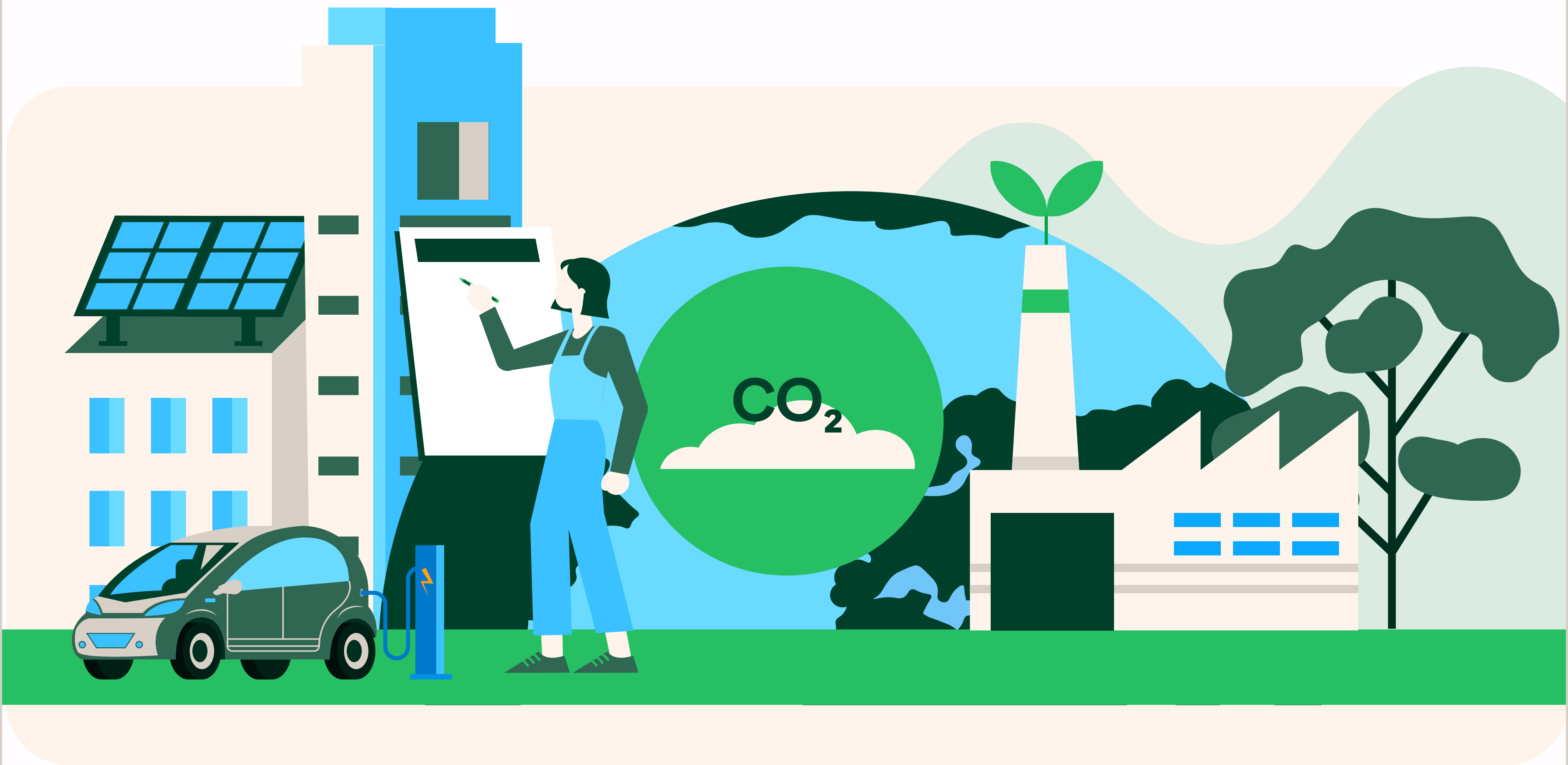
10 Core **Carbon Principles** (CCPs)

To ensure the quality of carbon credits and combat greenwashing, the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market (IC-VCM) has established a set of principles for verifying project quality.



Effective governance: The crediting programme must be transparent and accountable.

Tracking: Every credit must have a unique identifier in a public registry.

Transparency: All project information must be accessible electronically and understandable to non-specialists.

Third-party validation and verification: Independent audits must confirm project results.

Additionality: The project must not have been viable without revenue from carbon credits.

Permanence: Removed carbon must remain stored over the long term, with measures in place to prevent future releases.

Robust quantification: The project's net carbon benefit must be measured accurately using scientific methodologies.

No double counting: A carbon credit may only be used once and by a single entity.

Sustainable development benefits: Projects must generate positive impacts for biodiversity and local communities.

Contribution to the net zero goal: The project must not involve practices that are incompatible with achieving net zero emissions by 2050.