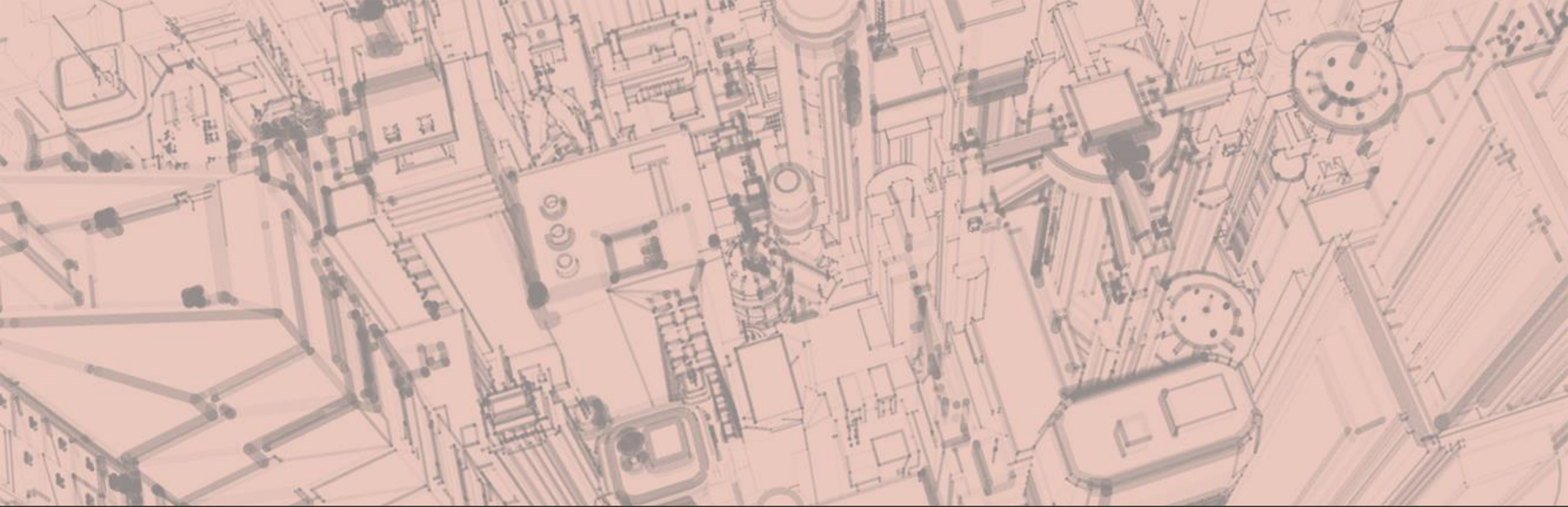


An aerial photograph of a city, likely Singapore, with a teal overlay. The image shows a dense urban landscape with various buildings, roads, and green spaces. The teal color is semi-transparent, allowing the underlying city details to be visible.

TELLING THE TALE OF LIBRARIES & SDGS

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY BOARD, SINGAPORE'S EXPERIENCE



WHO WE ARE



NATIONAL LIBRARY BOARD, SINGAPORE (NLB)

Singapore is a small island city-state (710 sq km) with a comprehensive network of libraries managed by NLB.

29 Public and Partner
Libraries



National Library



National Archives



LAB25

- 5-year plan of reimagining the future of libraries and archives.
- Developed in consultation with partners and the public.
- Invitation to all to collaborate with NLB on a journey of innovation and experimentation.
- Supports Singaporeans from all strata of society through **4 roles**.



WHAT IS LAB25?

LAB25 is NLB's invitation to partners and the community to collaborate on this journey of innovation and experimentation to reimagine libraries and archives. The goal is to be an even stronger companion to patrons as the society navigates an evolving social, cultural and economic landscape. Through four distinct roles, NLB seeks to work with the community to co-create products and services for our next generation of libraries and archives.

