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If you have buildings-related news or events, please feel free to send us by the 13th of each month at global.abc@un.org.

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News from the GlobalABC Secretariat

[LAUNCHED] 2020 Buildings Global Status Report

The Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction (Buildings-GSR) is a flagship product of the GlobalABC and provides an annual snapshot of the progress of the sector on a global scale. It also reviews the status of policies, finance, technologies, and solutions to monitor whether the sector is aligned
with the Paris Agreement goals. Importantly, this year’s edition features the Building Climate Tracker, a tracking tool specifically developed for the Buildings-GSR and the GlobalABC.

The 2020 edition was launched on Wednesday 16 December 2020, with the participation of both authors, representatives of the Secretariat for Environment of Mexico and LafargeHolcim. You can watch the recording on this [link](#).

The Buildings-GSR received a great number of media attention, having been covered in several important news outlets. You can see a sample of these coverages in our Buildings-GSR dedicated webpage.

Click below and download the full report!

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**COP26**

construction & real-estate climate action pavilion  
Glasgow, UK, 1-12 November 2021

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**[COP26] Construction and Real-Estate Climate Action Pavillion**

At COP26, we will host a buildings and real estate pavilion under the coordination of the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC). This pavilion will highlight the critical role buildings and construction has in solving our climate crisis. Each day will be dedicated to a different topic and will include a regional focus.

We present you an exciting opportunity to become an official sponsor of the construction & real estate pavilion. All sponsorship includes time for your own event, aligned with the topic of the day, as well technical and communications support. The number of time slots available depend on the level of sponsorship (gold, silver, bronze). We would like to invite you to indicate your interest in this opportunity through this [short form](#) (6 questions, takes ca. 5-10 minutes), including indication of level of sponsorship and topic.

In the meantime don’t hesitate to contact us at global.abc@un.org for any questions.

**Access the form**

The GlobalABC Work Area on Building Measurement, Data and Information has developed draft practical guidelines for the development of Building Passports. The guidelines are meant to stimulate the debate around the importance of data amongst the built environment community and are designed to support stakeholders by covering core aspects and considerations in developing Building Passports and managing building related data and information in general.

The draft guidelines are open for consultation until 26 January 2021. Please use the following email address for submitting your feedback: ursulahartenberger@gmail.com

Also, make sure to watch the recording of the webinar in the link below

Watch now

Waking up the sleeping giant!

Watch now the video for the Climate Ambition Summit: Buildings and Construction - Waking the Sleeping Giant (including snippets from the Race to Zero Dialogues), by the World Green Building Council with the GlobalABC.

Watch now

GlobalABC Member & Buildings News

From the news:

News articles:
- Is cooling the future of heating? - IEA
- How Can Nature Play a Leading Role in Adapting to Climate Change - IISD
- Rebuilding Europe 2050 - LafargeHolcim
Reports:
- The ULI Blueprint for Green Real Estate - ULI
- The pathway to net-zero cooling - World Bank ESMAP

Recordings:
- (NOT)COP26 - AWARENESS TO ACTION climate challenges in the built environment - SWECO with BPIE participation
- Building energy efficiency in cities and regions - OECD

Upcoming Events


IFC invites you to a free workshop on Thursday, January 21 to learn practical steps for designing zero carbon buildings using EDGE: a fast, easy, and more affordable way to build and brand green.

The workshop will focus on concrete actions that developers, investors, building owners, and policy makers can take to design, build, and operate carbon neutral buildings. Climate science informs us that all new buildings need to be zero carbon by 2030, while existing buildings will need to be retrofitted to be zero carbon by 2050.

Register now

CLF + B&C Webinar: Zero Carbon Competencies: Is Built Environment Education Delivering?

