

Triangular Policy Inference from Renewable Energy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Urbanization Towards Climate Goal: Insight from Indonesia

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22 **Abstract**

23 This is an expository study towards ascertaining the ability of Indonesia in mitigating carbon
24 emission. Indonesia is positioned as among the best performing economies in Southeast Asia
25 because of its vigorous fiscal management and sustained economic growth over the years. The
26 country's foreign investment inflow increased to 14% in 2019, largely in gas, electricity, water,
27 and transportation because of the viability of its macroeconomic reforms. To test the
28 environmental implication of this macroeconomic performance of Indonesia and to see its ability
29 to achieve carbon neutrality, we adopt Indonesian quarterly data of 1990Q1- 2018Q4 for empirical
30 analysis. Relevance Instruments in the economic performance of Indonesia such as urbanization,

31 foreign direct investment (FDI) and renewable energy source are all adopted for accurate
32 estimations and analysis of this topic. Different approaches such as structural break test,
33 autoregressive distributed lag (ARDL)-bounds testing and granger causality are all adopted in this
34 study. Our analysis and policy recommendations are based on short run and long run ARDL
35 dynamics and granger causality. Findings from ARDL confirmed, negative relationship between
36 carbon emission and renewable energy source, FDI and urbanization. Also, a U-shape instead of
37 inverted U-shape EKC is found confirming the impeding implication of Indonesian economic
38 growth to its environmental performance if not checkmate. From granger causality analysis, all the
39 variables are seen transmitting to urbanization in a one-way causal relationship. Also, FDI and
40 renewable energy prove to be essential determinants of the country's environment development,
41 hence, FDI is seen transmitting to both energy source (fossil fuels and renewables) in a one- way
42 causal relationship. Renewable energy is as well seen having two ways causal relationship with
43 both carbon emission and fossil fuels. This result has equally exposed the significant position of
44 the three instruments (urbanization, FDI and renewable energy source) in Indonesia environment
45 development.

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47 Indonesia

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49 **Highlights of Indonesia's environment performance**

- 50 1. This is a time series study of Indonesia's environmental performance
- 51 2. Renewable energy, urbanization and foreign Direct Investment (FDI) are used to assess the
52 possibility of accessing carbon neutrality in Indonesian
- 53 3. Indonesia's ambition towards mitigating carbon emission is confirmed with the three
54 instruments (renewable energy, FDI and urbanization)
- 55 4. Conclusion is based on policy framing towards reducing the fossil fuels impact on
56 Indonesia's environmental performance

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60 **1. Introduction**

61 Fiscal direct investment (FDI) is a crucial microeconomic and macroeconomic tool for both
62 developing and emerging economies. A robust FDI regime has the propensity to engender higher-
63 income generation, spur job creation opportunities (reduce unemployment) and can enhance
64 diversification. For instance, Indonesia is regarded as one of the largest economy in Southeast Asia
65 because of its vigorous fiscal management and sustained economic growth over the years. Through
66 structural reforms, the country's foreign investment increased to 14% in 2019, largely in gas,
67 electricity, water, and transportation. The Indonesian government implemented policies that have
68 contributed to their growth in investment mainly on tax incentives for investment in major
69 economic sectors, law enforcement and business certainty, cuts in interest rate tax on exporters
70 and energy tariffs for industries. These policies have qualified Indonesia to rank as the 17th out of
71 20 top host countries based on the source of investment. Japan is the largest and the USA is the
72 5th source of investment. (World investment report 2020).

73 FDI has declined from the year 2020 mainly due to the uncertainty over the development of the
74 covid-19 pandemic which has adversely lead to the world economic decline. The fall in foreign
75 investment was more in the developed economies, fall by 69% reported by UNCTAD (UNCTAD
76 2021). The flows of FDI to the United States indicated a decline mostly in the primary sector with
77 49%, making the foreign investors discrete with their capital to productive assets. Furthermore,
78 the uncertainty affects the flow of FDI to developing economies as well with a 12% fall in FDI
79 inflow, reported with a fall of -4% in Asia, -18% in Africa, -37% in Latin America and the
80 Caribbean. However, despite the pandemic, Indonesia is expecting more investment in 2021. The
81 government has approached bona fide companies to invest in the country. According to the
82 investment coordinating Board (bkpm) indicates the growth of investment in Indonesia despite the
83 pandemic in 2020. The foreign investment grew to 2.1% (US\$58.8 billion), 1.11% higher than the
84 target. Domestic investment increased by 7%, while foreign direct investment reduced by 2.4%
85 (Rahman Dzulficar 2021).

86 Notwithstanding the significance of FDI in promoting growth, it also has disadvantages. It can act
87 as a monopoly which will affect the domestic markets. Foreign Investment has improved its
88 benefits globally as well as in Indonesia over the last decades. FDI flows have influence economic

89 growth in Indonesia positively. Many researches have proved its benefits on how foreign
90 investment added value to both foreign investors and domestic (local) firms. To improve an
91 economy's production capacity through FDI flows, improve the quality of export and barriers
92 should be minimized or removed to enhance competition (Khaliq and Noy 2007; Sjöholm F 2017).
93 Correspondingly, policies should be enforced to lighten tariff and labour market arrangements
94 because excessive tariff on imported inputs by host country discourages multinational firms
95 thereby leading to a reduction in FDI inflow (Ahmad et al 2018). Khaliq and Noy (2007) increase
96 in FDI improves the economic growth of Indonesia. Show that the impact of FDI on the non-oil
97 and gas industry, electricity and water, retail and wholesale trade, transport and communications,
98 hotels and restaurant, all have positive impact on the economy. However, FDI impact on mining
99 and quarrying reduces economic growth. Katircioglu (2009), Mahmood and Mahmood (2016), and
100 Effendi and Soemantri (2003) asserted that not all sectors benefit from foreign investment which
101 indicates that more attention should be given to sectors that contribute to economic growth.
102 However, other studies believe it does not affect economic growth (Kersan-Skabic and Zubin
103 (2009).

104 With the rising flows of FDI into the Indonesian economy, moreover, it will be instructive to
105 explore the major impact of the rise in FDI inflows on the environmental sustainability of the
106 nation. Many studies have confirmed the positive influence of FDI on environmental quality
107 (Udemba E. 2019, Haug and Ucal (2019), Sarkodie and Strezov (2019).