LEARNING MARKETPLACE

To transform NLB into a national platform of lifelong learning with like-minded partners

SINGAPORE STORYTELLERS

To inspire discovery and creation of Singapore stories and instil a deeper appreciation of our collective experience

INFORMED CITIZENRY

To nurture thoughtful people who reflect deeply on what they come across every day

EQUALISER

To bridge gaps, include more and empower all in this digital age

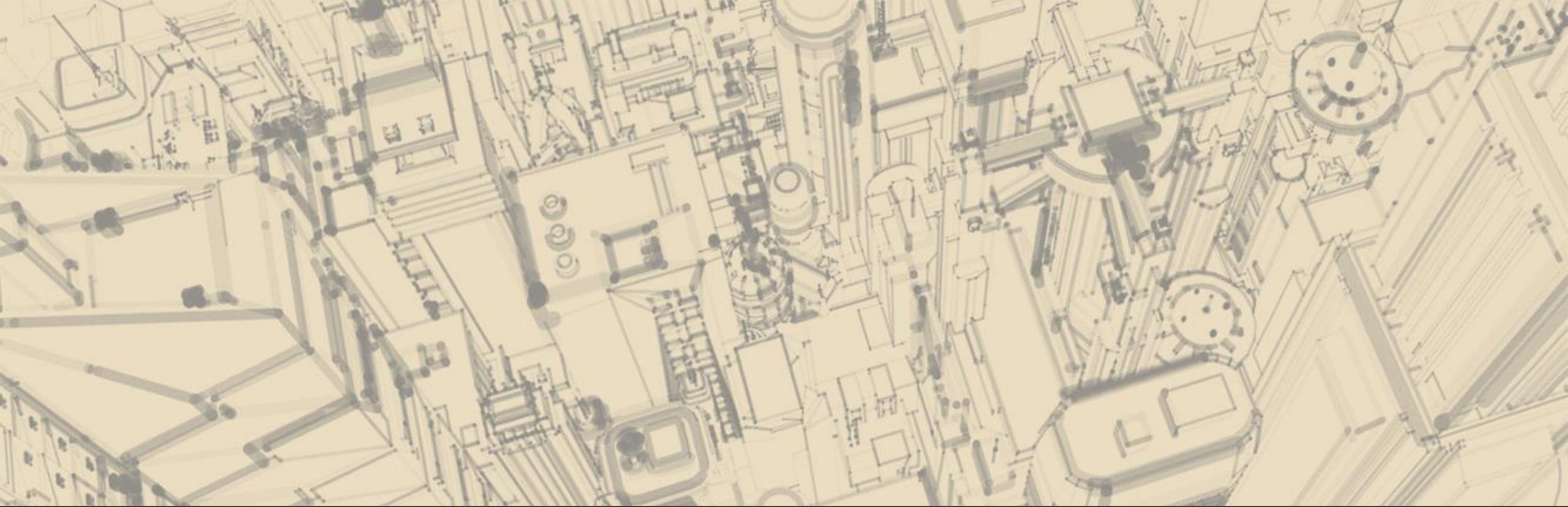
OUR STRATEGIC ROLES IN VNR PREPARATION

Agent that
brings
SDGs to
fruition

Advocate
of SDGs



Bridge
between
organisations
(including
government
agencies) and
communities



WHAT WE DID



WEAVING SDGS INTO OUR LIBRARY BLUEPRINT

ENSURING ACTIVITIES ARE LARGELY ALIGNED WITH SDGS

Equaliser

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Learning Marketplace

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Achieving
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and more

