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The 2nd Edition of the Future Sustainability Forum successfully brought together a global network of experts and innovators, continuing its legacy of driving sustainability through emerging technologies.

Featuring inspiring keynotes, thought-provoking panels, engaging tech talks, and an immersive exhibition, attendees gained invaluable insights and explored bold solutions for reducing carbon footprints and advancing sustainable economic growth.

Forum at a Glance

3,000+

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100+

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Global Speakers

50+

Countries

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Sessions

2

Days

Attendee Insights

TOP 5 SOLUTIONS IN DEMAND



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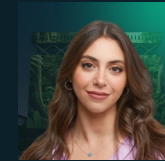
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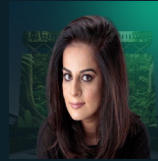
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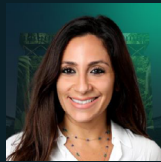
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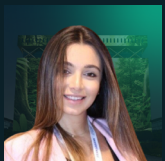
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14 Sessions

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It's been a fantastic experience connecting with professionals in sustainability and ESG. The roundtables and discussions on climate action were incredibly insightful. Looking forward to next year!

DANIEL GRIBBIN

Sustainability and Climate Leader,
Deloitte, Middle East, UAE

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The government of Dubai has laid a strong foundation for global sustainability awareness, and with numerous organisations embracing impactful initiatives, this event has been truly valuable.

FAISAL MOHAMMED ALSHIMMARI

Head of ESG, Mashreq, UAE

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Connecting with new contacts and building partnerships has been a great experience. The sessions offered fresh perspectives on sustainability, and ending with a forest planted alongside our partners in the UAE was truly inspiring. Looking forward to next year!

KAREN STOREY

CEO of The Storey Group, Representative, EcoMatcher

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The Future Sustainability Forum has been exceptional! From the venue to the engaging discussions and innovative solutions at display, everything was perfect. I'm thoroughly impressed.

JOSEF SCHMIDHUBER

Chief Sustainability Officer, Pure Harvest

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One Event, Multiple Experiences