108 Philip et al (2021) analyzed the cause of foreign direct investment, urbanization, income, and
109 energy used on the Turkish environment amid the global economic plunge. Indicated that all the
110 variables contribute to environmental degradation in Turkey. Suggested that policies should be
111 fixed on green investment inflow and encourage the use of renewable energy. Jun et al (2018)
112 analyzed the impacts of FDI and economic growth on pollution applied the wavelet tool from
113 1982-2016. Their findings confirm that foreign investment positively impacts environmental
114 degradation indicating that an increase in FDI increases emissions both in the short-run and long
115 run in China. Abdouli and Hammami (2017) indicated a rise in foreign investment and income
116 increases pollution. The study of Sasana, Sugiharti and Setyaningsih (2018) states that high
117 economic growth in Indonesia reduces environmental degradation. While foreign investments

118 have a positive impact on CO₂ emissions showing that the activities of the multinational
119 companies reduce the quality of the environment.

120 However, others indicate that FDI reduces CO₂ emissions (Shahbaz et al 2019, Joshua, Bekun,
121 Sarkodie 2020). Atici C (2012) found no evidence that FDI influences CO₂ emission negatively
122 showing that foreign investment in ASEAN economies does not lead to increasing pollution due
123 to operating in nonpolluting sectors. Merican et al (2007) test the impact of FDI on the environment
124 of these developing countries Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Philippines.
125 Employing the Autoregressive Distributive Lag (ARDL) model and found that the inflow of FDI
126 increases environmental degradation in Thailand, Malaysia, and Philippines, whereas increase in
127 foreign investment decreases environmental pollution in Indonesia and shows insignificant
128 relation in Singapore. Bachri and Normelani (2020) evaluate the nexus of disposable income and
129 environmental degradation on FDI in Indonesia utilized the ARDL and Granger Causality test
130 from 1960-2018. Revealed that FDI have a significant impact on environmental pollution and
131 income.

132 According to World Resources Institution (WRI), Indonesia is the 5th largest emitter of
133 greenhouse gasses in the world due to the transmutation of carbon-rich sources, ecological and
134 social reactions. The Indonesia Administration decided to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the
135 minimum of 26 percent by 2020 and 41 percent with financial support from developed countries.
136 Also, plan to minimize emissions by 2030 to below 662 MtCo₂e through the reduction of forest
137 debasement to attain the nation's target of environmental sustainability (World Bank Country
138 Director for Indonesia). Indonesia has notable fossil fuel types include oil, coal and natural gas,
139 and renewable energy resources. In 2013 Indonesia became the largest exporter of coal (IEA 2014).
140 However, it generates power from renewable energy (solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal of 788,
141 00 megawatts of power. Sasana and Ghazali indicated that subsidies on fossil fuel enhance the
142 increase of emissions which reduce the environmental quality of Indonesia.

143 Renewable energy is an important source of energy. It minimizes the effect of greenhouse gas
144 emissions (types of air pollution) by reducing the use of fossil fuels (coal, gas, oil). Also, important
145 because it reduces the dependence on imported fuels, creates economic development, jobs in
146 manufacturing and installation. The problems or challenges that slow the development of
147 renewable energy in Indonesia are policy uncertainty, financing barriers, low renewables

148 manufacturing volume, and market barriers (IRENA 2017). Sugiawan and Managi (2016)
149 investigate the EKC and the impact of foreign direct investment, energy production from
150 renewable energy sources, on environmental pollution in Indonesia. The outcome of the analysis
151 reveals the insignificant support for EKC, and energy production increases the level of CO₂
152 emissions in the period of the study. On the contrary, renewable energy have a significant and
153 beneficial influence in the reduction of environmental pollution. Finally, an increase in the total
154 factor of productivity decreases emissions both periods. Recommended that decrease in subsidies
155 on fossil fuels should be encourage to minimize the use of fossil fuel for electricity consumption,
156 in return for renewable energy consumption by providing incentives for more efficient and cleaner
157 technologies to enhance Indonesia's electricity generation. Shezan et al (2017) reveal that hybrid
158 system is significantly favorable to the environment by reducing the effect of CO₂ emissions in
159 Indonesia. Recommended cost reduction and suitable control systems for hybrid energy system,
160 also maximize the available renewable energy sources. Indeed, studies by Viccakusumadewi and
161 Limmeechokchai (2017) for Indonesia and Thailand, Qi et al (2014) for China, Sebri and Ben-
162 Salha (2014) for BRICS, confirm that increase in renewable energy use reduces the effect of CO₂
163 emissions.

164 Urbanization in Indonesia has increased over the years just like any other country. Jakarta is the
165 largest city in Indonesia which is the nation's capital with about 10 million populations (Aaron
166 O'Neil 2021). People move from rural to urban areas for job opportunities, good health care, social
167 benefits and services. The urban area creates more opportunities for innovation, industrialization
168 and commercialization. Apart from these rural-urban movement benefits, it also has its negative
169 side such as dismantling of habitats and increase environmental pollution. Some researchers
170 analysed the impact of urbanization on economic growth and environmental sustainability. The
171 study of Sasana et al (2019) states that an increase in the population of urban areas increases
172 investment activities through the use of higher oil fuel which later enhances the rates of CO₂
173 emissions. This indicates that urbanization activities may have a positive influence on
174 environmental pollution by increasing pollution in urban areas. Ali et al (2019) proved that
175 urbanization influences emissions. Government policies are needed for green technology to control
176 pollution from industrial and residential areas. Anwar et al (2020) stated the increase in
177 urbanization and economic growth has increase pollution in East Asia. Encourages sustainable
178 urbanization and the use of green resources to stimulate economic stability without impacting the

179 environment negatively. Nonetheless, the environmental effect on both the present and future
180 growth of Indonesia is of great importance to policymakers. According to United Nations
181 sustainable development goals (SDGs), individual countries are encouraged to work towards
182 curtailing climate change by maintaining good environmental quality through carbon neutrality.

183 To this end, the present study seeks to analyze the possibility of accessing carbon neutrality with
184 the nexus of FDI, renewable energy, urbanization in Indonesia This defines the objective of this
185 study which is to investigate the possibility of the officials of Indonesia to mitigate carbon emission
186 with the three policies (FDI, renewable energy and urbanization) to enhance carbon neutrality of
187 the country. For clear insight to this subject, authors aim to examine the empirical evidence of the
188 impact of FDI inflows and renewable energy on the environmental quality of Indonesia by
189 employing approaches (such as structural break; bound cointegration test and symmetric ARDL
190 dynamics model). Studies have been made for the case of Indonesian environmental performance
191 but the uniqueness of this work is the combination of three dominating and paramount economic
192 features (FDI, renewable energy and urbanization) of the country to survey its sustainability and
193 carbon management. Our study will add to the literature through the revealing power of the three
194 policies in curtailing emission rate and fostering carbon neutrality in Indonesia.

195 The rest part of this study are; section 2-theoretical background, section 3-methodology, modelling
196 and date, section 4-empirical results and discussion, section 5-concluding remarks.