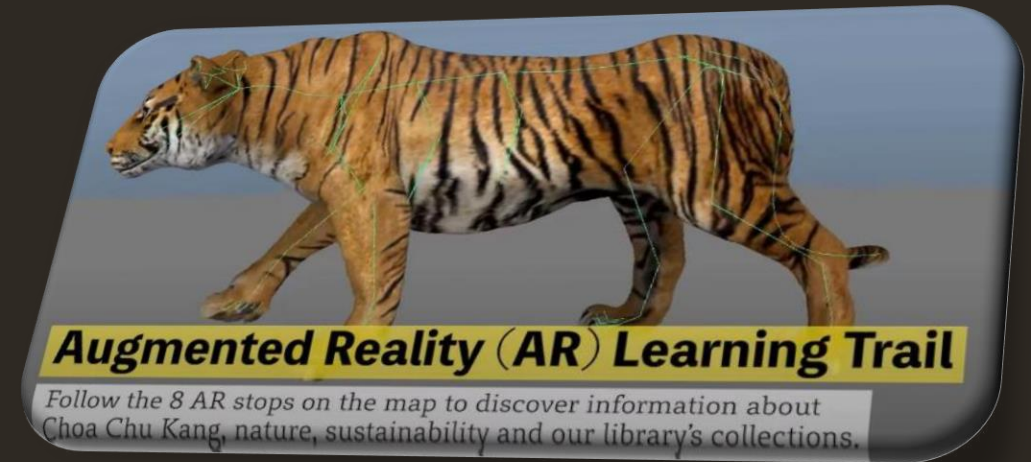


AWARD-WINNING GREEN LIBRARY

CHOA CHU KANG PUBLIC LIBRARY (CCKPL)



- Winner of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Green Library Award 2022.
- Launched in 2021 with the theme (Re)Connect with Nature, CCKPL provides an experiential communal space promoting environmental awareness and interest in sustainable living to all.



- Sustainable materials were used for CCKPL's interior works.
- Worked with industry partners and volunteers to present eco-themed programmes and AR Learning Trail that broadens users' knowledge of wildlife.

A FULLY-INCLUSIVE LIBRARY

PUNGGOL REGIONAL LIBRARY (PRL)

- Opened its doors in 2023 as part of Singapore's ongoing efforts to make public services accessible by everyone.
- Equipped with assistive technology devices, wheelchair-accessible book borrowing stations, Calm Pods and an Accessible Collection with books for the disability community and their caregivers.
- The Accessible Membership was launched to provide an expanded scope of library services for persons with disabilities (PwDs) across NLB's network of libraries.
- These features were developed in consultation with more than 500 PwDs and caregivers since 2018 and NLB's PwDs Advisory Committee which was set up in 2019.



ACCREDITED INCLUSIVE HIRING PRACTICES

PARTNERSHIP WITH AUTISM RESOURCE CENTRE (ARC)



- An MOU was signed between NLB and a non-profit organisation ARC in 2015 to set up a digital services centre at the Singapore's inclusive community space Enabling Village. This provided employment for 15 people on the autism spectrum to carry out digitisation work.
- Other individuals on the autism spectrum also take on shelving tasks at the National Library of Singapore.
- NLB was conferred the Enabling Mark (Gold) award, which is a national-level accreditation that recognises firms with inclusive hiring practices toward people with disabilities.



SPREADING THE LOVE FOR READING TO ALL

KIDSREAD



- A nationwide reading programme that engages children from less-privileged families since 2004.
- With the support of partner organisations, Singapore currently has 175 kidsREAD clubs in community spaces and schools to engage participants in weekly story-related activities.



- A total of 3,307 children have benefitted from the programme in 2022.

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QUALITY
EDUCATION



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REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



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PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



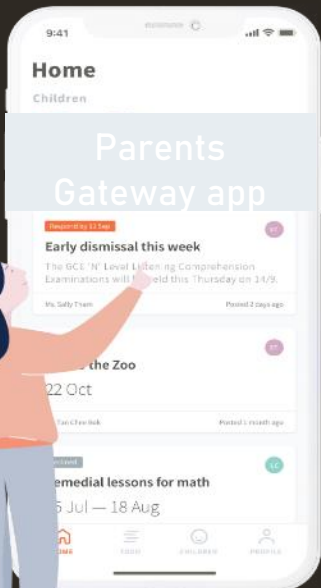
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JOINING HANDS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES FOR ALL

Book talks and promotion of resources through MOE's digital platforms.

- **Ministry of Education** – to promote reading among students.
- **Ministry of Social and Family Development** – to reach the underprivileged.
- **Ministry of Communications and Information** – to help Singaporeans embrace technology.
- **Civil Service College** – to combat fake news.



Provide pre-loved library books and reading resources to children and teens from less-privileged backgrounds with MSF.



and
more.

Parliament: All recruits to learn about information literacy in BMT to deal with fake news: Maliki Osman

S.U.R.E Information Literacy workshops for recruits taking basic military training.

