



GREEN GROWTH ECONOMIC SUMMIT 2026

Key Takeaways & Strategic Decisions

The Green Growth Economic Summit 2026 at Hyderabad, convened by The Meridian Collective in partnership with the Government of Telangana, brought together leaders from government, industry, philanthropy, and civil society to develop an implementation-focused agenda for sustainable AI and human capital in the Global South.

The summit focused on addressing three interconnected challenges: Power, Water, and People through public-private collaboration. Two flagship initiatives emerged from the discussions:

- **Global South BESS Alliance: Building Sustainable AI Infrastructure**

The rapid expansion of AI infrastructure is creating unprecedented demand for reliable, clean electricity. Summit participants concluded that strengthening subnational power systems will be critical to supporting future AI growth sustainably.

The proposed Global South BESS Alliance— currently operating under the Renewable Energy-for-Round-the-Clock Alliance framework (RE-for-RTC), aims to accelerate the deployment of RE-for-RTC solutions by combining renewable energy, utility-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) managed by advanced dispatch intelligence, to supply continuous, firm 24/7 clean power to large compute loads.

Key focus areas include:

- Advancing battery energy storage deployment across the Global South.
- Sharing best practices, including the use of AI for predictive energy planning.
- Developing data layers to anticipate future compute demand and grid requirements.
- Convening governments, industry, investors, and development partners to strengthen collaboration.
- Expanding access to blended climate finance for clean energy infrastructure.
- Creating open-source policy and regulatory models that can be replicated across regions.

The Alliance will work to build resilient, low-carbon energy systems capable of supporting the next generation of AI infrastructure.



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- **Inclusive AI Workforce: Sandboxes for Future Skills**

As AI transforms labor markets, participants emphasized the importance of ensuring that communities are prepared to benefit from emerging opportunities.

The proposed AI Workforce Sandboxes will explore practical models for building an inclusive AI-economy by bringing together governments, industry, and local communities to co-design future workforce solutions.

The initiative will focus on:

- Engaging communities to better understand AI, its opportunities, and its implications for local economies, energy, and water resources.
- Partnering with the private sector to identify emerging skills and workforce needs.
- Developing hands-on training sandboxes that equip young people with the capabilities to build AI-enabled products and businesses.
- Supporting hyperlocal innovation and entrepreneurship through accessible learning pathways.
- Gathering community feedback over the coming months to shape scalable workforce development models across the Global South.

These sandboxes aim to ensure that the AI transition creates broad-based economic opportunity while strengthening local innovation ecosystems.