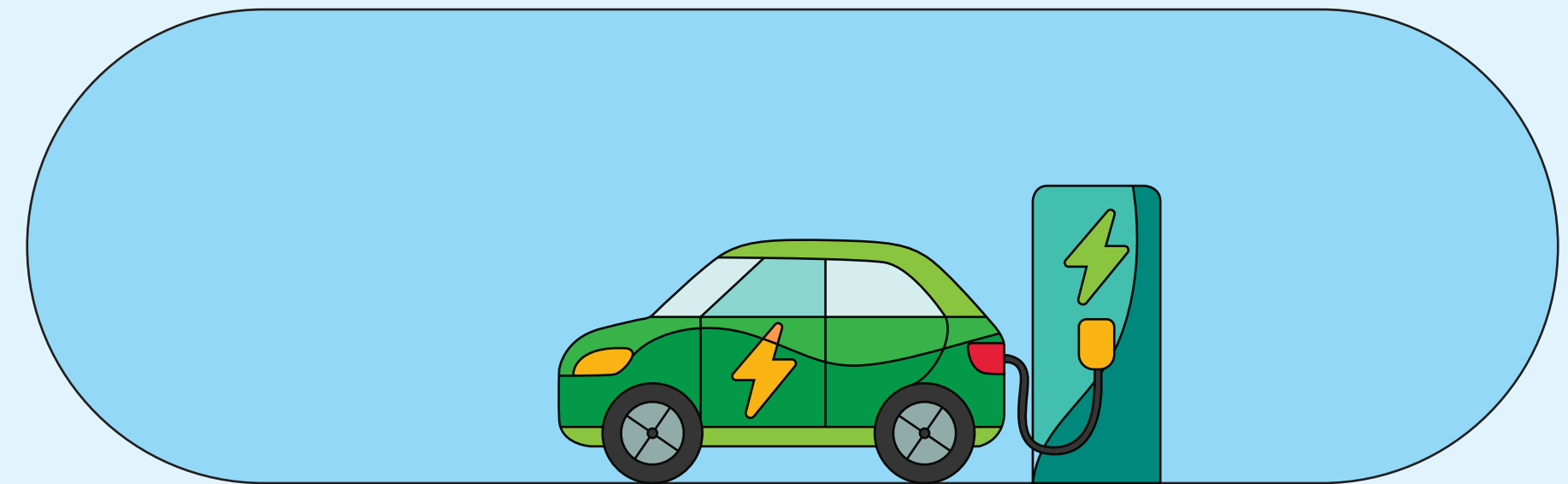
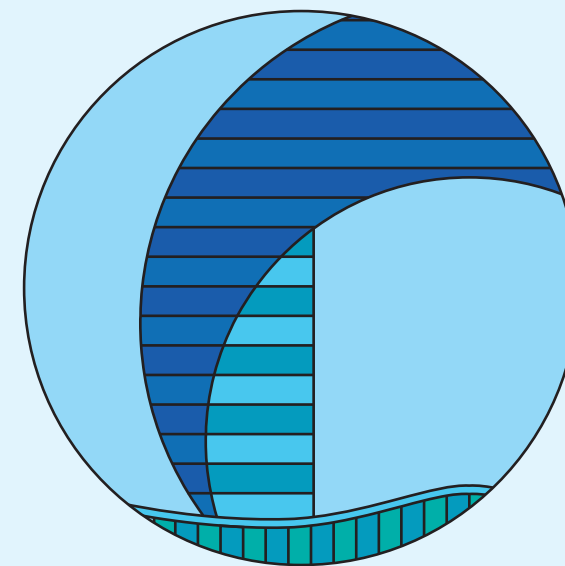
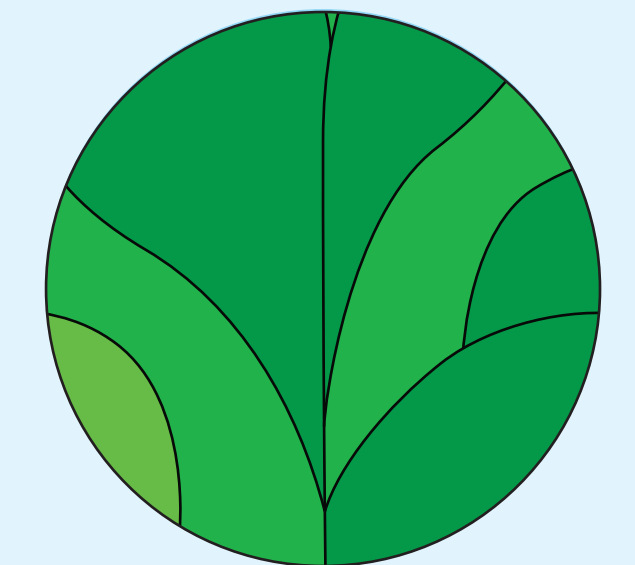
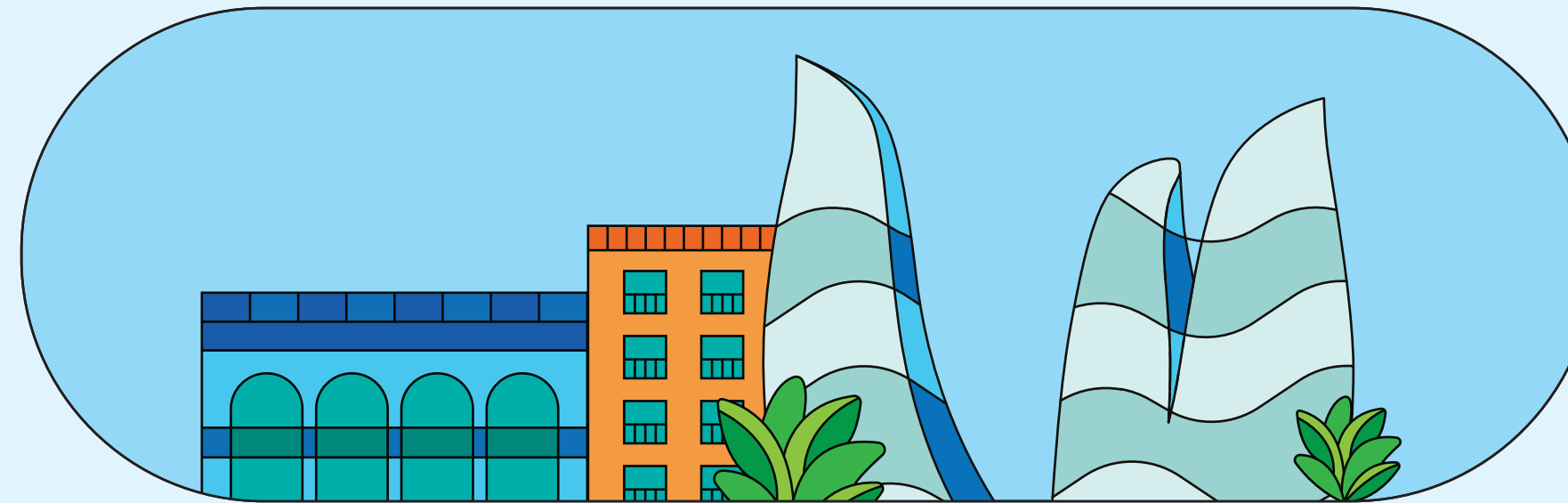
