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News from the GlobalABC Secretariat

ALL GlobalABC Roadmaps available for download!
The GlobalABC Global and Regional Roadmaps for Buildings and Construction in Africa, Asia and Latin America help set pathways to decarbonization of the buildings and construction sector by 2050. Developed as a framework and a process, they present a comprehensive approach to emission reductions from the built environment along the full life cycle, with aspirational short, medium and longer-term targets and timelines towards achieving zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction between 2020 and 2050.

Download all roadmaps now!

Endorse the Roadmaps!
Show your support and help us build a community of around the roadmaps!
Respond one (or more) form(s) (less than 5 minutes) to endorse the GlobalABC Regional Roadmaps – all endorsements will be featured in our website!

Click on the links below:
- Africa Roadmap
- Asia Roadmap
- Latin America Roadmap

Read more

2020 Global Status Report - contribute to the 2020 GSR!

We are excited about the many excellent submissions and survey responses received for our 2020 Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction. But we would like to hear from everyone! You can still respond to our Global Status Report survey by Monday, 7 September.

Share with us how COVID-19 is affecting your buildings sector and how your government is responding. In addition, national and local governments are invited to respond on NDCs, codes, certifications and financing. Private sector entities are invited to respond on climate mitigation targets, building energy certifications, and building financing. Civil society, research, and intergovernmental organizations are invited to respond on building financing and case studies.

Access survey

Upcoming: TEM-M sessions and Race to Zero Dialogue on Built Environment!

The GlobalABC is leading the organization of the two virtual events, under UNFCCC: the Technical Experts Meeting on Mitigation (TEM-M) and the Race to Zero Dialogue on the Built Environment.
The first event will bring low emission housing and building solutions, from technologies to policies and processes, and continue to build a community that drives and implements an ambitious vision for the sector: Zero Carbon Buildings by 2050. The three sessions will cover: (a) Cool buildings for all; (b) Mobilising the value chain towards circular economy and; (c) Developing pathways for moving to scale.

The second event will explore the built environment’s potential and pathways to race to zero. It will feature essential strategic approaches tools that can drive the transformation, such as pathways and regional roadmaps as well as a whole-life carbon approach, also focusing on transformation, notably materials and resilience, highlighting producer and consumer perspectives. Finally, the event will highlight how to get all essential players on board. The event outcome will be a set of key ingredients for non-party and party stakeholders to transform this sector and drive the race to zero.

For more information, contact global.abc@un.org.

GlobalABC Member & Buildings News

[WEBINAR] Green buildings vs. the crisis

Green stimulus programmes in the building sector: a solution for economic recovery and climate protection?

Stimulus programmes for the building sector can be a highly effective tool for a Covid-19 recovery. This webinar by GlobalABC’s Work Area on Finance presents successful programmes and possibilities for financing them.

Learn more

From the news:

- [The architecture of heat: how we built before air-con](#)
- [Building a green economy, brick by brick](#)
- [How companies are trying to make concrete more environmentally friendly](#)
- [Bringing Buildings on Track to Reach Zero-Carbon by 2050](#)
- [Why national building renovation plans are](#)
key for the recovery

Reports:

- Will COVID-19 fiscal recovery packages accelerate or retard progress on climate change?
- Indoor air quality: tackling the challenges of the invisible
- A Guidebook to European Building Policy: Key Legislation and initiatives

Upcoming Events

[04 Sep] Urban planning and an eco-friendly future

As part of the Helsinki Design Week, this virtual event is divided into two parts, which will explore: Set 1: Urban planning – a dialogue between Helsinki and Beijing, and Set 2: Challenges in the cities – sharing best practices and possibilities for collaboration. Register and learn more about it in the link below.

Register now

[08 Sep] Building Energy Efficiency: A comparative analysis of energy renovation policies in Germany and France

The aim of this webinar is to analyse the main French and German policies on energy efficiency in buildings, as well as the strategies and measures put in place in both countries to boost energy renovations.

