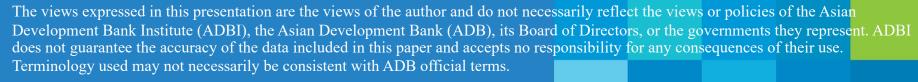


Green Bonds for Financing Green Buildings in ASEAN

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What are Green Bonds?

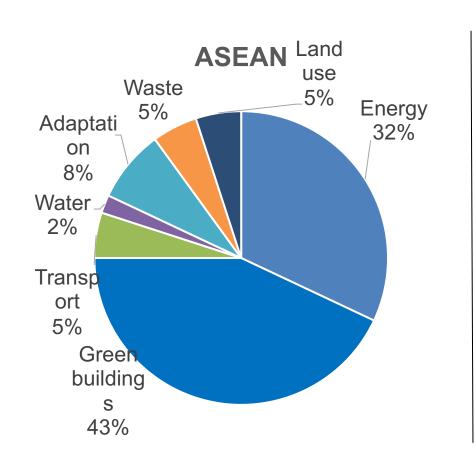
Green bonds are fixed income financial instruments used to fund projects that have positive environmental and/or climate benefits.

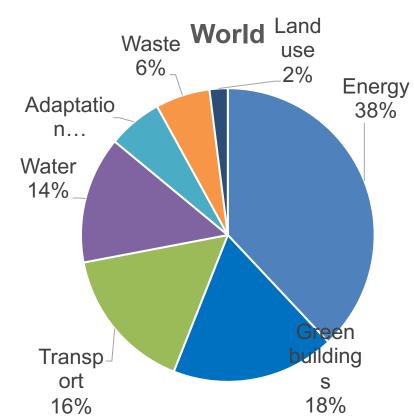
The issuer commits to use proceeds only for 'green projects' with clear environmental benefits.

Labelling provides a guarantee that proceeds will be used only to fund Green Projects.



Nearly half (43%) of green bonds in ASEAN were used for financing Green Buildings



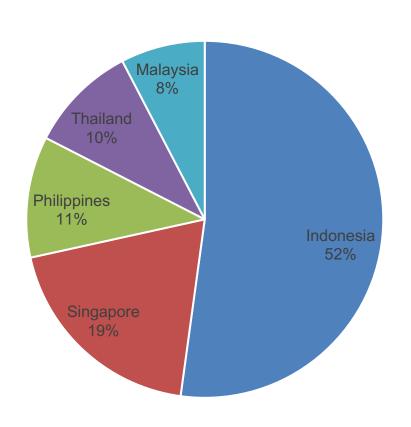


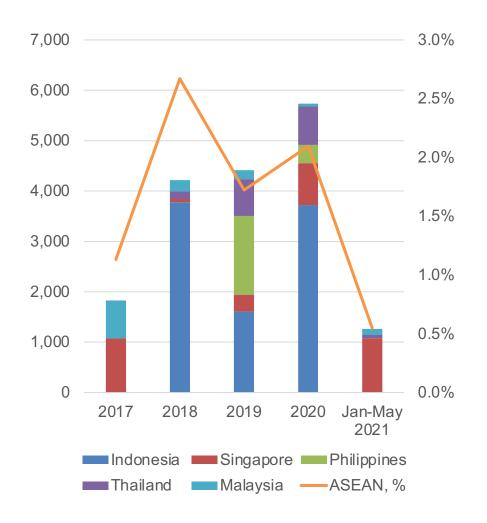
Source: Filkova et al. (2018)



Issuance of green bonds in ASEAN

Data source: Bloomberg (as of 2 June 2021)