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Roundtable Discussions



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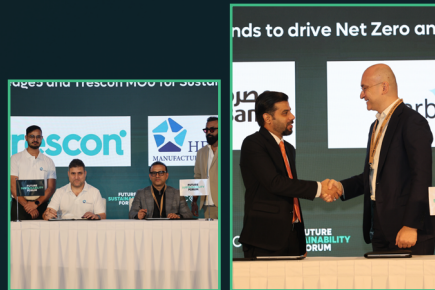
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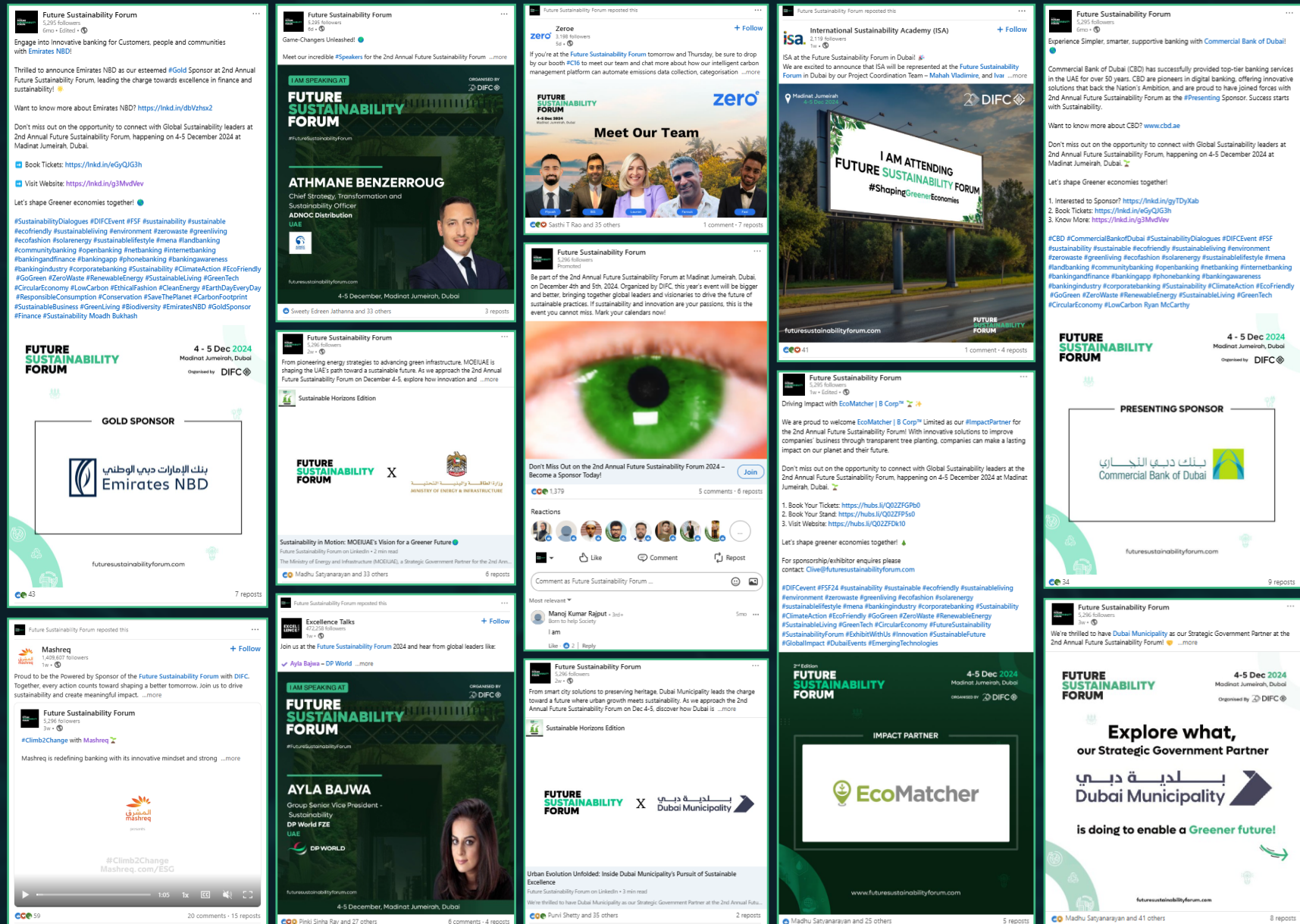


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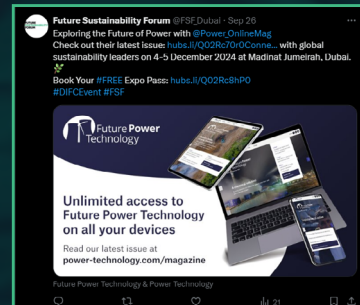
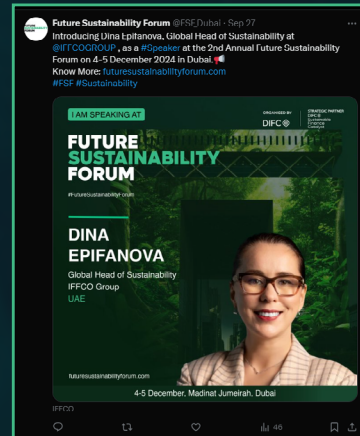
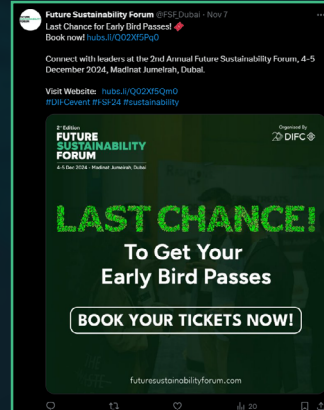
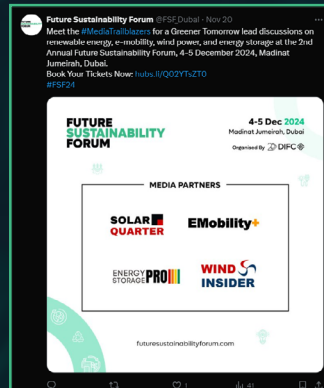
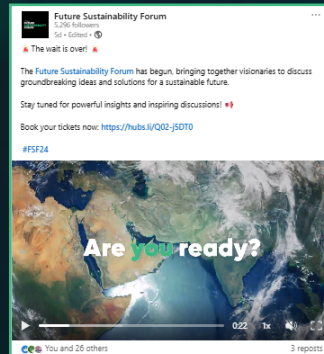
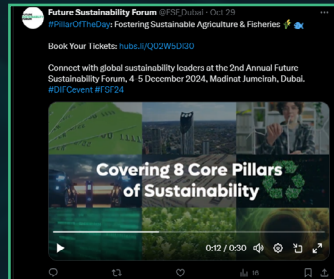
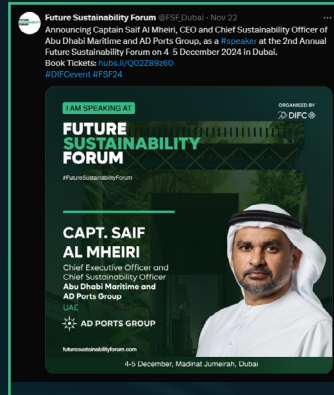
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Media Testimonials