197 **2. Theoretical Background**

198 The present study is anchored on the transformed version of IPAT (STIRPAT) model according
199 to Dietz and Rosa (1994). IPAT model (Erhlin and Holdren, 1970) gives insight on the
200 environmental impact of human agents which are most times measured with three basic
201 instruments (population, wealth and technology). This model was first developed in the 1970s with
202 hypothesis of environmental effects from the three factors. The assertion of IPAT model is the
203 multiplicative power of the instruments (population, wealth and tech) in determining the
204 environment without the individual ability of each variable in determining the environment. The
205 conventional IPAT model takes the form:

$$206 \quad I = PAT$$

207 Where I denotes carbon emission which represents environment, P denotes population, A denotes
208 wealth which is represented with real GDP per capita and T denotes technology.

209 After a while, changes were observed and made in IPAT model because of its shortcomings. IPAT
210 was later transformed into STIRPAT model by Dietz and Rosa (1994) to have a mathematical
211 identical by showing the stochastic impacts of the instruments through regression. This
212 accommodates application of quadratic or other polynomial style of wealth (GDP) in testing EKC
213 hypothesis. STIRPAT model has the capacity to test the empirical analysis of the impacts of the
214 instruments on the environment. This can be done on individual bases by controlling other
215 variables while testing the effect of one instrument on the environment. Also, environmental
216 Kuznets curve (EKC) was adopted as among the theories in this study. EKC hypothesis as
217 developed by Simon Kuznets, (1955) was intended to test the income inequality and was later
218 adopted by some environment economies to test the effect of income (GDP) growth on weather
219 development. The underline part of EKC hypothesis is turning point that exists between income
220 (GDP) growth and environment. It is assumed that the initial stage of economic growth will
221 undermine the atmosphere condition till it gets to a certain point where the impact will turn to
222 positive on environment. Different shapes (U- shape, N-shape and inverted U-shape) are expected
223 to exist depending on the interaction of economic growth and environment.

224 **3. Methodology, Modeling and Data**

225 Our study is modelled according to the extended version of IPAT (STIRPAT) and ARDL-bound
226 testing. IPAT was first introduced by Ehrlic and Holdren, (1970) for the analysis of human impact
227 on environment. Following the introduction of this model, some scholars (Harrison, 1994; York et
228 al., 2002) adopted this model for analysis of human factors in determining the environment
229 condition. Three instruments (population, affluence and technology) were adopted according to
230 Ehrlic and Holdren to expose the part played by human agents in shaping the quality of
231 environment. In attempt to include statistical testing and inference in the IPAT theory, Dietz and
232 Rosa, (1994, 1998) expanded IPAT to STIRPAT. The latest version of IPAT (STIRPAT) explains
233 the stochastic involvement of human agents in environment development through population,
234 affluence and technology. Asides from suitability of STIRPAT model in empirical and hypothesis
235 testing, it also allows the expansion of the model to include other regressors (York et al., 2003a,b)
236 and their functional forms such as quadratic or other polynomial version apart from the three basic

237 instruments in the model. Hence, EKC hypothesis and other explanatory variables are all
238 accommodated in STIRPAT model. STIRPAT is modelled as follows:

$$239 \quad I = \alpha P^b A^c T^d e \quad (1)$$

240 From Equation 1, α is the constant while b, c and d are the exponents of the instruments (P, A and
241 T) to be estimated. e is the error term. The logarithmic form of equation 1 is as follows:

$$242 \quad \ln I = a + b \ln P + c \ln A + d \ln T + e \quad (2)$$

243 Part of the properties (a, b, c, d and e) of equation 2 have been defined in equation 1. Specifically,
244 a, b, c and d in equation 2 are the coefficients of the instruments (population, affluence and
245 technology). The coefficients explains the level of change that existed in the dependent variable (
246 I) due to the percentage change in the explanatory variables (P,A and T). As remarked in the above,
247 the ability of STIRPAT to accommodate other instruments apart from the three basic instruments
248 and equally accommodate the quadratic form of the instruments, this present study includes other
249 sensitive instruments that are important in studying Indonesia environment performance. Hence,
250 FDI, renewable and non-renewable energies and GDP². Scholars like Zhang and Zhao, 2019 and
251 Guo et al., 2019 have utilized the expanded form of STIRPAT with inclusion of other variables.
252 We also adopt urban population as proxy to population, GDP per capita (constant, 2010) as proxy
253 to affluence and FDI as proxy to technology. We adopt FDI in place of technology in this study
254 because of its multifaceted position in both economic growth and environmental performance
255 through direct and indirect effects. Through FDI, direction effect of technology is possible through
256 introduction of innovated technologies via importation by the foreign companies. This could be
257 inform of bringing in new and enhanced carbon mitigating machines and transferring of expatriate
258 into the host economies. Also, the indirect effect of FDI is possible through spillover effect such
259 transferring the skills and knowledge of the foreign expatriates to the local actors in manufacturing
260 sectors. This has significant effect both on the economic and environment performance, hence,
261 creating room for economies of scale and job opportunities, and moderation of the emission and
262 pollution rate due to the newly introduced innovated technologies. Other Scholars (Hubler and
263 Keller 2010; Javorick and Spatareanu, 2008; Keller, 2004) have equally adopted FDI in place of
264 technology in determining environmental performance. Therefore, the expanded STIRPAT model
265 with inclusion of all the instruments in this study is as follow:

$$lCO_2 = a_0 + a_1 lU.P + a_2 lY + a_3 lY^2 + a_4 FDI + a_5 lFoss + a_6 lR.E + a_7 DUM1 + a_8 DUM2 + e \quad (3)$$

Where lCO_2 , $lU.P$, lY , lY^2 , FDI , $lFoss$, $lR.E$, $DUM1$, $DUM2$ and e denote carbon dioxide emission, urban population, GDP per capita and its squared (constant, 2010), foreign direct investment (%GDP), non-renewable energy consumption as proxy by fossil fuels (I.e. summation of crude oil, natural gas and coal in millions tonnes oil equivalent), renewable energy consumption (million tonnes of oil equivalent), dummy variables for structural break and the error term. All the variables except FDI are all expressed in natural logarithm. The variables except environment indicators (carbon emission, fossil fuels and renewable energy) are all sourced from 2018 updated World Bank Development Indicators (WDI). All the environment indicators are sourced from 2019 British Petroleum World Energy statistics. Considering the objective of this study, that is, assessing carbon neutrality of Indonesia with the selected variables (renewable energy, FDI and urbanization), we adopted carbon dioxide emission (CO_2) as the best indicator for measuring the environment. Carbon emission tends to be major contributor to the greenhouse gas emission with almost 76 percent of the gas Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, (IPCC, 2014). Indonesia case is unique with FDI and renewable energy consumption showing evidence of mitigating carbon emission in most some studies (Udemba et al., 2019 for Indonesia). Indonesian quarterly data of 1990Q1- 2018Q4 are utilized in this study. Instrument and their measurements are defined and summarized in Table 1 below. Also, the trend of the adopted instruments of this study is displayed in Figure 1.

