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News from the GlobalABC Secretariat

Call for Sponsorship | Buildings Pavilion at COP27
Deadline is extended to 22 August 2022!

The GlobalABC is still 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 22 August 2022!

Choose your sponsorship option

As part of our efforts to prepare the design of the Buildings Pavilion, we are also calling for submission of pictures of sustainable/green buildings (with/without a focus on Africa), green walls, green roofs, traditional buildings, sustainable/bio- and bio-based building materials (e.g. timber, bamboo, hemp, coconut fibers), nature-based solutions for buildings, cities. Please reach out to us for more information if interested.

Event | #BuildingToCOP27 Forum
14 September 2022, 14:00-15:00 GMT

Join us for the next #BuildingToCOP27 Forum on 14 September 2022, 2-3pm GMT! The #BuildingToCOP27 Forum, hosted by the GlobalABC and World Green Building Council (WorldGBC), convenes a powerful coalition of stakeholders and all their associated networks to raise party and non-party actor ambition ahead of COP27.
Africa Climate Week (ACW) 2022 will be held from 29 August to 2 September in Libreville, Gabon. 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.

Together with UNEP and UNFCCC, the GlobalABC will be co-leading a session under Track 1 (Striving for 1.5 degrees), entitled "Sustainable Buildings for Climate-proof Cities". Stay tuned for more information!

Event | Global Clean Energy Action Forum (CEM13/MI7)
21-23 September 2022 | Pittsburgh, USA
The Global Clean Energy Action Forum (GCEAF) – a joint convening of the 13th Clean Energy Ministerial and 7th Mission Innovation ministerial meetings – will take place on 21-23 September 2022 in Pittsburgh, United States. Governments, international organizations, the private sector, academia, innovators, civil society, and early career researchers and policy makers will join together in a three-day event that features a high-level plenary, topical roundtables with energy and science ministers from 31 countries, CEOs and experts, side events, technology demonstrations, and other activities. Stay tuned for the events on buildings and construction organized by or in close collaboration with the GlobalABC!

Register now

Upcoming Events

Check out all the upcoming events on our website calendar!

2022 Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings
21-26 August 2022 | Pacific Grove, USA

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) invites you to attend the 2022 Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings. This year's theme is urgent: “Climate Solutions: Efficiency, Equity, and Decarbonization”. Buildings, which account for about a third of US greenhouse gas emissions, will play a critical role in decarbonizing the economy and creating a clean energy future. Come join professionals from around the world to brainstorm how best to decarbonize buildings, increase their efficiency, and advance equity.

Learn more

Global Renewable Energy Forum 2022
8 September 2022, 13:30-18:15 CEST | Bonn, Germany

The 6th edition of the Global Renewable Energy Forum (GREF) is organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Bonn Office, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and the UN Climate Change secretariat (UNFCCC). GREF 2022 puts a particular focus on how to ramp up renewables and on innovation in renewable power grids. Key challenges, in this respect, will be discussed from various perspectives with the aim to demonstrate how the energy transition can be accelerated by presenting strategies to significantly increase renewable energies and enhance the deployment of renewable infrastructure.
Construction Sustainability Summit 2022
13 September 2022, 16:00 CEST | Online

KHL’s Sustainable Construction Summit, taking place on 13 September 2022, will examine the trend being termed the triple bottom line – people, planet, profit – and ask whether sustainable construction can be good for both the planet and for business. With presentations from experts in engineering, building design and contracting, this online event will look at new ideas on energy use, materials, logistics and financing – developments that promise to turn construction projects green, while keeping a lid on costs.

Register here

ANGAN 2022: Making the Zero-Carbon Transition in Buildings
14-16 September 2022 | New Delhi, India

Organised jointly by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency and the Indo-Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Project, ANGAN 2022 - Making the Zero-Carbon Transition in Buildings will take place on 14-16 September 2022 in New Delhi, India. This conference will bring together more than 500 domain experts, practitioners and other Indian and international stakeholders. It will also host an exhibition of various low-carbon products, technologies and innovations applicable in the building sector. The objective of ANGAN 2022 is to deliberate on various thematic tracks leading India on the road to Net Zero Energy and Low Carbon Buildings and develop a discussion paper. Stay tuned for more information!

Would you like to see your organization’s events featured in our next newsletter or on our website? Reach out to us at global.abc@un.org.

GlobalABC Member & Buildings News

Buildings in the News

- Metropolis meltdown: the urgent steps we need to take to cool our sweltering cities (The Guardian)
- SOUTH AFRICA: Lafarge launches “EcoPact”, a low carbon concrete for eco-construction (Afrik21)
- Fifth Wall closes half-billion-dollar climate fund to decarbonize global real estate (CNBC)
- The sustainable cities made from mud (BBC)
- Celebrating new ways of reducing CO2 - the art of cutting carbon (BBC)
- Heatwave-proofing homes could save lives – and cut carbon (The Conversation)
- Germany’s €177bn climate budget to focus on renovations (ECEEE)
- Time to realise the potential of sustainable wood for the Planet (LIFEGATE)
- Nation’s First Net-Zero-Energy Mass Timber Civic Building Tops Out In San Mateo County (SF YIMBY)
Follow the Algae Brick Road to Plant-Based Buildings (Time)
Biden-Harris Administration Launches $225 Million Program to Lower Utility Bills Through More Efficient Building Codes (U.S. Department of Energy)
Senate energy deal could be a climate breakthrough (USGBC)
Geothermal heating and cooling: Renewable energy's hidden gem (Yale Climate Connections)

Publications from the GlobalABC Community

- Technical Brief - The Importance of Building Decarbonization and Benefits for the SDGs (UNEP & GlobalABC)
- Financing Net Zero Carbon Buildings (Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance)
- Bio-Based and Circular Buildings for Healthy, Clean Cities - A Handbook to help cities reduce embodied carbon in construction (Climate-KIC)
- National Roadmap for Net-Zero Carbon Buildings in Colombia (Colombia Green Building Council)
- Insights on how circular economy principles can impact carbon and value (UKGBC)

Calls, Initiatives and Opportunities

Job opening | Programme Management Officer (P3) - UNEP
Apply by 17 September 2022
UNEP's Economy Division, Energy and Climate Branch, Cities Unit is looking for a Programme Management Officer (P3) to manage the implementation of BMZ funded activities for "Transforming the Built Environment through Sustainable Materials" to support national and sub-national government institutions and buildings and construction value chain stakeholders in Bangladesh, India, Ghana and Senegal to strengthen policy, regulatory, and planning frameworks to mainstream resource efficiency and environmental performance in the buildings and construction sector.

Call for papers | 26th International Passive House Conference
Deadline: 2 September 2022
The 26th International Passive House Conference will take place on 10-11 March 2023 in Wiesbaden, Germany. Passive House Institute is currently looking for contributions of abstracts on energy-efficient, climate-neutral buildings, your resource-saving concepts and product developments.
Call for case studies | Affordable and sustainable housing

Deadline: 30 August 2022

The WorldGBC invites the network membership and wider industry to submit case studies for consideration in the report “Sustainable Attainable Affordable Housing” currently being produced. To illustrate the principles of sustainable, healthy, attainable/affordable housing in practice, the WorldGBC is looking for examples of operational residential buildings from around the world that demonstrate exemplary design and operation to enhance health and wellbeing (at occupant and community scale), resource efficiency (including circularity principles and aligning to net zero carbon), community engagement, resilience and adaptability to climate change and economic accessibility.

Learn more and submit here