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It's been a fantastic experience. It's my first time in Dubai, and the event has exceeded expectations. I've connected with incredible people from across the sustainability sector.

CHLOE WOODEN

Media Partner, Sustainable Times, UK

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“

It's been an incredible experience attending the 2nd Annual Future Sustainability Forum that brought together global sustainability leaders and expert speakers to explore global sustainability solution, particularly in indigenous regions. This forum has truly highlighted actionable steps and innovations that drive value and help us reach new sustainability milestones.

MARINA BIRD


Managing Director, ESG News

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Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), the leading global financial centre in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia (MEASA) region, today welcomed more than 3,000 industry leaders, government officials, and sustainability experts to the 2nd Future Sustainability Summit 2024. The event convened global experts to ideate, collaborate and inspire with insights, to accelerate the global transition towards a low-carbon, climate-resilient future, and showcase the UAE's sustainable practices, specifically in the financial environment.

The first day of the Future Sustainability Forum showcased thought leadership in panel discussions on topics including facilitation and development of green financing mechanisms, enhancing stakeholder engagement for sustainable development, decarbonisation of the energy sector, prominence of building a circular economy, ESG reporting, and a roadmap to a sustainable 2025. The second day of the event

Laura Jepson, Partner of Public Sector Sustainability at Deloitte at FSP 2024!