Moreover, we further the modelling of this present study to ascertain the existence of cointegration. We modelled this with Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL)-bound testing. ARDL-bound approach is preferred to other approaches in cointegration estimates (Pesaran et al., 2001). Part of the advantages of ARDL –bound testing over other approaches is ability to accommodate multiple forms of integrations among the series. Accommodation of the sample size irrespective of the size is part of the advantages of ARDL. No stringent condition before the adoption of ARDL except the avoidance of second order of integration $I(2)$. Following this, we modelled the cointegration according to the ARDL-bound testing with inclusion of both short run and long run estimates with error correction model (ECM) as follow:

$$\begin{aligned}
295 \quad \Delta lCO_{2t} &= b_0 + b_1 lCO_{2t-1} + b_2 lU.P_{t-1} + b_3 lY_{t-1} + b_4 lY^2_{t-1} + b_5 lFDI_{t-1} + b_6 lFOSS_{t-1} + \\
296 \quad &b_7 lR.E_{t-1} + b_8 lDum1_{t-1} + b_9 lDum2_{t-1} \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \phi_1 \Delta lCO_{2t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \phi_2 \Delta lU.P_{t-i} + \\
297 \quad &\sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \phi_3 \Delta lY_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \phi_4 \Delta lY^2_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \phi_5 \Delta lFDI_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \phi_6 \Delta lFOSS_{t-i} + \\
298 \quad &\sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \phi_7 \Delta lR.E_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \phi_8 \Delta lDum1_{t-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} \phi_9 \Delta lDum2_{t-i} + ECM_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t \quad (4)
\end{aligned}$$

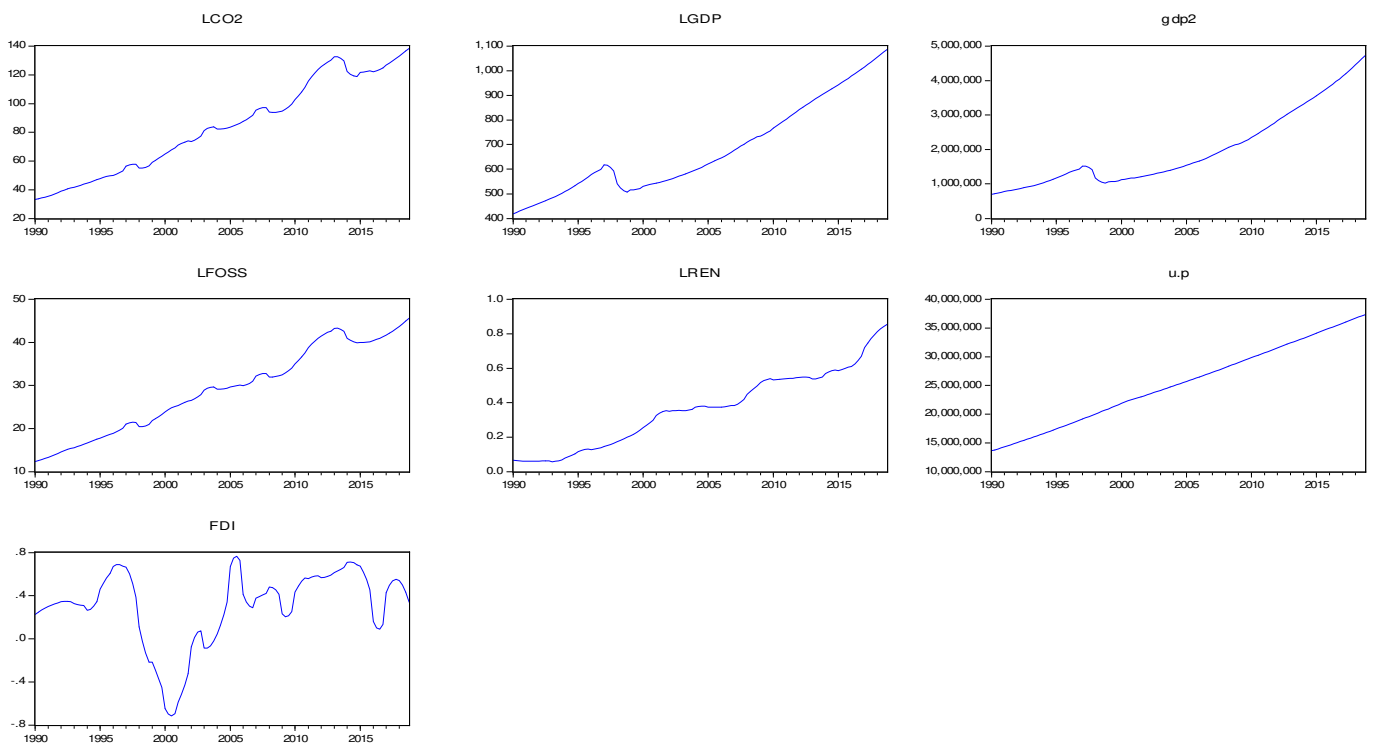
299 From Equation 4, some of the properties and the instruments (carbon emissions, urban population,
300 GDP per capita, squared GDP per capita, FDI, Foss, renewable energy and Dum) have been
301 defined from other equations 1→3. The remaining properties such as b_i , ϕ_i ($i=1, 2$.etc.),
302 \sum , Δ and ECM_{t-i} are coefficients of long run (b_i) and short run (ϕ_i), summation of short run
303 and differenced form of the instruments (\sum , Δ), and the error correction model (ECM_{t-i}). From
304 the ARDL –bound testing model, cointegration is estimated by comparing the values of F and T-
305 stats with the critical values of upper bounds. Hence, if the values of the F and T-stats are greater
306 than the critical values of the upper bound test at 1,5 and 10 percent significant values, it is
307 concluded that cointegration exist and vice versa. If the values of F and T-stats fall in between the
308 the upper and lower bounds, the outcome is said to be inconclusive. This analysis is anchored on
309 a hypothetical statements against or in support of the existence of cointegration. The null
310 hypothesis is against the existence of cointegration, while the alternative hypothesis is in support
311 of the existence of cointegration. The two hypotheses are expressed as follows: Null hypothesis
312 (H_0): $b_i = 0$ and the alternative hypothesis (H_1): $b_i \neq 0$.