Register now

[10 Sep] Cool Down to Speed Up Climate Action and Green Recovery

This virtual event will highlight why it’s important to put sustainable cooling in Covid-19 economic recovery efforts and how these can support climate ambition and Agenda 2030. The event will be an opportunity to share with leaders from government, industry and finance perspectives on sustainable cooling, and highlight what is needed to accelerate action at the scale and speed required to meet the 1.5-degree target.

Read more
[21-25 Sep] World Green Building Week

World Green Building Week is the annual campaign that empowers the green building community to deliver green buildings for everyone, everywhere. The campaign is organized by the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) and is led by our global network of Green Building Councils and their 36,000 members.

This year, the WorldGBC is calling on the building and construction sector, policymakers and governments to #ActOnClimate, and tackle the climate emergency by taking urgent action to deliver net-zero buildings. The global project, Advancing Net Zero, was launched by the World Green Building Council to accelerate the uptake of net zero carbon buildings to 100% by 2050. The Advancing Net Zero Status Report 2020 is now available here.

EuroPACE
[22-Sep] Green Recovery in Spain and Italy: Accelerating Home Renovation after COVID-19

This webinar will discuss the current policy accelerating home renovation and the financing tools pushing it forward, in Italy and Spain - case studies will focus on the situation in Spain and the stimulus efforts in Italy, such as the eco-bonus scheme.


This webinar brings the status of the zero energy market in the United States and Canada, including a technology review and the relationship between zero energy and zero carbon. The speakers will share case studies that represent a market shift in size, scale, and scope of zero energy and carbon neutral buildings.

[28-30 Sep] Malaysia Urban Forum

The MUF 2020 is a national level forum that aims to promote inclusive debate and discussions towards developing and improving sustainable urbanization, strategies and programs.

World Circular Economy Forum

Join circular economy change-makers from around the world as they share practical circular economy examples that will help rebuild stronger, greener
Register now

Today 55 per cent of the world’s population live in cities and towns and the number is growing every day. Every October UN-Habitat and partners organize a month of activities, events and discussions on urban sustainability.

Click on the link below and discover the full agenda for this year's Urban October!

Register now

[7-28 Oct] Daring Cities 2020

Daring Cities 2020 will run from 7-28 October 2020, offering an online array of high level and visionary speaking sessions, a series of informative workshops and personal networking opportunities. Over a three-week period, we will offer a variety of virtual formats to accommodate different topics, time zones, internet bandwidth limits, and languages. The event will help to set the course to COP26, Daring Cities 2021 and beyond.

Learn more

Calls, Initiatives & Funding

[21 Sep] Green Solutions Awards return!

The Green Solutions Awards, an international competition for sustainable buildings, neighborhoods and infrastructure, were not launched in March as every year. Instead, for their new edition, the kick-off will be given in September during World Green Building Week! Learn more about the application.

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Helsinki Energy Challenge

[Deadline 30 Sep] The schedule for the international Helsinki Energy Challenge has been altered due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided that the registration phase is prolonged to 30 September 2020. The finalist teams invited to the second phase of the competition are announced in the beginning of November and the winner of the competition will be revealed in March 2021.

Learn more

WorldGBC Online Case Study Library

WorldGBC’s interactive digital case study library map showcases some of the world’s most cutting-edge sustainable buildings. Launched in
November 2019, it recognizes the growing market demand to highlight the ‘best in class’ buildings that excel in key areas of sustainability, and the role of certification schemes to provide third party assurance of performance. Click the button below to learn how to submit a case.

Learn more

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GlobalABC Flagship Products

2019 Global Status Report

Executive Summaries in other languages in this link.

Read full report

GlobalABC Roadmap for Buildings and Construction 2020-2050
The GlobalABC Roadmaps help set pathways to decarbonization of the buildings and construction sector by 2050. It presents a comprehensive approach to emission reductions from the built environment along the full life cycle, towards achieving zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction by 2050.

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A Guide for Incorporating Buildings Actions in the NDCs
A first edition designed to address the urgent need for further extending the scope and ambition of building sector actions in NDCs. Developed with and through GlobalABC member countries.

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