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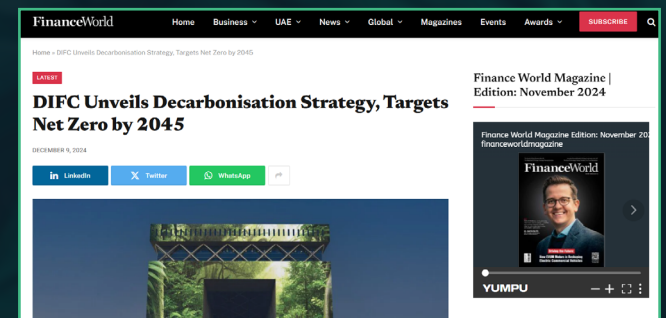
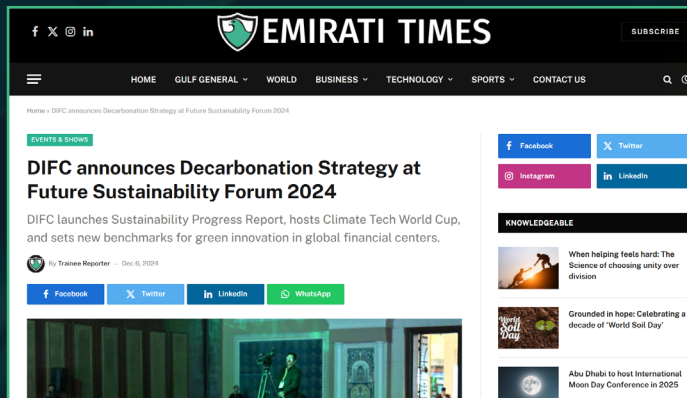
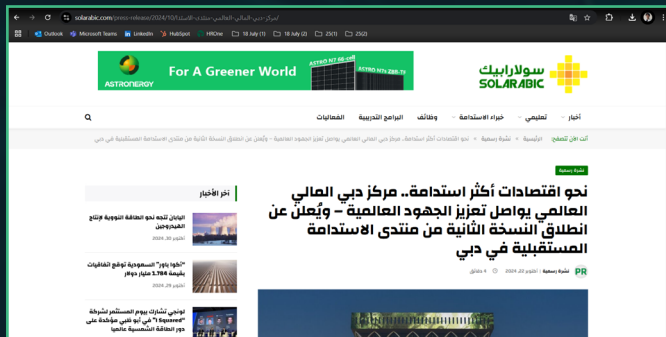
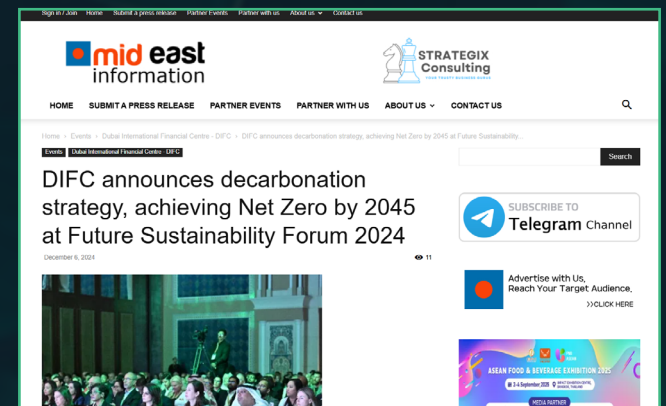
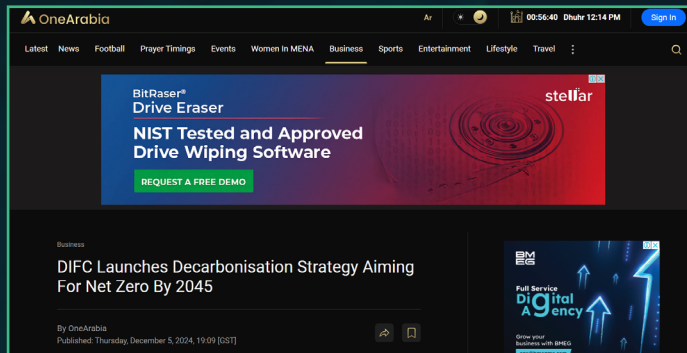
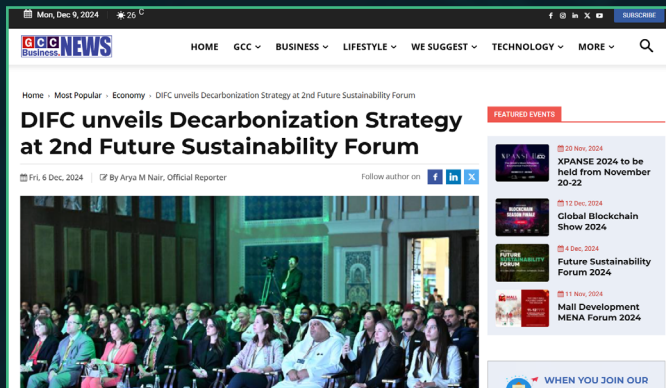
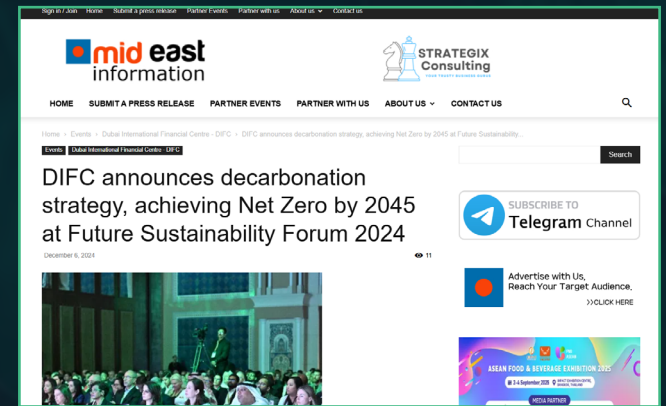