This webinar is cohosted by The Carbon Leadership Forum and Buildings & Cities:

Education and training are a key means to help address the climate emergency by ensuring a critical mass of entrants to the professions have the necessary ethics, knowledge, skills and competences to achieve a zero-carbon built environment. Is the current higher education curricula for built environment professionals adequate to meet this challenge? What can be done to positively influence the situation?

Register now


The WorldGBC is hosting two national consultation sessions where the lead expert will present the content of the relevant chapter and participants are invited to provide feedback - this will support the completion of the MENA Sustainable Reconstruction & Urban Regeneration Guidelines.

25 January 2021 - Register here!
Session #1, covering:
- Efficient Resource Utilization
- Environmental and Climate Resilience
- Sustainable Mobility and Accessibility

26 January 2020 - Register here!

Session #2, covering:
- Integrative Social and Economic Resilience
- Health and Wellbeing
- Heritage and Identity

26 January 2020 - Register here!

[16-17 Mar] 7th Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue

The timely theme for 2021 is “Energiewende – towards climate neutrality” and, once again, high-level participants from politics, industry, science and civil society will convene. This year, the event will take place virtually. With the COVID-19 crisis still gripping the world, the discussion has become even more urgent – so please do not miss the chance to be part of BETD 2021.

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Calls, Initiatives & Funding

 Calls for Proposals

[26 Jan 2021] Accelerating the green transition and energy access Partnership with Africa

The call’s ambition matches the magnitude of the task: its goal is to use research and innovation to kick-start the environmental, social and economic transformations required to tackle the climate challenge, while helping the EU recover from the Covid-19 crisis, and increasing its resilience and capacity to respond to such novel threats in the future. Science, knowledge and evidence - not short-term crisis contingencies – provide the compass for charting the path towards more resilient economies, societies and governance systems, and for designing a new, green growth strategy for the EU, embracing digitisation and enhancing Europe’s competitiveness.

[26 Jan 2021] Building and renovating in an energy and resource efficient way

With rising focus on the building sector (e.g. the 'renovation wave' initiative of the European Green Deal) in view of the full decarbonisation by 2050, the built environment remains a strategic domain for R&I. The priority is the design and construction of new or retrofitting of existing buildings as zero-emission/zero-pollution[1], positive energy houses in sustainable green neighbourhoods.

[9 Feb 2021] IKI Small Grants

The implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) requires the effective participation of all social groups. With the IKI Small Grants scheme, the Federal Ministry for Environment (BMU) specifically commits itself to strengthen small organisations worldwide. IKI Small Grants has been supporting small projects as well as funding institutions in
developing and newly industrialising countries since 2019 and promotes their capacity development. IKI Small Grants is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and comprises the two funding lines “Funding Institutions” and “International Calls”.

Initiatives

[OID] Barometre 2020 in French

Ce Baromètre vise à accompagner les gérants immobiliers en proposant une mesure périodique du niveau d’avancement des acteurs de l'immobilier d’investissement sur l'intégration des enjeux ESG dans leurs stratégies. C'est un outil ESG de référence pour les acteurs de l’immobilier professionnellement géré.

[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.

Climate Framework

Climate Framework is a new, transdisciplinary and holistic initiative that unites the building industry and academia for climate action. It aims to define the knowledge base to equip the built environment professionals (and academia) with the effective knowledge and skills to accelerate the transition to net zero carbon built environments - fast and scale

Would you like to see your organizations events featured in the next GlobalABC newsletter or on the GlobalABC website? Send us your updates at global.abc@un.org.

GlobalABC Flagship Products
**Global Status Report**

The 5th edition of this annual snapshot of the progress of the buildings and construction sector globally towards the achievement of the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, particularly on the drivers of CO2 emissions and energy demand globally and the status of policies, finance, technologies, and solutions that support a zero-emission, efficient, and resilient buildings and construction sector. It also features the Building Climate Tracker, a tracking tool specifically developed for the Buildings-GSR and the GlobalABC.

[Read full report]

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**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.

[Read full report]

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**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.

[Read full report]

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