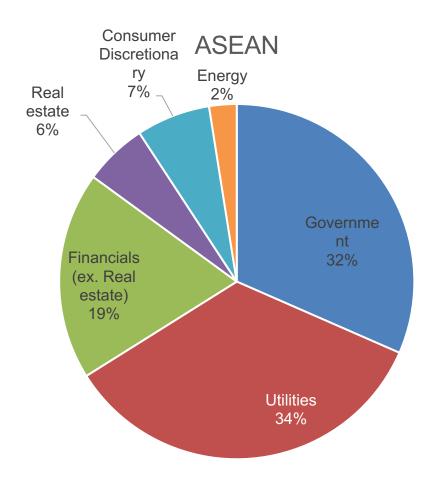


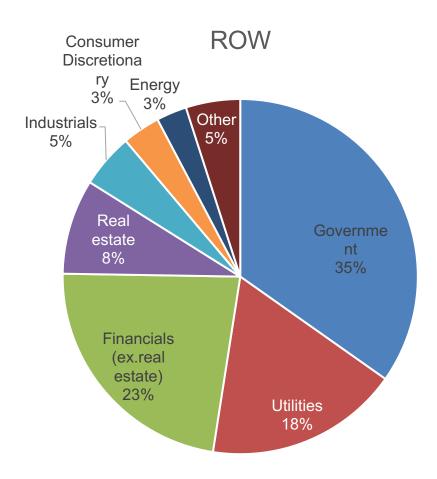




Issuance of Green Bonds across sectors

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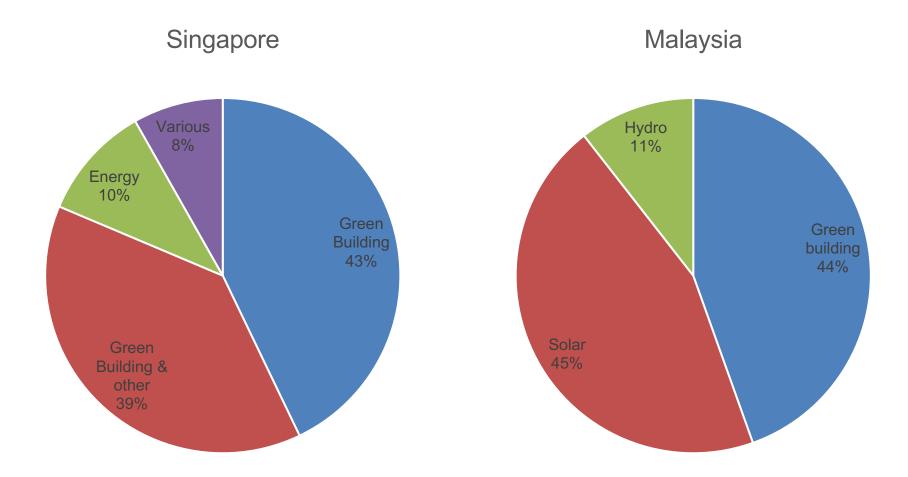






Green bond issuance by project

(as of 8 June 2021)





Green Bond Grants

- Green bond grants in ASEAN are provided in Malaysia and Singapore. Non-ASEAN countries with grants include Hong-Kong (PRC) and Japan.
- Green bond grant reduces the cost of labelling bonds 'green'.
- Both green bond grant schemes are usually set for a limited number of years as a temporary measure to boost green bond issuance.
- Allow to claim up to around USD 70,000 to cover the cost of external review.
- However, there are some differences in eligibility for these grant schemes.



Eligibility of buildings in Green Bond Standards

Country	Green bond standard	Building eligibility
Indonesia	Green Bond and Green Sukuk Framework	Green Building Council Indonesia Greenship
Malaysia	Sustainable and Responsible Investment Sukuk Framework	regional, national or internationally recognised standards or certifications;
Thailand	Kingdom of Thailand Sustainable Financing Framework (2020)	 internationally recognized green building certification scheme, or a minimum 20% improvement in energy use and/or carbon emissions compared to a mandated local or regional baseline or code
	ACMF ASEAN (2018)	regional, national or internationally recognised standards or certifications.
	<u>ICMA GBP</u> (2018)	regional, national or internationally recognised standards or certifications.



Most issuers used both national and internationally recognised Green Building standards/certification

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Country	National Standards/certification used for Green Bond issuance	
Indonesia	Green Building Council Indonesia GREENSHIP	
Malaysia	Green Building Index GreenRE	
Philippines	Philippine Green Building Council Building for Ecologically Responsive Design Excellence	
Singapore	Building and Construction Authority Green Mark Scheme	



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