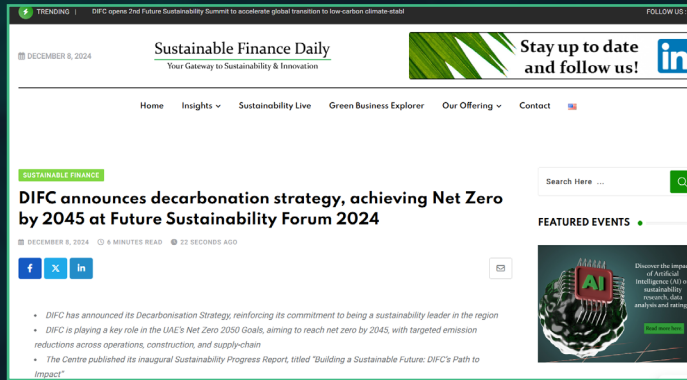
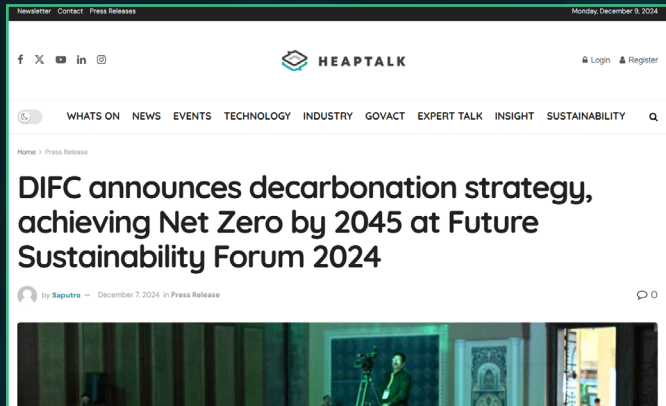
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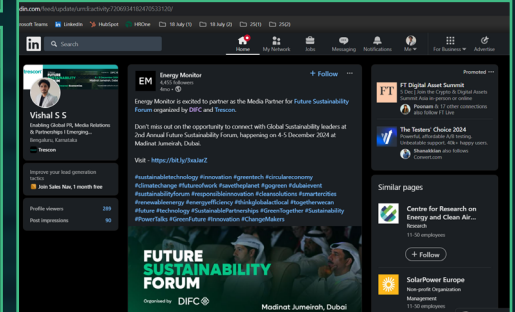
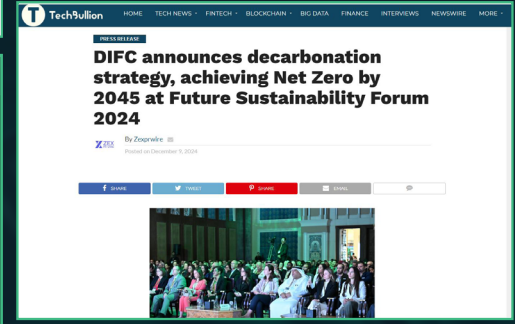
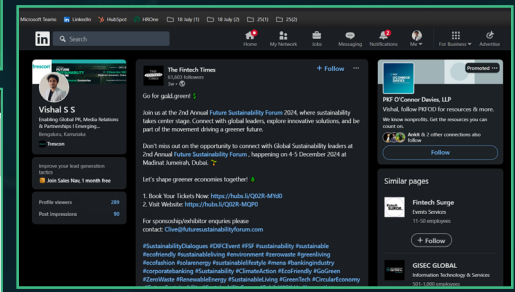
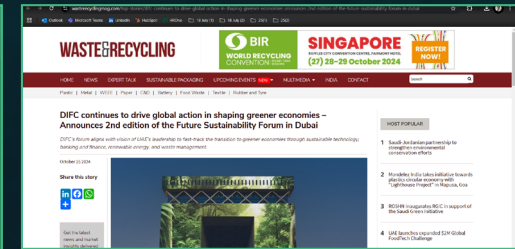