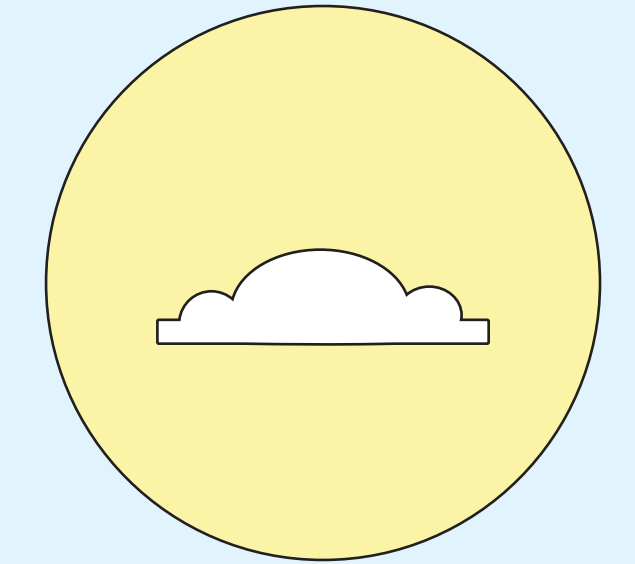
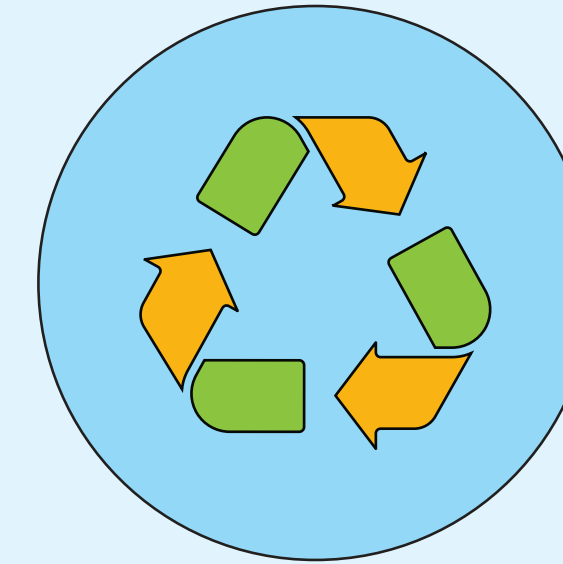
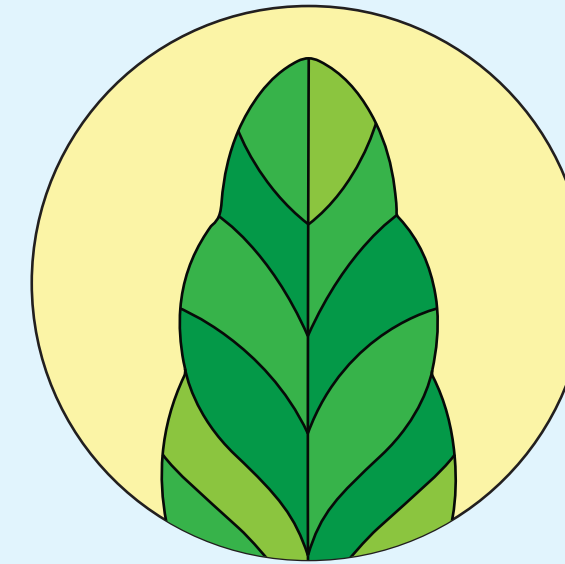