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314 Table 1: Summary of the instruments

Numbers	Variables	Short form	Definition/Measurements
1	Carbon emission	CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide Emission in million tonnes of carbon dioxide, in natural log and retrieved from 2019 British Petroleum World Energy statistics
2	GDP per capita	Y	Economic growth proxy by Gross Domestic Product(GDP) per capita (constant, 2010), in natural log and retrieved from 2018 updated WDI
3	Squared GDP per capita	Y ²	Economic growth proxy by Gross Domestic Product(GDP) per capita (constant, 2010), in natural log and retrieved from 2018 updated WDI
4	Urban Population	U.P	Urban population in natural log and retrieved from 2018 updated WDI
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6	Fossil fuels consumption	Foss	Non-renewable (Fossil fuels) consumption in natural log and retrieved from 2018 updated WDI
7	Foreign Direct Investment	FDI	Foreign Direct Investment inflow as percentage of GDP and retrieved from 2018 updated WDI
	Renewable energy consumption	R.E	Renewable energy consumption in natural log and retrieved from 2018 updated WDI

315 **Source:** Authors' construction



316
317 **Figure 1:** Trends of the instruments as displayed

318 **Source:** Authors' computations

319 Methodologies adopted in our study include summary and descriptive statistics, stationarity tests
320 with conventional and structural break approaches, autoregressive distributed lag (ARDL)-bound
321 tests and granger causality estimates. Diagnostic test is part of the analysis which is done with
322 serial and auto correlation tests, heteroscedasticity test and Cumulative sum and cumulative sum
323 square tests. Application of descriptive statistics helps in determining the normal distribution of
324 the data with both Jarque-Bera, skewness and kurtosis. The stationarity test is applied for the
325 determination of the order of the integration among the series. Conventional applications
326 (augmented dickey fuller, ADF, 1979; Philp-Perron, 1990 and Kwiatkowski-Phillips-Schmidt-

327 Shin, KPSS, 1992) of stationarity tests are applied with Zivot Andrew (1992), structural break
 328 estimate to test for the unit root and the order of integration among the series. Most times, the
 329 structural shock in form of macroeconomic policies or natural events (Adedoyin et al., (2020) may
 330 constitute stationarity of the series when tested with conventional approaches, but when structural
 331 break test is applied, it will unveil the real unit root of the series. We applied ARDL –bound test
 332 for the estimation of cointegration. Granger causality is estimated with pairwise granger causality
 333 method.

334 4. Empirical results and discussion

335 4.1 Descriptive statistics

336 Normal distribution of the statistics utilized in this study is done with descriptive statistics. Result
 337 of the descriptive statistics with respect to Jarque-Bera and Kurtosis confirmed that the data are
 338 normally distributed with the values of the kurtosis fall below 3 except for the case of FDI.

339 Table 2: Descriptive statistics

Variables	LCO2	LGDP	LGDP ²	LFOSS	LREN	LU_P	FDI
Mean	83.87	680.10	1992	28.98	0.365	2528	0.299
Median	83.20	615.0	1511	29.46	0.375	2520	0.348
Maximum	138.5	1087.	4727	45.59	0.854	3734	0.768
Minimum	33.15	418.7	7011	12.34	0.057	1361	-0.716
Std. Dev.	32.41	185.8	1106	9.905	0.219	6954	0.352
Skewness	0.084	0.635	0.924	-0.012	0.192	0.018	-1.190
Kurtosis	1.684	2.183	2.637	1.737	2.115	1.818	3.940
Jarque-Bera Probability	8.503 0.014	11.02 0.004	17.15 0.0002	7.713 0.021	4.503 0.105	6.759 0.034	31.67 0.000
Sum	9729.	7899	2.31E+08	3361.	42.37	2.93E+09	34.78
Sum Sq. Dev.	1208	3972	1.41E+14	1128	5.505	5.56E+15	14.18
Observations	116	116	116	116	116	116	116

340 **Source:** Authors' computation with Eviews

341 4.2 Stationarity test

342 Unit/stationarity test is performed with both conventional and structural break approaches as
 343 remarked from the methodology section. The output from the both approaches confirmed mixed
 344 order of integration among the series. This confirmed that stationarity of the instruments took place
 345 both at level I(0) and first difference I(1). Moving further, structural breaks are noticed in the
 346 following years: 2010q4 and 2013q2 for carbon emission and foss, 2000q2 and 2003q2 for FDI,

1997q2 and 1997q3 for economic growth (GDP), 2013q2 and 2014q2 for renewable energy, 2000q2 and 2001q1 for urban population. Looking at the structural break tests output, it is deduced that the breaks took place from 1997q2 to 2014q2 and this is within the specified period (1990Q1-2018Q4) chosen for this study. Considering the break dates and events related to the highlighted date, it is obvious the stationarity of the variables could be tampered with. Among the events that caused shock to most of the economies of the world are the financial shocks of 1997/8 and 2008/10 and these dates are reflected in our structural break tests for economic growth and fossil fuels energy. Even physical assessment of the trend of the instruments as shown in Figure 1, it is observed that breaks that left the Indonesian economy in a permanent shock took place within the identified periods as reflects in the structural break outputs. Both the outputs of the structural break tests and the conventional unit root tests are displayed in Tables 3 and 4.

Table 3: Stationarity test (ADF, PP and KPSS)

Variables	@level		@ 1 st Diff		
	Intercept	Intercept and trend	Intercept	Intercept and trend	Order
			ADF		
LCO ₂	-0.272	-3.786**	-3.324**	-3.311*	MIXED
LY	1.244	-0.891	-2.299	-2.842	MIXED
LU.P	0.396	-2.356	-2.707*	-2.655	I(1)
LFOSS	-0.359	-3.963**	-3.156**	-3.127	MIXED
LR.E	0.486	-3.457**	-2.105	-2.265	I(0)
FDI	-2.781*	-2.974	-2.471	-2.456	I(0)
			PP		
LCO ₂	-0.134	-2.580	-4.821***	-4.806***	I(1)
LY	1.702	-0.481	-4.603***	-4.806***	I(1)
LU.P	1.861	-1.970	-3.491***	-3.613**	I(1)
LFOSS	-0.381	-2.538	-4.751***	-4.729***	I(1)
LR.E	1.570	-1.599	-3.902***	-4.149***	I(1)
FDI	-2.122	-2.201	-5.090***	-5.062***	I(1)
			KPSS		
LCO ₂	1.254***	0.072	0.048	0.042	I(1)
LY	1.179***	0.283***	0.415*	0.093	MIXED
LU.P	1.266***	0.134*	0.318	0.084	I(1)
LFOSS	1.255***	0.061	0.039	0.039	I(1)
LR.E	1.250***	0.065	0.278	0.087	I(1)
FDI	0.266	0.132*	0.054	0.054	I(1)

Attn: Significant levels are represented with *, ** and *** at 10%, 5% and 1%.

