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Welcome to New Members

- Carbon Leadership Forum
- Cementis GmbH
- International Living Future Institute
- Housing and Building National Research Center, Arab Republic of Egypt
- Climate Positive Europe Alliance
- Stumbel Bloc
- FIABCI (UK), The International Real Estate Federation
- Planet Mark
GlobalABC Steering Committee 2022 In-person Meeting

The GlobalABC Steering Committee (SC) has convened in person on 21, 22 & 23 June 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland for the first time since 2019. The SC meeting was held in a hybrid format, including in-person and online participants. The objective was to discuss and take follow-up actions to the 5-year review of the GlobalABC and set objectives and milestones for the next 2-3 years based on the theory of change, results framework, including a strategic review of Work Areas focus and country engagement approach. This 3-day meeting was marked by a very constructive and collaborative spirit by all SC members. Many excellent, creative, and concrete ideas emerged to take GlobalABC to the next level. At the end, members shared impressions emphasizing feeling hopeful, energized and excited.

Call for Sponsorship | Buildings Pavilion at COP27

Deadline: 25 July 2022
The GlobalABC is currently seeking stakeholders and partners to sponsor a Buildings Pavilion at COP27. The Buildings Pavilion is: a space for business & policy to interact; a meeting place for buildings and construction community; and a space showcasing solutions through events, exhibitions and awards, etc. Discover our program on Buildings Pavilion at COP26 and express your interest by 25 July 2022!

Express your interest

Upcoming Events

Check out all the upcoming events on our website calendar!

Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week (LACCW) 2022
18-22 July 2022 | Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week (LACCW) 2022 will be held from 18-22 July in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The Week will engage and empower stakeholders to drive climate action across countries, communities and economies. Working together opens opportunity to advance climate action, address social inequalities and invest in development that is good for humanity and nature. LACCW 2022 is a collaboration platform to explore: Resilience against climate risks; The transition to a low-emission economy; and Partnerships to solve pressing challenges.

Register now

LATAM Cement and Concrete Industry – Towards Net Zero
19 July 2022, 11:00-12:00 Atlantic Standard Time

The GCCA and regional affiliate FICEM are hosting an event at the forthcoming LATAM and the Caribbean Climate Week. A panel of senior cement and concrete industry leaders will highlight the progress made in the region to achieve the goals of the Roadmap to Net Zero Concrete and Cement, and focus on the Accelerator Projects being undertaken with tailored solutions for the countries of LATAM.
Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

20-21 July 2022 | Tokyo, Japan & online

The Third Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will take place on 20-21 July at the United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan, in a hybrid format, with both in-person and virtual participation. Climate and SDG synergies and co-benefits can only be sufficiently realized if policy makers from all sectors accord these issues high political priority. A better understanding of these co-benefits in national, regional and global contexts can spur more deliberate action and collaboration towards realizing them.

Webinar | Chilling Effects: Cooling Solutions in Building Decarbonization

02 August 2022, 9-10 am EDT | Online

Managing cooling in the building sector will play a key role in mitigating cooling impacts in the future. In this webinar, organized by WRI’s Buildings Initiative as part of the Zero Carbon Building Accelerator project supported by GEF and UNEP, experts will share insights from super-efficient industrial and commercial space cooling. They will discuss designing cooling techniques for residential homes, nature-based solutions to keep our cities cooler overall, and tools for government planning for heat impacts.

GlobalABC Member & Buildings News
Buildings in the News

- Energy Dept grants incentivize construction of buildings that pull CO2 from air (CBS News)
- Inside the Indian eco-school that proves sustainable design doesn't scrimp on style (Euronews)
- Freezing indoors? That’s because Australian homes are closer to tents than insulated eco-buildings (The Guardian)
- THE FUTURE OF MUD - A Senegalese architecture firm is championing a low-tech material than concrete to help cities prepare for climate change (The Atlantic)
- Firms pledge to clean up construction with green net-zero concrete (NewScientist)
- Germany sets climate emergency plan in transport, construction sectors (Reuters)

Publications from the GlobalABC Community

- Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (REN21)
- Decarbonising the building sector in Europe (Observatoire de l'immobilier Durable)
- Cost Study of the Building Decarbonization Code (New Buildings Institute)
- Africa Energy Outlook 2022 (International Energy Agency)
- Positive Energy Neighbourhoods: Drivers of Transformational Change (Buildings Performance Institute Europe)
- Energy Efficiency First and multiple impacts: integrating two concepts for decision-making in the EU energy system (Enefirst)
- Quantifying Energy Efficiency First in EU scenarios: implications for buildings and energy supply (Enefirst)
- Roadmap for Demand Flexibility in India (Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy)
- EU Buildings Climate Tracker: Urgency to close the buildings decarbonisation gap (Buildings Performance Institute Europe)
- Very High-Efficiency Heat Pumps For Multifamily Resource Guide (International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology)
- The Best of Both Worlds: How tackling cost-of-living and decarbonisation creates win-wins for the UK economy (University of Cambridge)

Calls, Initiatives and Opportunities

Call for applications | 2022 MENA Green Building Awards
Deadline: 7 August 2022

The 2022 MENA Green Building Awards are running between 4 July - 7 August. Click here to learn more and apply.

Call for comments | Africa Manifesto for Sustainable Cities & the Built Environment
Deadline: 18 August 2022

The Africa Manifesto for Sustainable Cities & the Built Environment has been developed by a coalition of Green Building Councils (GBCs) representing all regions across Africa. The draft manifesto articulates the policies African business leaders and city and government officials must support to deliver the 'Africa We Want': A climate-resilient, equitable, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable built environment for everyone, everywhere. Stakeholders are now invited to submit written comments by 18 August 2022 here.