



Reuters – June 05

## Vietnam's power blackouts hit multinationals' manufacturing hubs

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## 1 | POLICY & LEGAL



### [Urgently complete encouraging mechanism for rooftop solar power installation](#)

*EVN – June 11*

### [Measures sought to encourage installation of roof-top power systems](#)

*VietnamPlus – June 12*

### [Directive on electricity saving issued](#)

*Government News – June 09*

### [Guidance on solutions to save electricity in the period of 2023 - 2025 in Vietnam](#)

*LawNet – June 09*

### [Hanoi to make clear administrative procedures in environment area](#)

*VietnamPlus – June 09*

### [Harnessing solar and wind for sustainable cross-border electricity trade in the Greater Mekong Subregion](#)

*LawNet – June 09*

### [Is the Gap Widening? Assessing the Current Renewable Energy Policies in Developing Countries](#)

*World Bank – June 01*

### [EU lawmakers push for nature deal after biggest group walks out](#)

*Reuters – June 01*

### [EU relaxes antitrust guidelines on green initiatives](#)

*Financial Times – June 02*

### [Indonesia accuses EU of 'regulatory imperialism' with deforestation law](#)

*Reuters – June 08*

### [Exclusive: Investors may exit consumer goods firms over EU deforestation law](#)

*Reuters – June 13*

### ['Absolute scandal': UAE state oil firm able to read Cop28 climate summit emails](#)

*Reuters – June 07*

### [EU to try again for renewable energy deal after nuclear row](#)

*Reuters – June 10*



### [Vietnam's power blackouts hit multinationals' manufacturing hubs](#)

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Vietnam's rolling power cuts have hit industrial parks in the country's northern provinces where top global manufacturers such as Foxconn and Samsung have factories, officials said on Monday, as a surge in consumption amid a heatwave stretched the power supply system.

The frequent and often unannounced power cuts prompted EuroCham, which represents European companies in the country, to send a letter on Monday to the industry and trade ministry urging quick measures to address the emergency.

"Vietnam's industry ministry should take urgent measures before the country's reputation as a reliable global manufacturing hub is undermined," Jean-Jacques Bouflet, deputy chairman of EuroCham Vietnam told Reuters on Monday, adding that the power cuts seriously disrupted industrial activities.

### [EuroCham proposes solutions to address Vietnam's ongoing power shortages](#)

EuroCham – June 09

### [Northern Vietnam lacks between 30 and 50 million kWh daily](#)

Vietnam Investment Review – June 08

### [11 hydropower plants cease production](#)

Vietnam Investment Review – June 09

### [North's electricity supply may be strained until July](#)

Vietnam Investment Review – June 12

### [Power outages cause big losses for shipping businesses](#)

SGGP English – June 09

### [Power Shortage Hits Vietnam, a Production Hub for Apple and Samsung](#)

Wall Street Journal – June 09

### [Analysis: Heatwave lays bare Vietnam's structural electricity woes](#)

Reuters – June 12

### [Vietnam's Factories Boost Operations as Power Shortages Ease](#)

Bloomberg – June 12

### [Central Vietnam province wants 160-km conveyor belt to import coal from Laos](#)

VnExpress – June 07

### [Vietnam Aims For 50% Rooftop Solar Adoption In Office And Residential Buildings By 2030](#)

SolarQuarter – June 12

### [Chinese energy storage, battery firms consider big investments in Vietnam](#)

VnExpress – June 09

### [The Government directed EVN to develop the "scenarios for lacking power and having to cut off the electricity](#)

Vietnam Energy – June 09

### [Renewable energy investment challenges in Vietnam: risks and delays](#)

Vietnam Investment Review – June 05

### [GreenYellow investing in New Wing's rooftop solar power system](#)

Vietnam Investment Review – June 12

### [Industry Overview: Liquefied Natural Gas in Vietnam](#)

Vietnam Briefing – June 12

### [How much money are European consumers saving thanks to renewables? – Renewable Energy Market Update - June 2023 – Analysis – IEA](#)

International Energy Agency – June

### [Optimizing Energy Costs In The Context Of Rising Electricity Prices With Rooftop Solar Energy](#)

Vietnam Singapore Smart Energy Solutions – June 05

### [EU energy crisis: States lack mandatory energy-saving measures](#)

Energy Monitor – May 31

### [Orsted to invest \\$68 billion in power capacity by 2030](#)

Reuters – June 08

### [Double energy efficiency by 2030 for net zero – IEA](#)

Energy Monitor – June 07

### [Gridlock: how a lack of power lines will delay the age of renewables](#)

Financial Times – June 11





### [Accelerating Plastic Pollution Reduction in Vietnam - Chemonics International](#)

*Chemonics International – June*

### [It's not too hard for Vietnamese to go zero-waste](#)

*VnExpress International – June*

### [Vietnam presents the roadmap for developing the National Circular Economy Plan at the World Forum on Circular Economy in Helsinki, Finland](#)