GEARING UP GOOD STORIES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

Create a repository of high-res photographs and videos featuring the SDG initiatives and users.

Collect human-interest stories where possible.

Write a good story based on the materials gathered.

Did you know?

The IFLA Library Map of the World captures stories about library activities, projects and programmes that contribute to the achievement of SDGs. Resources such the SDG Storytelling Manual and Flowchart are provided as well to help libraries frame and narrate their SDG stories.



LEVERAGING PLATFORMS TO GAIN EXPOSURE IFLA, TRADITIONAL MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA AND MORE

- Such platforms and exposure offer a chance for NLB to take stock of our SDG initiatives, share our experience, improve our approach and encourage others to bring the SDGs to fruition.

Webinars on SDG efforts



IFLA Library Map of the World



IFLA Regional Newsletter for Asia & Oceania, produced by IFLA Regional Office for Asia & Oceania/NLB, featuring libraries' initiatives



Media publicity



Source: The Straits Times

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/new-punggol-library-encourages-tinkering-and-storytelling-including-for-children-with-disabilities>

SUMMARY **THE STEPS** **WE TOOK**

Weaving SDGs into our library blueprint



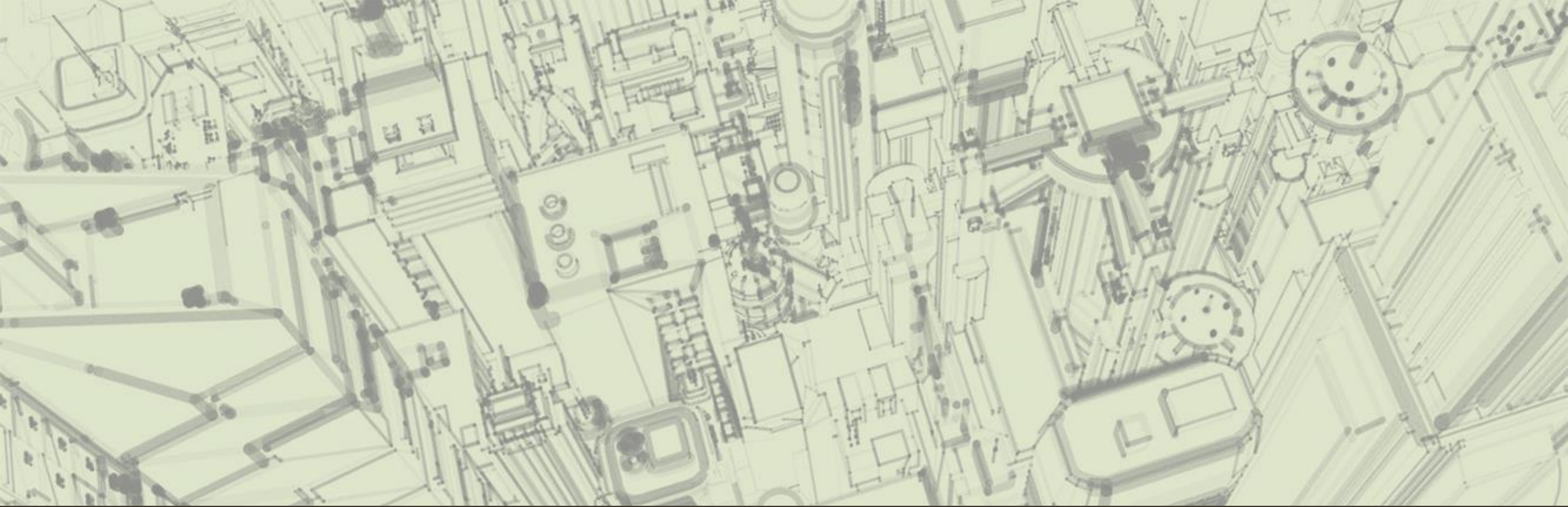
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Carrying out activities that are aligned with SDGs

Gearing up and telling the tale with good materials

Leveraging platforms to gain exposure, share experience and improve our approach

Rolling out enhanced initiatives that are aligned with SDGs



THANK YOU

