean energy transition. The initiative will provide participating countries with support on policy frameworks, infrastructure, investment mobilisation and responsible mineral-sector governance. Kazakhstan joined the programme as the first country in Central Asia, highlighting its growing role in global critical-minerals supply chains and the energy transition.

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ESMA Finalises Updated Guidance on Delayed Disclosure of Inside Information



The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) finalised revised guidelines under the Market Abuse Regulation governing delayed disclosure of inside information. The updated guidance provides greater clarity regarding circumstances in which issuers may postpone public disclosure while maintaining market integrity and investor protection. The revisions are intended to support more consistent application of disclosure requirements across EU capital markets and improve transparency in regulatory expectations for listed companies.

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European Parliament Sets Climate Priorities Ahead of COP31

Members of the European Parliament outlined key climate priorities ahead of COP31 in Antalya, calling for stronger international action on emissions reduction, climate finance and implementation of national climate commitments. Lawmakers urged governments to increase ambition in line with global climate objectives and emphasised the need for accelerated delivery of existing commitments. The position reflects the European Parliament's support for stronger global cooperation as countries prepare for the next round of climate negotiations.

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European Commission Advances European Climate Resilience Framework



The European Commission continued development of a new European Framework for Climate Resilience intended to strengthen the EU's response to increasing climate-related risks. The initiative focuses on climate adaptation planning, risk management and resilience-building measures across Member States. The framework is expected to support more coordinated approaches to preparing for extreme weather events and other climate impacts while improving resilience of infrastructure, communities and investment systems throughout the European Union.

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European Commission Invests EUR 3.4bn in Net-Zero Technology Projects

The European Commission announced EUR 3.4bn in funding for 94 net-zero technology projects across 23 EU Member States under the Innovation Fund. The selected projects cover renewable energy, energy-intensive industries, energy storage, net-zero manufacturing and carbon management technologies.

The investment is expected to help accelerate industrial decarbonization, strengthen the EU's clean-technology competitiveness and support implementation of the European Green Deal while mobilizing additional private-sector investment.

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UK FCA Aligns Sustainability Disclosures with ISSB Standards

The UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) adopted new rules aligning listed companies' sustainability reporting requirements with standards issued by the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB). The regulatory update is intended to improve consistency, comparability and transparency of sustainability-related disclosures for investors and other market participants. Alignment with ISSB standards is expected to strengthen the UK's sustainable-finance framework and facilitate greater international comparability of sustainability reporting.

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South Korea Unveils USD 747bn Energy Transition Plan Through 2035

South Korea announced the Korea-Green Transformation (K-GX) plan, a 1,000 trillion won (approximately USD 747 billion) programme designed to accelerate the country's energy transition through 2035. The strategy includes a target of reaching 100 GW of renewable-energy capacity by 2030 and increasing the share of electric and hydrogen vehicles to more than 70% of new vehicle sales by 2035. The initiative represents one of the country's largest decarbonisation and green-investment programmes to date.

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Hong Kong Issues Record USD 2.6bn Digital Green Bond

The Hong Kong SAR Government successfully issued approximately USD 2.6bn equivalent in multi-currency digital green bonds, making it the jurisdiction's largest sustainable bond issuance to date. The transaction further strengthens Hong Kong's position as a regional sustainable-finance hub and demonstrates continued growth in the market for digital debt instruments. The issuance also contributes to broader efforts to mobilise capital for environmental projects while showcasing the application of digital technologies within sustainable finance.

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