*ISPONRE – June 02*

### [Forum talks building of regulatory sandbox for circular economy development](#)

*VietnamPlus – June 12*

### [Vietnam targets reduction in single-use plastics and plastic waste](#)

*VietnamPlus – June 03*

### [Beyond borders: Collaborative solutions to plastic pollution in Southeast Asia](#)

*World Bank – June 04*

### [HCM City awards instituted to honour green businesses](#)

*Vietnamnews – June 02*

### [Eco-industrial park development targets net zero emissions](#)

*Vietnamnews – June 05*

### [Unilever promotes series of activities on environmental protection](#)

*Vietnam Investment Review – June 06*



### People wait for clean water at resettlement area

*Vietnamnews – June 09*

More than 10 years after moving to a new resettlement area, dozens of households in Giếng Xạ Village, Cù Yên Commune, Lương Sơn District still live with a severe lack of clean water, which seriously affects their daily life.

The area also does not have a sewage system, which leads to water pollution.

To have drinking water, many people have had to find different ways, but it is only a temporary measure.

The Giếng Xạ Village resettlement area was built in 2011 following Decision No. 2343/QĐ-UBND of Hòa Bình Province.

The resettlement area is for households which had to move for the Cừu Long ecological and service urban area project.

However, until now, the people here have faced many difficulties because the infrastructure system in the resettlement area was not implemented as promised.

Local people have sent letters and petitions, but the Lương Sơn District People's Committee and concerned units have not resolved the problems.

Observations by a Vietnam News Agency correspondent showed that the resettlement area reeks of the bad smell of sewage.

The lighting system is rusted, while clean water and a wastewater treatment system are not available.

### Eating Away Our Food: Ocean Acidification Impacting Fisheries in Southeast Asia

*Fulcrum – June 06*





## 5 | SUSTAINABLE CITIES & BUILDINGS

### [Green buildings: Ending the demolish and rebuild cycle in China](#)

*China Dialogue – May 31*

### [Achieving the just transition: A toolkit for city leaders across the globe](#)

*C40 Cities – June 13*

### [Integrating gender and social inclusion in nature-based solutions: a way forward](#)

*World Bank – June 05*

Vietnam, with its vast coastline extending over 3,000 kilometres, is not only home to prosperous fisheries and socio-economic activities but also bears the brunt of rising sea levels, flooding, and storms. Women and vulnerable groups are especially susceptible to the negative impacts of disasters and face a continuing income gap. To address both challenges, the World Bank is working with the Vietnamese government to implement a project to enhance coastal resilience through nature-based solutions (NBS). As a result, the country is becoming more resilient through activities like mangrove planting and ecotourism, while women are prioritized for these and other income generating activities.

NBS aim to protect, restore, and manage natural ecosystems, often in combination with gray infrastructure, with the objective of strengthening climate resilience while providing environmental and socioeconomic benefits. However, if not designed correctly, women, persons with disabilities, low-income households, and other marginalized groups may face barriers to accessing these benefits. Local and indigenous community participation is crucial for successful NBS implementation, especially in contexts of fragility, conflict, and violence. An inclusive disaster risk management approach calls for integrating gender and social inclusion considerations in NBS interventions from the onset. Moreover, these interventions must be customized to local contexts to ensure maximum benefits for all social groups.

The World Bank, with support from the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) has launched a new guidance note that provides entry points for gender and social inclusion in NBS in urban, coastal, and forest and farmland settings. The guidance note includes a range of examples that illustrate opportunities for inclusive design.

For instance, in urban public spaces, inclusive design features such as lighting and accessibility for persons with disabilities can be critical to ensure NBS benefits reach all groups. Adding features such as seats, accessible toilets, and drinking fountains in the NBS design, financing, and maintenance plans can help overcome social exclusion. Similarly, coastal NBS can be made more inclusive through accessibility measures such as slip-resistant paths and access ramps. NBS in forest and farmland settings can adopt inclusive approaches to integrate marginalized groups into sustainable resource management and livelihood activities.





## 6 | SUSTAINABLE FINANCE



### [Germany, EU to combine funding schemes to boost green hydrogen](#)

Reuters – May 31

### [A pledge to fight climate change is sending money to strange places](#)

Reuters – June 01

### [Questionable climate funding database](#)

Reuters – June 01

### [Who is keeping coal alive?](#)

The Economist – June 04

### [What does the perfect carbon price look like?](#)

The Economist – June 04

### [EU regulators flag rising greenwashing practices by banks](#)

Financial Times – June 01

### [Rich countries' continued failure to honor their \\$100 billion climate finance promise threatens negotiations and undermines climate action](#)

