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FROM LEADERSHIP

Message from the Executive Committee

Dear VIIN Members,

As VIIN looks toward its next chapter, we are aligning more closely with the Vietnam Impact Alliance (VIA) around a shared ambition: contributing to the national goal of supporting 25,000 sustainable and impact-oriented businesses under Decision 926/QĐ-TTg.

VIIN will not support these businesses directly. Instead, we aim to work through incubators, accelerators, and other ecosystem partners - helping strengthen the programs, knowledge, networks, and connections to capital to impact businesses that need to grow.

This will also shape how our community evolves. In the coming years, VIIN will gradually expand beyond its current investor-focused membership and deliberately welcome other stakeholder groups of the impact ecosystem (including impact businesses, supply of capital (LPs), and policymarkers). More specifically, impact businesses will be the key target group. We believe bringing investors and businesses closer together will benefit the entire ecosystem - creating stronger investment pipelines, better market insights, and more opportunities for collaboration. For our current members, particularly impact investors and ecosystem builders, this means greater access to credible businesses, emerging opportunities, and the partners helping build them.

As a first step, we would love to hear from you. If you know an incubator or accelerator that VIIN should explore working with, please introduce them to us or share your recommendation at ec@viincommunity.com. Your insights will help us identify the right partners and shape initiatives that respond to the ecosystem’s real needs.

Thank you, as always, for being part of the VIIN community and for helping us build a stronger impact ecosystem in Vietnam.

VIIN Executive Committee

August 15, 2026

AT A GLANCE

Issue Highlights

CARBON MARKET LAUNCH
Vietnam operationalises domestic ETS, advancing national carbon-market infrastructure.

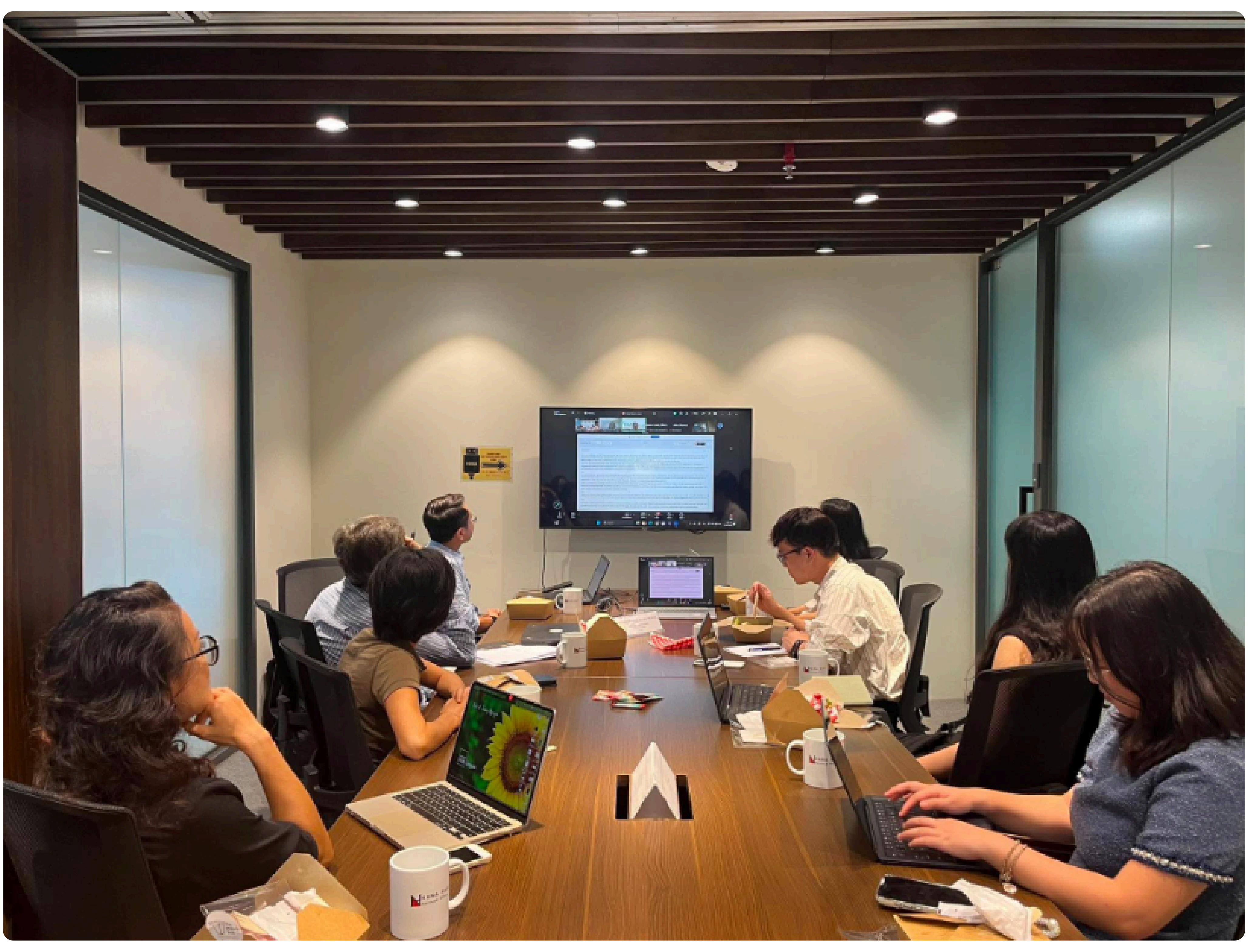
$700B GREEN TRANSITION
Vietnam requires massive investment to achieve long-term green growth.

