

Ethical Finance ASEAN SDG Hive (pre-summit programme)



Alongside the Ethical Finance ASEAN 2025 virtual summit, the Global Ethical Finance Initiative (GEFI), in partnership with the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB), will bring together policymakers, development professionals, financial practitioners, and faith leaders for a programme of private sessions at Bangunan AICB, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Tuesday, 18 February 2025.

The Ethical Finance ASEAN SDG Hive pre-summit programme will dive deeper into some of the summit's key themes and includes two sessions available by-invite-only to GEFI and AICB's partners, VIP guests and select stakeholders.

Partners:



Tuesday, 18 February 2025



PROGRAMME AGENDA	
8.00 am – 9.00 am	Registrations, Refreshments & Networking
9.00 am – 9.15 am	Opening Keynote YB Tuan Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability of Malaysia
9.15 am – 10.30 am	Financing a Fair Transition
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Coffee Break
11.00 am – 12.30 pm	Unlocking Islamic Sustainable Finance
12.30 pm – 1.10 pm	Supporting SMEs
1.10 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch

Note: Timings, sessions and speakers, at this stage, are subject to change

Financing a Fair Transition



This session will explore how to finance a fair and inclusive transition in ASEAN, with a focus on balancing economic growth, energy needs, and sustainability. Beginning with insights from the energy sector, the discussion will examine the challenges and opportunities in transitioning to cleaner energy systems. The finance sector will then share perspectives on mobilising capital to support equitable and sustainable solutions, fostering collaboration to address regional priorities and drive impactful change.

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PROGRAMME AGENDA	
9.00 am – 9.05 am	Welcome Remarks by AICB and GEFI
9.05 am – 9.15 am	Opening Keynote YB Tuan Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability of Malaysia
9.15 am – 9.50 am	Energy & Industry Sector Perspectives <u>Moderator</u> Dame Susan Rice, CB, Chair, GEFI Global Steering Group <u>Speaker</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Pang, Senior Research Fellow, The Belt and Road Initiative Caucus for Asia Pacific• Zaman Ahmad, Board of Director, MBSB Bank• Jack Tan Qi Jie, Group Vice President, Global Sales, Asset and Marketing of Solarvest Holdings Berhad
9.50 am – 10.30 am	Financing a Fair Transition <u>Moderator</u> Graham Burnside, Senior Advisor, Islamic Finance Council UK <u>Speakers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amanah Aboobucker, CB, Chief Sustainability Officer, AmBank Group• Chow Sheng Wai, Chief Sustainability Officer, Hong Leong Bank Berhad• Dr Hezri Adnan, Director of Group Sustainability, Bursa Malaysia
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Coffee Break

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Unlocking Islamic Sustainable Finance



This session will unite faith leaders and financiers to explore collaboration, shared values, and whether faith groups are failing the environment. Speakers will share insights on wealth philosophy, sustainable finance practices, and unlocking Islamic sustainable finance, showcasing its ethical principles and innovative solutions. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how faith-driven investment approaches can address ESG challenges and drive impactful outcomes.

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11.00 am – 11.05 am	Welcome Words Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar, Chairman, MIFC Leadership Council
11.05 am – 11.15 am	Edinburgh Finance Declaration Graham Burnside, Senior Advisor, Islamic Finance Council UK
11.15 am – 11.45 am	Tayyib Inspired Fireside <u>Moderator</u> Omar Shaikh, Managing Director, GEFI Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar, Chairman, MIFC Leadership Council• Dafinah Ahmed Hilmi, Chief Executive Officer, Hong Leong Islamic Bank
11.45 am – 11.55 am	Green Economy Transition Case Study Rahma Shofiana, Campaigner, Greenpeace Indonesia
11.55 am – 12.30 pm	Islamic Sustainable Finance <u>Moderator</u> Dame Susan Rice, CB, Chair, GEFI Global Steering Group Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andy Homer, Chief Customer Officer, Gatehouse Bank• Rafe Haneef, CEO, MBSB Group• Raja Amir Shah, CEO, HSBC Amanah• Rima Dwi Permatasari, ESG Group Head, Bank Syariah Indonesia

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Supporting SMEs



SMEs are the backbone of ASEAN economies, yet their activities contribute significantly to carbon emissions, leaving businesses and communities vulnerable to climate change. While many SMEs are embracing sustainability and strengthening their capacity for climate action, limited access to climate finance remains a major barrier to progress. Without affordable and tailored financing, SMEs struggle to invest in green solutions, transition to low-carbon models, and build resilience.

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12.30 pm – 12.40 pm	<p>Guide for Malaysian Banks Supporting SMEs in the Sustainable Recovery From COVID-19</p> <p>Angus Clelland, Assistant Manager, GEFI</p>
12.40 pm – 1.10 pm	<p>Bridging the Gap – Financing Sustainable Growth for SMEs Panel</p> <p>Moderator Dato' Azlan Sharim, Group Chief Strategy Officer, MBSB Group</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zaman Ahmad, Board of Director, MBSB Bank• Datuk William Ng, National President, SME Association Malaysia
1.10 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch

Venue



Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers
10 Jalan Dato' Onn
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