Oxfam International – June 05

### [New World Bank chief under pressure as 'Bridgetown initiative' seeks \\$100bn](#)

Financial Times – June 05

### [Rich countries with high greenhouse gas emissions could pay \\$170tn in climate reparations](#)

The Guardian – June 05

### [World Bank must drive private investment in climate transition, new chief says](#)

Reuters – June 12

### [EU eyes conflicts of interest crackdown in ESG ratings rules](#)

Financial Times – June 07

### [Australian Prime Minister pledges US\\$105 million to help Viet Nam's energy transition](#)

Government News – June 04

### [Financial Materiality Marks Next Big ESG Investing Battle](#)

BloombergNEF – June 01

### [Việt Nam seeks to attract ESG-focused investment to achieve 'inclusive growth'](#)

Vietnamnews – June 05

### [Fair energy transition awaits financing](#)

Vietnam Investment Review – June 12

### [Green credit initiatives highlight positive advances](#)

Vietnam Investment Review – June 06

### [VN businesses need to embrace green practices to export to EU](#)

Vietnamnews – June 07



## 7 | OTHERS



### [Climate change fight could be a boon for Southeast Asia if it gets the right support](#)

*South China Morning Post – May 31*

### [Asia must embrace technology to overcome food supply shocks brought on by climate change](#)

*South China Morning Post – June 02*

### [WHO calls on Asian countries to quit tobacco farming](#)

*Sci Dev Net – June 09*

### [The 'harshest heat wave' in its history caught Southeast Asia off guard | CNN](#)

*CNN – June 07*

### [Vietnam's culture, tourism sector takes actions to protect environment](#)

*VietnamPlus – June 02*

### [To fulfil Vietnam's economic ambitions, climate action is essential](#)

*World Bank – June 05*

### [Electric Vehicle Fleet Set to Hit 100 Million by 2026, but Stronger Push Needed to Stay on Track for Net Zero](#)

*BloombergNEF – June 08*





## 8 | EVENTS

### **Roundtable on clean water in Ho Chi Minh City**

*HCMCPV – June 13*

On June 13th, Saigon Water Supply Corporation (Sawaco) collaborated with Phu Nu TPHCM Newspaper to organize a seminar titled "Supply of Clean Water for the Socioeconomic Development of Ho Chi Minh City in the Context of Climate Change."

### **UNDP x MONRE on Payment of Ecosystem Services**

*UNDP – June 13*

### **Three problems for green hydrogen development in Vietnam**

*Vietnam Posts – June 09*

### **EEPI x UNDP: Reducing plastic pollution" Conference**

*ISPONRE – June 01*

On June 1, 2023, the Environmental and Economic Policy Institute (EEPI) in collaboration with the Environmental and Economic Journal and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organized a panel discussion on "Beating Plastic Pollution - Current Situation and Solutions in Vietnam." This event delivered important environmental messages and created a ripple effect in the community to commemorate World Environment Day on June 5, 2023, with the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution."

### **Việt Nam needs solutions to mitigate plastic waste in agricultural production**

*Vietnamnews – June 01*

### **CIEM x GIZ: a regulatory sandbox for circular economy development**

*Vietnamplus – June 12*

### **The Hanoi Department of Natural Resources and Environment dialogue on the administrative procedures of environment and water resources in July**

*Vietnamplus – June 12*

### **EVN x VPEG x GIZ conference on offshore wind power**

*VJST – June 05*

Grid connection, management, operation, and technical aspects of offshore wind power projects were the focus of a recent workshop organized by the Vietnam Electricity Group (EVN), the Offshore Wind Task Force under the Vietnam Energy Partnership Group (VEPG), and the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) in Hanoi.

### **Webinar Series: "CIRCULARITY UNLEASHED FOR A SUSTAINABLE VIET NAM"**

*Vietnam Circular Economy*

1. Measuring Circular Economy Policies: Frameworks and Metrics – 14:00, Wednesday 7th June 2023
2. Financing the Circular Economy Transition in Viet Nam – 14:00, Thursday 29th June 2023
3. Making Circularity Work in Cities – 14:00, Thursday 20th July 2023

Registration link:

[https://undp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_EI-ntfQoTHanTUjE8hcdEg](https://undp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EI-ntfQoTHanTUjE8hcdEg)

### **Vietnam's largest renewable energy event | Future Energy Vietnam**

*The Future Energy Show*

Date & Location: 12 – 13 July 2023 | Sky Expo Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City

Registration link:

[https://secure.terrapinn.com/V5/step1.aspx?E=10718&\\_ga=2.143976821.1560162408.1686822754-1216701848.1686822754](https://secure.terrapinn.com/V5/step1.aspx?E=10718&_ga=2.143976821.1560162408.1686822754-1216701848.1686822754)

### **IP Investor Showcase: Driving Forces for Sustainable and 'Orange' Growth**

*Impact Investment Exchange*

Time & date: 3:30PM – 4:00PM, 22 June 2023

Registration link:

<https://iixglobal.typeform.com/to/luqdDY28>

### **The 3rd Global Food Security & Sustainability Summit 2023**

*The 3rd Global Food Security & Sustainability Summit 2023*

Time & date: 8:00AM, 27 July – 7:00PM, 28 July 2023

### **Digitally Enabled Climate Finance in LMICs**

*GSMA*

Time & date: 3:00PM – 4:00PM, 16 June 2023



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