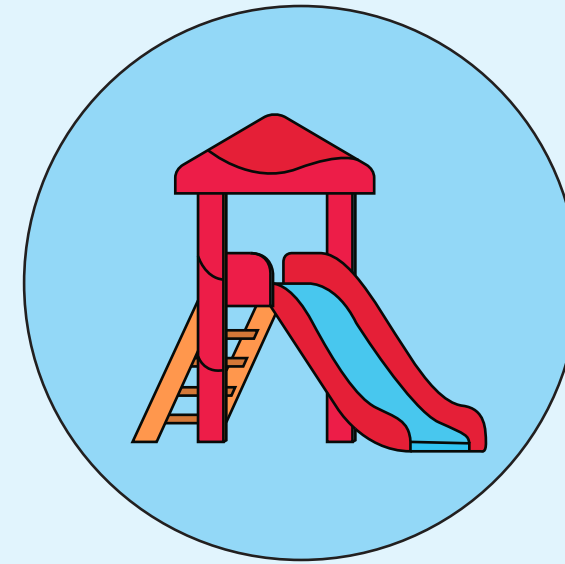
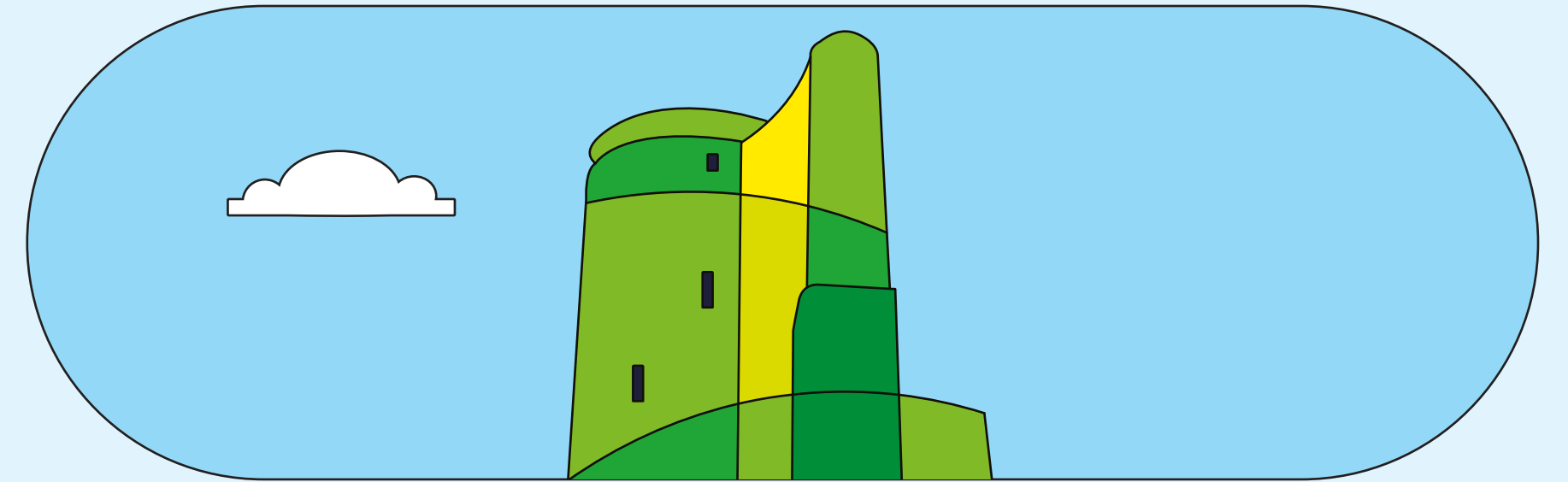
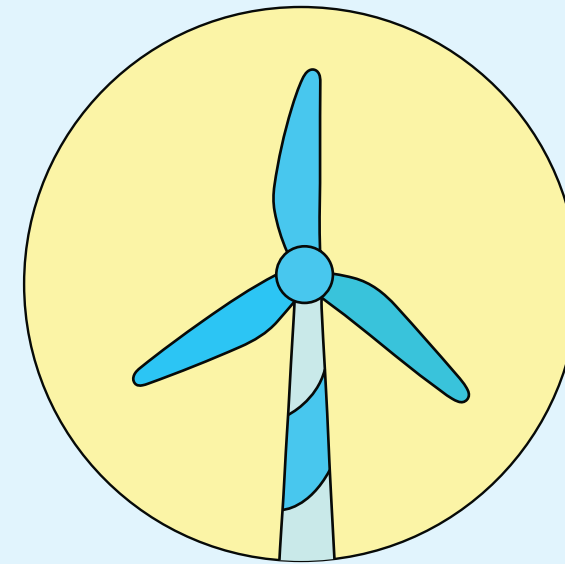
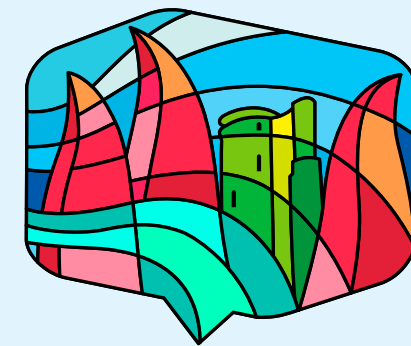