Source: Authors' computation with Eviews

Table 4: Structural Break test (Zivot-Andrew)

Variables	ZA	P-value	Lag	Break period	CV@ 1%	CV@5%
LCO ₂	-3.882***	0.008	4	2010Q4	-5.57	-508
LY	-8.085***	0.000	4	1997Q3	-5.57	-508
LU.P	-6.018***	0.000	4	2001Q1	-5.57	-508
LFOSS	-3.622**	0.032	4	2010Q4	-5.57	-508
LR.E	-4.902***	0.007	4	2014Q2	-5.57	-508
FDI	-3.192***	0.003	4	2003Q2	-5.57	-508
DLCO ₂	-5.531***	0.000	4	2013Q2	-5.57	-508
DLY	-5.596***	0.001	4	1997Q2	-5.57	-508
DLU.P	-9.056***	0.000	4	2000Q2	-5.57	-508
DLFOSS	-5.085***	0.000	4	2013Q2	-5.57	-508
DLR.E	-3.840**	0.050	4	2013Q2	-5.57	-508
DFDI	-5.267***	0.000	4	2000Q2	-5.57	-508

363 Attn: Significant levels are represented with *, ** and *** at 10%, 5% and 1%. ZA=Zivot Andrew,
364 LG=lager, Prob.=Probability value, CV= critical values.

365 **Source:** Authors' computation with Eviews

366 4.3 Cointegration and linear relationships

367 Cointegration and dynamic analysis of the both the short run and long run relationship among the
368 instruments are estimated with ARDL-bound test, and the result of the estimations are shown in
369 the Table 5 below. Also, results of diagnostic tests ranging from auto and serial correlations to
370 heteroscedasticity are all displayed in the Table 5. Firmness of the model is equally tested with
371 cumulative sum and cumulative sum squared (CUSUM and CUSUM²) tests and the outputs are
372 placed under the Table 5 shown with Figures 2 and 3. The preliminary test confirmed the goodness
373 of fit of the adopted model with the values of R²=0.990 and Adjusted R²=0.987. This suggests that
374 the environment indicator (carbon dioxide emission) which is the endogenous instrument (ICO₂)
375 is explained by the exogenous variables (economic growth, Urban Population, Fossil fuels,
376 Renewable Energy and FDI) at 99 percent. The remaining part of the carbon emission is explained
377 by the error term. Our model shows ability to correct any short run disequilibrium in the long run
378 with negative coefficient (-0.112) of the error correction model (ECM) at 1 percent significant
379 level. This points to the correction of the short run disequilibrium at 11.2 percent in the long run,
380 that is 8.9 years for the adjustment (1 divided by the coefficient of the ECM). Also, there is
381 possibility of existence of long run relationship among the selected variables of this study. Absence
382 of heteroscedasticity, auto and serial correlation are established with the outputs of their respective
383 tests, hence, for Heteroscedasticity, Breusch-Pagan-Godfrey tests shows F-stats and Chi-square at
384 1.220 [0.231] and 43.49 [0.249], for serial correlation, F-stats and Chi-square at 0.514[0.60] and

385 1.605[0.45] respectively. Durbin Watson value at 1.8 rules out the presence of autocorrelation
386 from the model. Further check on the stability of the model was done with cumulative sum and
387 cumulative sum square (CUSUM and CUSUM²) and the output is displayed with Figures 2 and 3
388 below Table 5. Lag selection is sensitive in this estimation and hence was performed with Akaike
389 Information Criterion (AIC) and 5 was considered the appropriate lag for this estimation. The
390 result will be available on request. Cointegration was confirmed in this estimation with F-stats
391 from ARDL-bound test greater than the critical values of upper bound at 12.88 and 3.77. Going
392 further in this analysis, we present and explain the findings of dynamic relationships between the
393 instrument in both periods (short term and long term estimates). The conclusion and policy
394 recommendation will be majorly built on these findings. From both short run and long run we find
395 negative and positive coefficients of LY and LY² which established negative connection between
396 economic growth (LY=GDP) and environment (LCO₂), and positive relationship between squared
397 economic growth (LY²=GDP²) and environment(LCO₂). Hence, the findings from both short run
398 and long run attest to the U-shaped association between income (GDP) growth and environmental
399 performance. This means that EKC is does not exist in the case of Indonesia. Statistically, a
400 percentage rise in income growth (real GDP) will cause a drop of carbon emissions (LCO₂) by
401 0.134 percent in both periods. In the case of squared real GDP, coefficient with a positive sign
402 denotes carbon emission increasing as economic growth is increasing confirming a break-out of
403 the initial decreasing relationship at the peak level of income (real GDP). This aligns with the
404 findings of Wijayanti, et al., (2018) for Indonesia; Hossain, (2012) for Japan; Ang, (2008) for
405 Malaysia; Bekhet et al., (2014) for UAE and Saudi Arabia. However, our finding contradict the
406 findings by Sugiawan and Managi, (2016) for Indonesia. Both the short run and long run elasticity
407 of carbon emissions (LCO₂) with respect to urbanization (urban population) is -2.12E-05 (-
408 0.00000212) for the case of Indonesia. This is supposes that a percent increase in urbanization will
409 lead to 2.12E-05 decrease of Indonesian per capita carbon emission. This is an indication that there
410 is high sensitization and increase awareness of clean in environment in Indonesian Cities. It is
411 equally a pointer that literacy rate is high in the country's urban areas. It could equally mean that
412 technological innovation and clean energy mix (renewable energy sources) in economic operations
413 in the cities is at increasing rate. This suggests that carbon neutrality could be attained through
414 urbanization. This findings supports the findings from Ahmed et al., (2019) for Indonesia but
415 contradicts the finding from Kurniawan and Managi, (2018). This could be because of difference