CATALYTIC CAPITAL SECURED
Beacon Fund unlocks private capital for high-impact Vietnamese SMEs.

AI COFFEE INNOVATION
$12.3 million institute advances sustainable coffee through artificial intelligence.

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

VIIN Members Meeting



On Thursday, 16th July, the VIIN bi-monthly member meeting took place in a hybrid format, bringing together members in HCMC and online. Our session started with member updates, followed by a VIIN knowledge-sharing session on Vietnam’s sustainable agriculture sector through the lens of impact investing, highlighting key investment trends, financing gaps, and opportunities where commercial returns and measurable impact intersect.

We were also honored to welcome two distinguished guest speakers, Nguyễn Thanh Tâm, CEO of TMT Consulting, and Nguyễn Hồng Sơn, Director General of the Vietnam Academy of Agricultural Sciences (VAAS), who shared their perspectives on sustainable agriculture, value chain development, research, and the sector’s future potential.

The meeting continued with an engaging member discussion on sustainable agriculture investment, followed by an introduction to VIIN’s new organizational structure and recruitment plans. The session concluded with a wrap-up and the collection of members’ feedback and key takeaways. We were pleased to see you again and look forward to our next session.

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News & Insights

POLICY
Vietnam Launches Domestic Carbon Market
Vietnam launched its domestic ETS on 29 June 2026, marking a shift from carbon-market policy design to operational implementation. The evolving framework covers GHG mitigation and carbon-credit registration, domestic carbon trading, international credit transfers, and forest carbon credits, establishing the legal and institutional foundations for Vietnam’s emerging carbon market.
Read

MARKET
Beacon Fund Secures Catalytic Capital from SIFI
Beacon Fund has finalised a catalytic equity investment from SIFI, using first-loss capital to unlock additional private funding for high-impact SMEs in Vietnam. The investment supports Beacon Fund’s work across gender equality, education, and healthcare, including its recent investment in TIMEC International General Clinic under an innovative impact-linked financing structure.
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MARKET
AI Coffee Research Institute Set for Gia Lai
Vinh Hiep Co. received approval for a VND326 billion (US$12.3 million) AI-focused coffee research facility in Gia Lai. The 157-hectare institute will test 50–100 coffee varieties annually, produce up to 5 million seedlings, and use AI for pest monitoring and sustainable farm management.
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MARKET
Vietnam Needs $700 Billion for Green Transition
Vietnam’s Ministry of Finance estimates US$670–700 billion in long-term investment needs through 2050 for green growth and sustainable development. Experts highlight private and international capital mobilization and stronger project preparation as critical, with project quality and financial viability remaining key investment bottlenecks.
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MARKET
Nam A Bank Secures Green Financing
Nam A Bank secured $20 million in financing from SIFEM to support green transformation and inclusive growth in Vietnam. The funding will target SMEs, women-led businesses, renewable energy, green transport, high-tech agriculture, and financial inclusion.
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RESEARCH
Southeast Asia Faces Escalating Climate Shocks
Southeast Asia faces a potential “super” El Niño alongside geopolitical and supply disruptions, threatening food affordability and smallholder livelihoods. The article calls for ASEAN to adopt coordinated, multi-hazard strategies to strengthen food security and regional resilience.
Read

POLICY
Vietnam Shifts Toward Higher Quality FDI
Resolution 10 marks Vietnam’s shift from attracting FDI based primarily on volume and low-cost manufacturing toward higher-value investment, technology transfer, and domestic capability building. The strategy targets stronger links between local firms and global supply chains while attracting major technology and R&D investments.
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PUBLICATION
Vietnamese Banks Show Limited ESG Progress
Fair Finance Vietnam’s fourth assessment reviewed 14 Vietnamese commercial banks, finding improvements since 2020 but limited progress in 2025, particularly on Environmental and Governance commitments. ESG policies remain largely risk-oriented rather than focused on generating positive impact through lending.
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ECOSYSTEM

Sector Events Calendar

+ Submit Event

27 AUG — **Tech for Trade: Unlocking Canada–Vietnam Partnerships through Digital Innovation and Impact Investment**
Online - Impact Investment Readiness - CanCham
Details

27 AUG — **Sustainable Coffee Exchange: Growing Responsibility and Sustainability in the Vietnam Coffee Sector**
Field trip - Coffee - Technical Support
Details

FOR THE NETWORK

Jobs & Opportunities

+ Submit Opportunity

JOB
Impact Investment Consultant - Mana Impact
Remote - Singapore-based - 5~10 year
Deadline: ASAP
Learn more

FUNDING
The Green Innovation Grants Initiative (GIGI)
VN SMEs - Emissions reduction
Deadline: Aug 31 2026
Learn more

COMMUNITY

Member Spotlight

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