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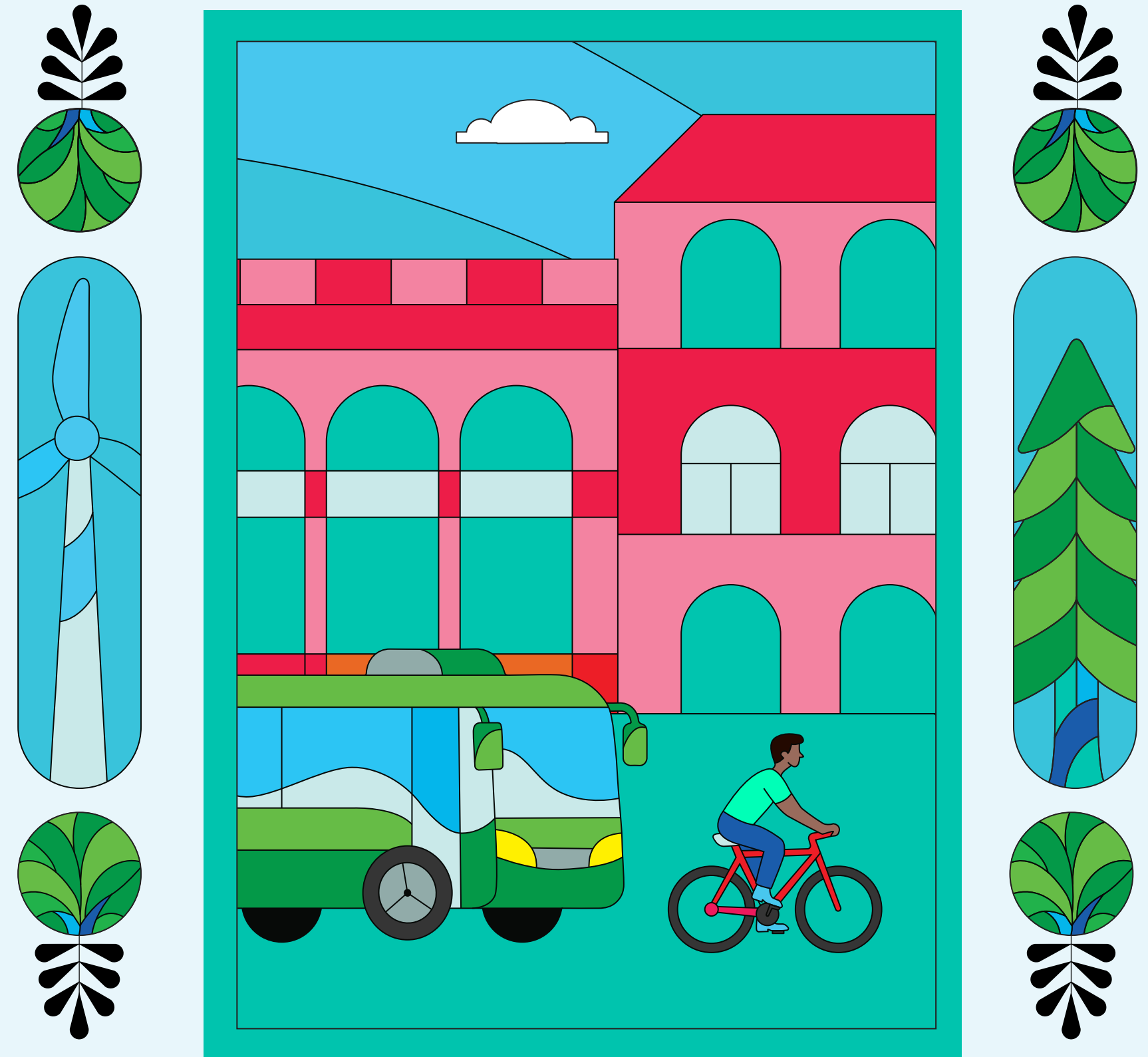
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01.