416 in indicators of measuring environment in both studies. The short run and long run elasticities of
417 carbon emission (LCO₂) with respect to non-renewable energy source (fossil fuels) is 3.681
418 respectively. This shows that a percentage increase in fossil fuels utilization will increase carbon
419 emission by 3.7 percent thereby degrading the Indonesian environmental. This suggests the
420 negative implication of fossil fuel based energy consumption on Indonesian environmental
421 development. Many literature (Udemba et al., 2019 for Indonesia; Udemba et al., 2021 for India;
422 Udemba, 2020 for Nigeria; Alola et al., (2021) ; Alola and Saint Akadiri, (2021) have found same
423 result both in the case of Indonesia and other countries. Going further, we find negative
424 relationships between renewable energy, FDI and carbon emission. This suggests that both clean
425 energy sources (renewable energy source) and FDI are mitigating the carbon emission increase in
426 Indonesia. This is a good story for Indonesia which points towards carbon neutrality in the country.
427 This shows that foreign investors in Indonesia are operating with consciousness of securing a good
428 environment performance. It equally shows the positive impact of energy transition on Indonesia
429 environment performance. Statistically, both short run and long run elasticities of carbon emission
430 with respect to renewable energy and FDI are -22.90 and -2.165 respectively. That is, a percentage
431 increase in renewable energy and FDI will decrease carbon emissions by 22.9 and 2.165 percent
432 respectively. The findings from both renewable energy and FDI for the case of Indonesia are really
433 interesting and are cable of attaining some level of carbon neutrality in the country. This findings
434 support the finding from Udemba et al., 2019 for Indonesia; Haug and Ucal (2019); Sarkodie and
435 Strezov (2019); Shahbaz et al 2019; Atici , (2012). The entire findings from both ARDL short run
436 and long run dynamics points towards carbon neutrality in Indonesia, hence, three instruments
437 (urbanization, FDI and renewable energy use) adopted in this study point towards their ability to
438 mitigate carbon emission increase in the country. This is a positive trend and a good platform for
439 the policy makers in the country to pursue United Nation sustainable development goal (SDGs).

440 Table 5: Cointegration (ARDL-bound test), Short run and Long run linear relationships

Variables	Coef	SE	T-stats	Variables	Coef	SE	T-stats
	Short-run				Long-run		
DLY	-0.134	0.085	-1.566	LY	-0.134	0.1371	-0.974
DLY ²	2.83E-05	1.86E-05	1.519	LY ²	2.83E-05	3.00E-05	0.945
DLU.P	-2.12E-05	1.76E-06	-12.04***	LU.P	-2.12E-05	2.42E-06	-8.742***
DLFOSS	3.681	0.086	42.98***	LFOSS	3.681	0.114	32.34***
DLR.E	-22.90	5.483	-4.177***	LR.E	-22.90	7.327	-3.126***
DFDI	-2.165	0.364	-5.952***	FDI	-2.165	0.476	-4.549***
CointEq(-1)	-0.112	0.009	-12.04***	C	2.940	0.903	3.258***

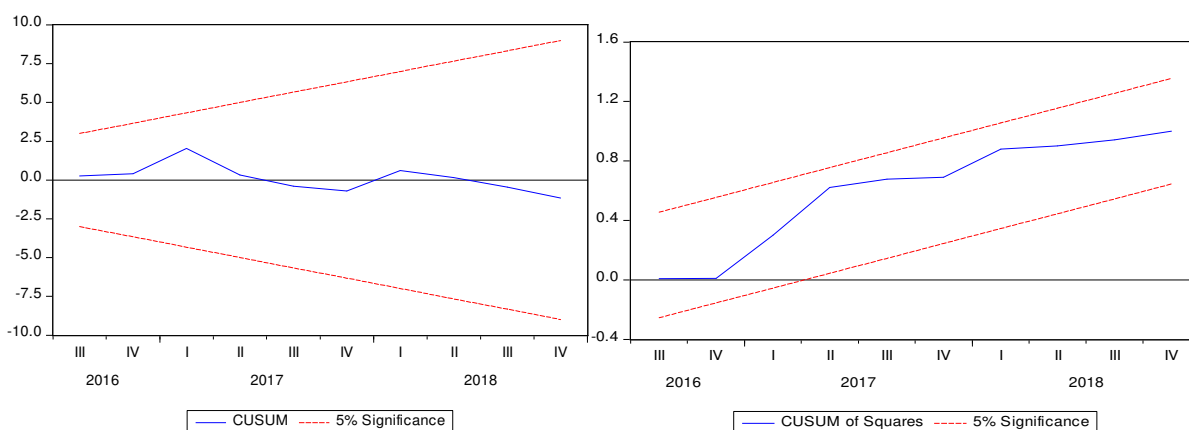
R ²	0.990			
Adj R ²	0.987			
D.Watson	1.844			
Wald test	F-stats=92917	P-		
		v=0.000		
Bound-	F-stats=12.88	K=8,@1	I(0)=2.62	I(1)=3.77
Coint. test		%		
LM Serial	F-stats=0.514	R ² =1.605	[0.60][0.45]	
test				
Heteros.test	F-stats=1.220	R ² =43.49	[0.23][0.25]	

441 Attn: *, ** and *** represent significant at 10%, 5% and 1% respectively. Numbers inside brackets
442 are the prob. Values of F-stats and Chi-square for serial correlation and heteroscedasticity

443 **Source:** Authors' computation with Eviews

444 4.5 Diagnostic tests

445 (CUSUM and CUSUM²)



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<i>Figure 2: Test of stability of the model with Cumulative Sum of recursive residual Plot</i>	<i>Figure 3: Test of stability of the model with Cumulative Sum Squared of recursive residual Plot</i>
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Source: Authors' Computation with Eviews

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448 4.6 Granger causality test

449 Granger causality is adopted in this study to expose the originator and the direction (i.e.
450 unidirectional or bidirectional) of the relationship that existed among the selected variable. It helps
451 to draw inference and in forecasting the future performance trend of the instruments. While, the
452 ARDL dynamics in both short run and long run are exposing the relationship that exist among the
453 variables with the rate of impact, granger causality gives insight on the instrument that is impacting
454 each other. The result of the pairwise granger causality is displayed in Table 6 below. From the
455 estimation we find uni-directional causality passing from economic growth to urbanization, from

456 fossil fuels to urbanization, from renewables to urbanization, from FDI to fossil fuels and from
 457 FDI to renewable energy. Moreover, we find bi-directional causality between urbanization and
 458 carbon emission, between renewable energy and carbon emission, between renewable energy and
 459 fossil fuels. The findings from granger causality give credence to the findings from the ARDL
 460 dynamics among the variables in both periods. It gives great exposition on the stance of
 461 urbanization, FDI and renewable energy source in determination of Indonesian environment.