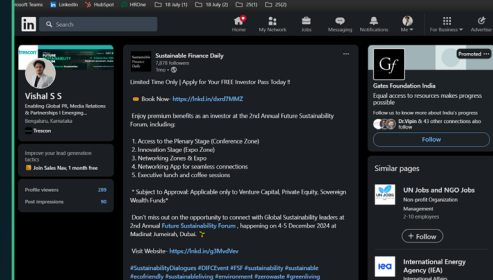
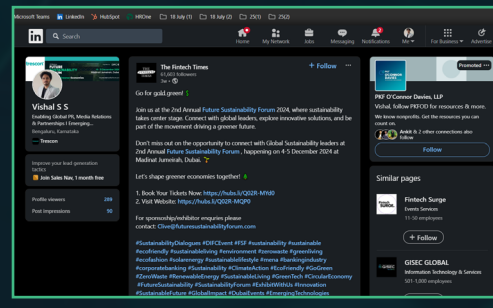
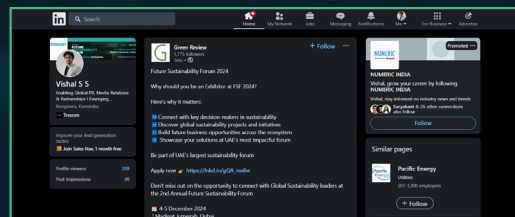
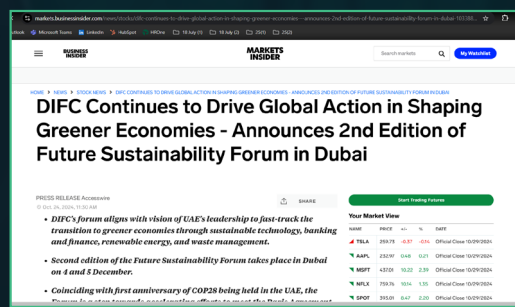
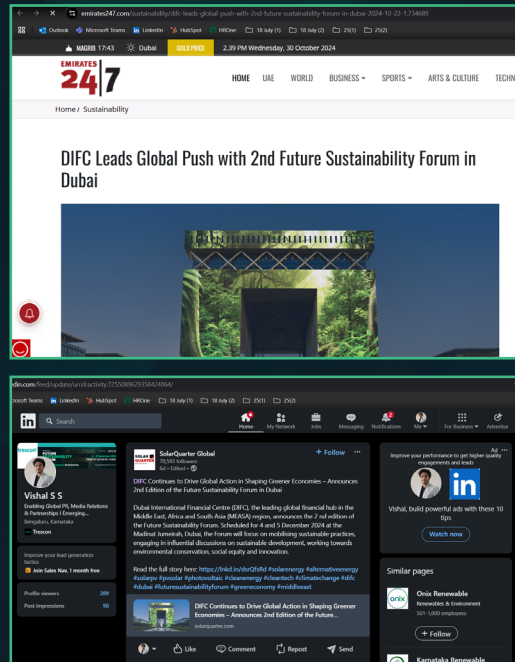
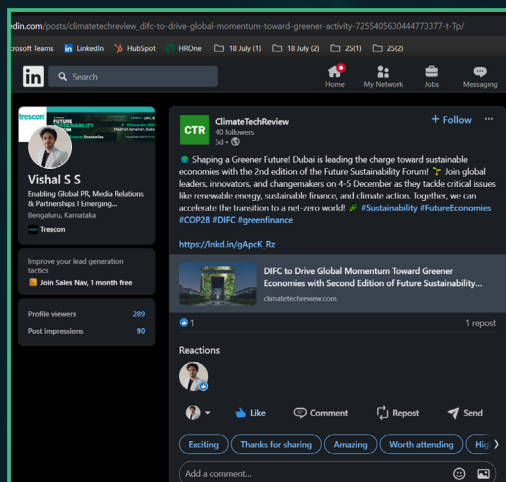
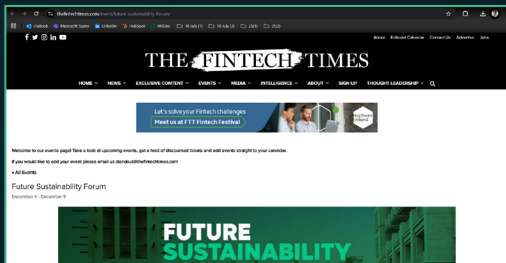
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