Vision & Mission



Vision

WUF13 will serve as a global benchmark for sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient event delivery. Azerbaijan envisions a Forum that demonstrates environmental responsibility, social equity, and innovative sustainable practices while contributing to national goals for resilient, future-ready cities.

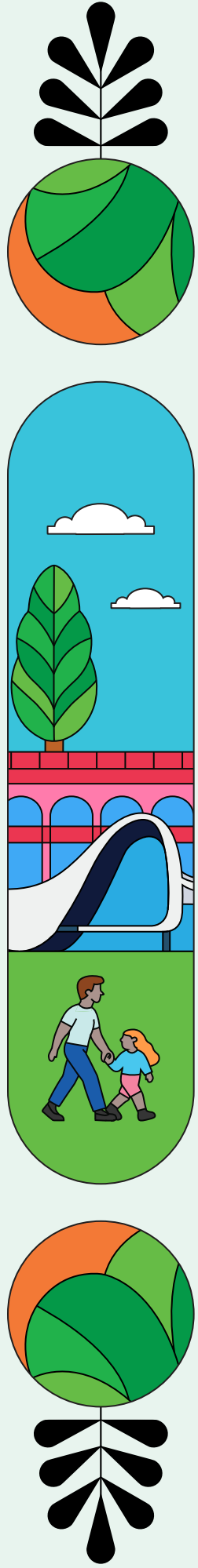
Mission

To organize WUF13 as an event with minimal environmental footprint and maximum social value, applying sustainable event management principles that ensure operational efficiency, measurable sustainability outcomes, and a lasting positive legacy for Azerbaijan and the global WUF community.



02.

Core Principles



Commitment to Compliance



Maintain a strong governance and compliance system by embedding sustainability clauses in all strategic contracts, conducting regular audits with corrective actions, and training staff, volunteers, and suppliers on their compliance obligations.

Environmental Sustainability



Reduce resource use and prioritize renewable energy by applying sustainable materials and responsible procurement practices, implementing circular waste systems to minimize landfill disposal, and monitoring environmental performance in real time where feasible.