462 Table 6: Pairwise Granger causality analysis

Null Hypothesis	F-Stat	P-value	Causality	Decision	Direction
Variables					
LGDP→L C0 ₂	0.072	0.789	NO	ACCEPT H ₀	NEUTRAL [LGDP ≠ LC0 ₂]
L C0 ₂ →LGDP	1.081	0.301			
LU.P→L C0 ₂	2.894	0.092*	YES	REJECT H ₀	BI-DIRECTIONAL [LU.P ↔ LC0 ₂]
L C0 ₂ →LU.P	4.138	0.044**			
LFOSS→L C0 ₂	1.909	0.164	NO	ACCEPT H ₀	NEUTRAL [LFOSS ≠ LC0 ₂]
L C0 ₂ →LFOSS	0.501	0.481			
LREN→L C0 ₂	11.72	0.001***	YES	REJECT H ₀	BI-DIRECTIONAL [LREN ↔ LC0 ₂]
L C0 ₂ →LREN	5.943	0.016**			
FDI→L C0 ₂	1.909	0.170	NO	ACCEPT H ₀	NEUTRAL [FDI ≠ LC0 ₂]
L C0 ₂ →FDI	0.384	0.537			
LU.P→LGDP	0.270	0.604	YES	REJECT H ₀	UNI-DIRECTIONAL [LGDP → LU.P]
LGDP→LU.P	5.345	0.023**			
LFOSS→LGDP	0.437	0.510	NO	ACCEPT H ₀	NEUTRAL [LFOSS ≠ LGDP]
LGDP→LFOSS	0.002	0.963			
LREN→LGDP	1.211	0.274	NO	ACCEPT H ₀	NEUTRAL [LREN ≠ LGDP]
LGDP→LREN	2.222	0.138			
LFDI→LGDP	0.536	0.466	NO	ACCEPT H ₀	NEUTRAL [FDI ≠ LGDP]
LGDP→LFDI	0.015	0.902			
LFOSS→LU.P	3.109	0.081*	YES	REJECT H ₀	UNI-DIRECTIONAL [LFOSS → LU.P]
LU.P→LFOSS	2.164	0.144			
LREN→LU.P	25.36	0.000***	YES	REJECT H ₀	UNI-DIRECTIONAL [LREN → LU.P]
LU.P→LREN	0.300	0.585			
FDI→LU.P	1.614	0.207	NO	ACCEPT H ₀	NEUTRAL [FDI ≠ LU.P]
LU.P→FDI	0.114	0.736			
LREN→LFOSS	14.58	0.000***	YES	REJECT H ₀	BI-DIRECTIONAL [LREN ↔ LFOSS]
LFOSS→LREN	6.098	0.015**			
FDI→LFOSS	2.878	0.093*	YES	REJECT H ₀	UNI-DIRECTIONAL [FDI → LFOSS]
L C0 ₂ →LGDP	0.371	0.544			
FDI→LREN	14.31	0.000***	YES	REJECT H ₀	UNI-DIRECTIONAL [FDI → REN]
LREN→FDI	0.497	0.482			

463 *Note:* The numbers inside bracket are the p-values of the parameters. The numbers that are written
 464 in bold colors represent the parameters that are significant in the causal relationship among the
 465 variables. *Source:* Authors' computation

466 **5. Concluding remark and policy framing**

467 This study is targeted on assessing the ability of carbon neutrality in Indonesia through energy
468 transition (shift to renewable source of energy), FDI and urbanization policies. Indonesia is one
469 of the largest and fastest growing economies in Southeast Asia. As noted before, Indonesia is
470 positioned as among the best performing economies in Southeast Asia because of its vigorous
471 fiscal management and sustained economic growth over the years. The country's foreign
472 investment inflow increased to 14% in 2019, largely in gas, electricity, water, and transportation
473 because of the viability of its macroeconomic reforms. Some of the reforms are policies targeted
474 to enhance growth in investment in the entire economy. Among the policies are tax incentives for
475 investment in major economic sectors, law enforcement and business certainty, cuts in interest rate
476 tax on exporters and energy tariffs for industries. Indonesian economy is positively overhauled
477 and ranked 17th out of 20 top host countries based on the source of investment. As emerging
478 country that is characterized with growth and investment potentials especially in the areas of gas,
479 electricity, water, and transportation, there is likelihood of great utilization of energy sources
480 which has potentials in impacting environment and climate change through greenhouse gas.

481 Against this backdrop, we select the macroeconomic and energy cum environment variables (real
482 GDP per capita and its square, FDI, urbanization, fossil fuels and renewable energy source) to test
483 the sustainable development of the country with respect to environment. We applied different
484 approaches (structural break, ARDL-bound test and granger causality) with intent to expose the
485 current state of Indonesian environment performance and its ability to mitigate carbon emission in
486 a bid to foster carbon neutrality. Specifically, we considered the findings from ARDL and granger
487 causality for this analysis and policy framing. From ARDL short run and long run dynamics we
488 find interesting results pointing towards the ability of Indonesia to mitigate carbon emission
489 (carbon neutrality) except in the case of fossil fuels. Hence, negative relationship is established
490 between carbon emission and renewable energy source, FDI and urbanization. Also, a U-shape
491 instead of inverted U-shape EKC is found confirming the impeding implication of Indonesian
492 economic growth to its environmental performance if not checkmate. From granger causality
493 analysis, all the variables are seen transmitting to urbanization in a one-way causal relationship.
494 Also, FDI and renewable energy prove to be essential determinants of the country's environment
495 development, hence, FDI is seen transmitting to both energy source (fossil fuels and renewables)
496 in a one- way causal relationship, and renewable energy is as well seen having two ways causal

497 relationship with both carbon emission and fossil fuels. This result has equally exposed the
498 significant position of the three instruments (urbanization, FDI and renewable energy source) in
499 Indonesia environment development, and this finding attest to the above findings from ARDL
500 result.

501 The expository findings from both approaches are necessary platform for policy enactment
502 towards achieving greater fit in carbon neutrality. Hence, focus should be geared towards
503 sustainable performance of foreign investors. FDI is found impacting positive to the environment
504 development, however, regulatory policies towards safeguarding the quality of the environment
505 from the side of foreign investors should be formulated, implemented and monitored for maximum
506 achievement and success. National policy should be framed towards energy transition as clean
507 energy source (renewable sources) is seen having the greater percentage of mitigating the carbon
508 emission in the country. Part of the national policies should include bringing the foreign investors
509 to the agreement of adopting improved technologies and adopting cleaner energy sources for the
510 safety of the environment. Also, from the findings, urban populace is contributing towards
511 achieving carbon neutrality but the momentum needs to be preserved through intense awareness
512 on the need to sustain the improved quality of Indonesia environment. Public transportation system
513 should be top priority in a bid to discourage excessive private vehicles that may constitute
514 environmental harm. Apart from this, efforts should be geared towards shifting from vehicles that
515 run on fossil fuels to electric vehicles to curtail the rate of injecting gases (nitrogen oxide, carbon
516 monoxide and Sulfur dioxide) into the environment. In a nutshell, strong institutions are
517 encouraged in other to achieve effective execution of the proposed policies.

518 Conclusively, this study has implication to other Southeast Asian countries that may wish to adopt
519 the findings for policy framing for the case of their countries. Again, our work has not close the
520 door of future research into this topic for changes are bound to take place as time goes on, and
521 variance in findings may occur due to structural or natural occurrences. For this, future studies are
522 encouraged especially with other vital instruments such as institutional quality and democracy.

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