



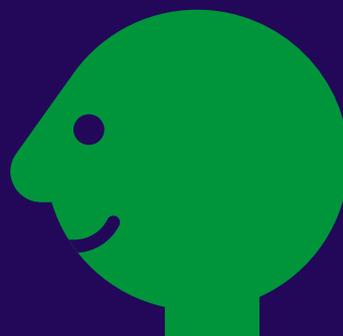
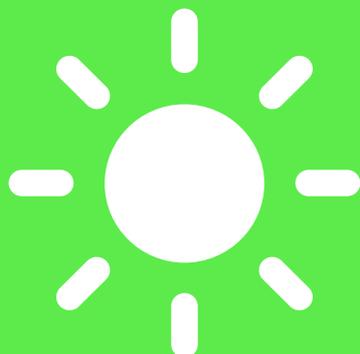
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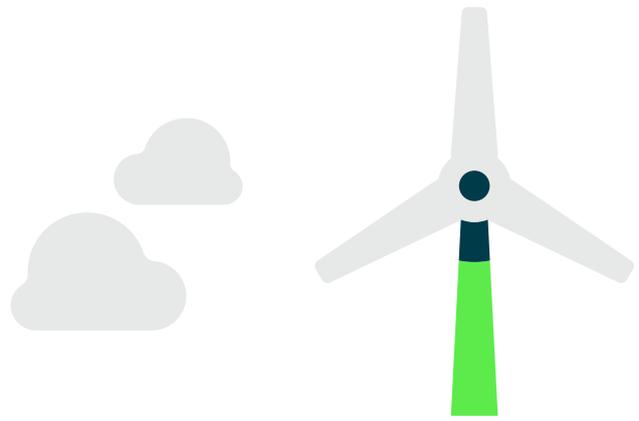
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Green careers guide

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My name is Sikander Ishtiaq, I am ACCA (UK) member and certified climate reality leader. My journey started soon after completing my Master's from University of Central Punjab, I realized in order to get more rewarding career in prevailing market conditions I should pursue professional qualification. I opted ACCA as it is more than 100 years old renowned international body of professional accountants with members in over 180 countries and also having excellent support structure in Pakistan.

During studies, as part of professional qualification, I joined ACCA Trainee program of one of the largest MNCs i.e., Siemens Pakistan in 2014. This was a commercial role in their substation power projects execution departments. At that time, we got a number of power projects including renewables projects under government's recently introduced energy policy. As Pakistan was facing severe energy shortages because of inadequate capacity addition, limited exploration, ineffective exploitation of hydro and coal, renewable potential and inefficient use of energy resources. Seeing the high potential of the energy sector and a large number of future projects under pipeline, I decided to join the renewables sector soon after completion of my training program. I joined M/s Tricon Boston Consulting Corporation Pvt Ltd as Executive Accounts, the company has a license to build and operate three wind powerplants with a cumulative capacity of 150MW in a remote area of Pakistan i.e., Jhimpir, District Thatta, Sindh. A consortium of world's top four financial institutions financed the project. My role involves project management, capital budgeting, financial

management. The company achieved its financial close in May 2017 and construction works completed in Sep 2018. The plant is operational since then and producing 453GWH of clean energy annually. All three wind farms will offset between 118,227-261,795 tCO₂ equivalents per year. I am associated with the company for over the last 4 years and enjoyed steady career progression and now progressed to Assistant Manager level. Currently, the renewable sector attracts robust growth with over 12 projects only in the wind sector alone under construction and given the fact it's on top of government's priority list to increase renewable share to 30% in energy mix by 2030.



Expected Aerial View of Jhimpir Wind Corridor after completion of all projects under construction.