Social Inclusivity & Accessibility



Ensure inclusive participation by providing accessible venues, transport, accommodation, and digital platforms, promoting gender balance across sessions, engaging youth and marginalized communities, and ensuring full accessibility of the program.

Economic Responsibility



Support inclusive economic impact by prioritizing local suppliers and SMEs, applying sustainable procurement standards for key vendors, creating jobs and upskilling opportunities, ensuring fair labor and ethical supply chains, and promoting long-term economic benefits beyond the event.

Legacy & Continuous Improvement



Strengthen long-term impact by establishing transparent monitoring and evaluation systems, documenting lessons learned to develop legacy actions, delivering structured capacity-building trainings, and initiatives for wider communities and youth.

Transparency & Accountability



Ensure transparency and accountability by clearly communicating sustainability commitments, maintaining open reporting and feedback channels, enabling third-party verification where feasible, and publishing a comprehensive Final Sustainability Report.

03.

Strategic Pillars and Objectives



Sustainable Venue & Resource Management

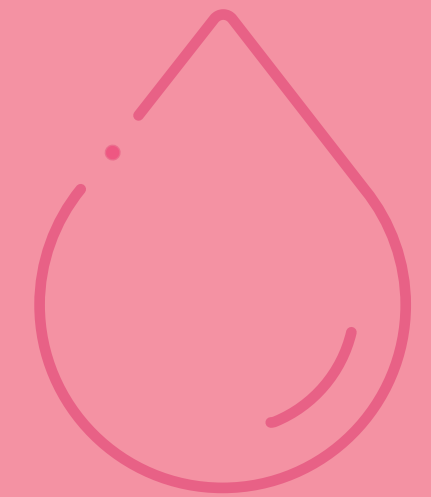


Minimize WUF13's environmental footprint through responsible design, resource use, and operations, guided by the principles of the circular economy.

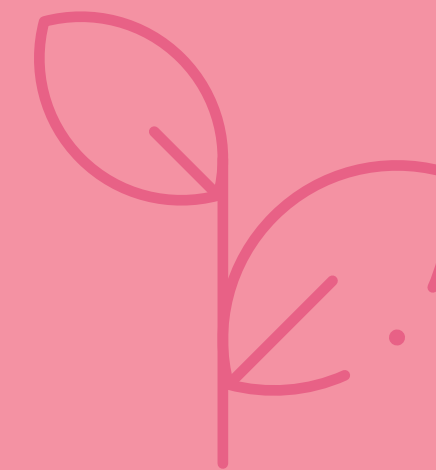
Objectives and Key Activities:



**Energy
Efficiency**



**Water
Stewardship**



**Sustainable
Materials**



**Waste as a
Resource**

Carbon Management & Climate Action

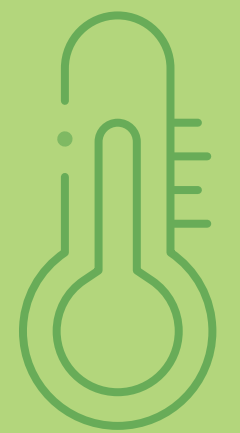


Embed low-carbon practices throughout the event lifecycle and align with climate resilience principles.

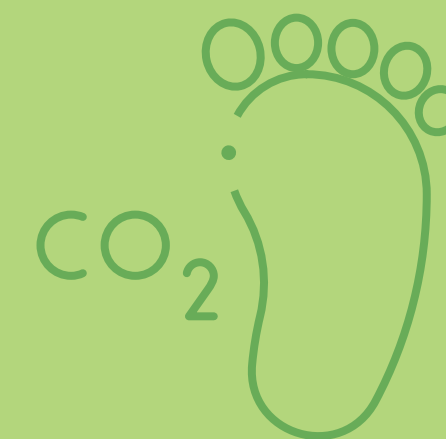
Objectives and Key Activities:



Promote low emmision mobility and logistics



Integrate climate resilience into event design



Measure and offset the event's carbon footprint

Legacy & Local Impact



Maximize long-term social, environmental, and economic benefits for Azerbaijan while minimizing negative impacts and ensuring that WUF13 leaves a meaningful and measurable legacy for wider communities.

Objectives and Key Activities:



**Strengthen Local
Economic
Participation**



**Promote
Community
Engagement and
Capacity Building**



**Document, Monitor,
and Communicate
Legacy Outcomes**

Inclusivity, Accessibility & Safety



Ensure the event is accessible, inclusive, and safe for all participants, reinforcing the core theme of sustainable and resilient urbanization.

Objectives and Key Activities:



Physical
Accessibility



Digital
Accessibility



Accessible
Information



Inclusive
Participation



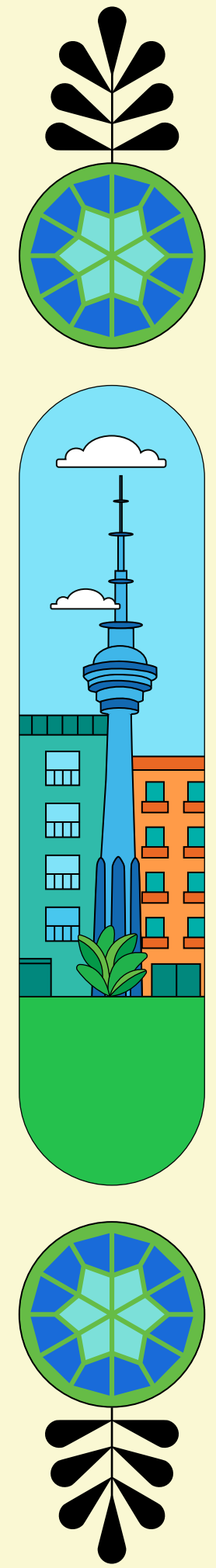
Equity and
Representation



Safety and
Security

04.

Compliance & Standards





Agreement between the Government of Azerbaijan and UN-Habitat

Establishes the legal and institutional framework for hosting WUF13, defining roles, responsibilities, and governance arrangements, and setting mandatory requirements for sustainability, inclusivity, accessibility, transparency, and alignment with United Nations principles across all stages of event delivery.



ISO 20121 – Sustainable Event Management

ISO 20121 is an international standard for sustainable event management that helps organizers reduce the social, environmental, and economic impacts of events. It integrates sustainability into all stages of planning and delivery, ensuring clear governance, accountability, and continuous improvement through monitoring, stakeholder engagement, and corrective actions, while supporting a positive long-term legacy for host communities.



ISO 14064-1 – Carbon Accounting

ISO 14064-1 provides an internationally recognized framework for measuring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions across Scope 1, 2, and 3. It ensures accurate, transparent, and verifiable carbon data, helping organizations identify key emission sources, implement reduction measures, and demonstrate accountability while supporting effective climate strategies and alignment with global frameworks such as the GHG Protocol and the Paris Agreement.



UN Global Compact Principles

The UN Global Compact provides a global framework for responsible conduct based on ten principles covering human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. By aligning with these principles, WUF13 strengthens ethical governance, transparency, and accountability across all operations and the event's value chain.



SDGs

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a global framework for inclusive and sustainable development, guiding WUF13's priorities and impact. The Forum aligns primarily with SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and supports SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), enabling measurable contributions to the UN 2030 Agenda and national sustainability goals through its focus on resilience, inclusion, and sustainable urban development.

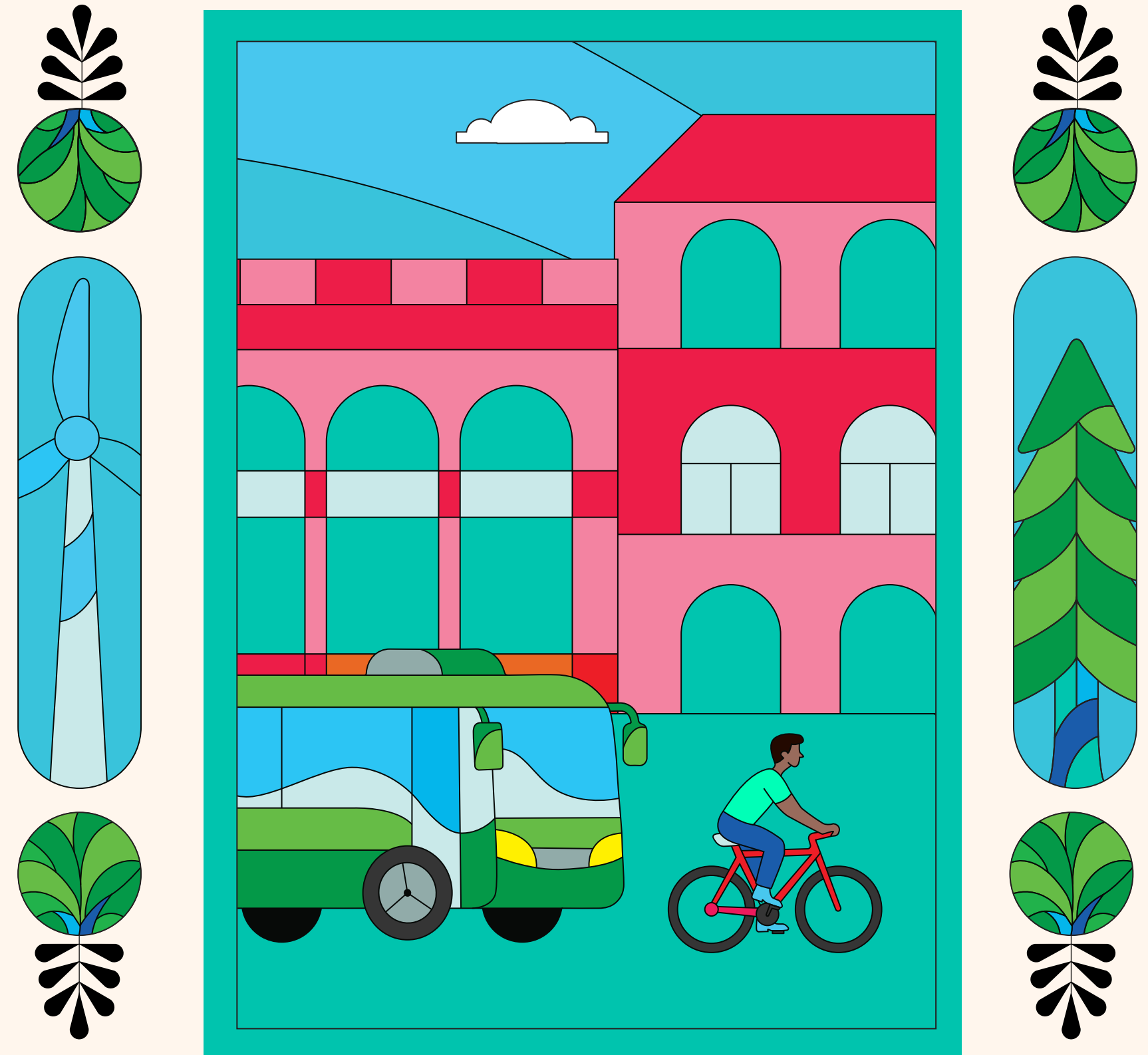


National Legislation

WUF13 operates in full compliance with Azerbaijani laws on environment, labor, safety, accessibility, and procurement, ensuring responsible and transparent delivery across all activities.

05.

Our Key Sustainability Targets





Net-Zero Carbon

Achieve carbon neutrality across all scopes of greenhouse gas emissions.



Energy

- At least 75% of total energy consumption from renewable sources.
- On-site backup energy using HVO biofuel.



Sustainable Mobility

- At least 60% of delegates using public transport.
- Official transport fleets primarily electric and hybrid.



Materials & Procurement

- Local sourcing is prioritized.
- FSC-certified or eco-labelled paper.
- Majority of event branding and structures using recycled or reusable materials.
- Printed materials minimized through digital delivery.



Water

- High-efficiency water fixtures across venues.
- Single-use plastic water bottles eliminated.
- Water refill stations available at all venues.



Catering

- Minimum 50% plant-based or vegetarian meals.
- At least 70% locally sourced ingredients.
- Eco-friendly packaging used for nearly all



Waste & Circularity

- At least 75% of event waste diverted from landfill.
- Multi-stream waste segregation across all venues.
- Reuse or donation of temporary structures.



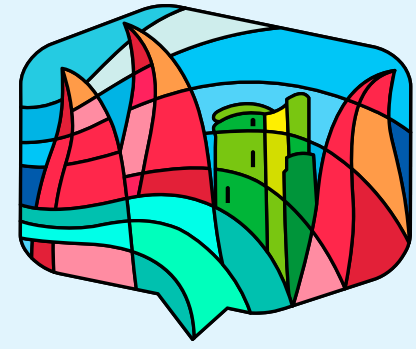
Accessibility & Safety

- Accessible venues and services across the event.
- 100% wheelchair-friendly layouts.
- Sign-language interpretation widely available.
- Zero tolerance for serious safety incidents.

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