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Welcome New GlobalABC Members

New Members
Association pour la Recherche et la Promotion de l'Energie Durable en Afrique Centrale - ARPEDAC

Consejo Colombiano de Construcción Sostenible - CCCS

If you’re interested in getting in touch with our new members, please contact us.

News from the GlobalABC Secretariat
LAUNCHED
GlobalABC Roadmaps for Buildings and Construction

NEW - The GlobalABC Roadmaps!
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 now the Global Roadmap and the Latin America Roadmap!

Download here

Latin America Roadmap Launch
On 15 July, at the occasion of the International Sustainable Cities Congress, the GlobalABC and IEA launched the Regional Roadmap for Buildings and Construction in Latin America 2020-2050. With more than 200 attendees, this workshop presented the main findings of the roadmap and promoted a dialogue among the regional buildings experts who discussed the next steps towards implementation of roadmap actions. Read the summary of the event in our website!

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
Introducing the Renovation Wave Call

As part of the post-Covid stimulus packages to build back better, the GlobalABC would like to launch a call for a “Renovation Wave in buildings”. Refurbishment can be a major lever to help the economy and society recover, both through the creation of new jobs and by improving living conditions in housing - for all. Renovation is a general concern present in both developing and developed countries and nature based solutions that are used in green buildings apply to both new buildings and renovation.

The renovation rates need to rise in industrialised countries to an average of 2% of existing stock per year by 2025, and to 3% by 2040. Renovation rates in developing countries should reach 1.5% by 2025 and 2% by 2040 (GSR2019).

We would like to invite our members to consider our draft proposal here attached, aimed at both governments and non parties.

Interested? Contact global.abc@un.org to learn more about it!

New Articles on COVID-19 - Building Back Better!

At a time when half the world’s population is living under some form of restriction of movement to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we are reminded of how important our homes are to our well-being. As highlighted earlier, read the lead-in article by Martina Otto, Head, Cities Unit, UNEP | GlobalABC Secretariat reflecting on how we can build a sustainable and more inclusive future together, with a zero emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector. Check out the newest contributions from GlobalABC members and partners on this topic, including:

Articles from:
- City of Medellin, Colombia: [Adaptation and Sustainability Strategies against COVID-19 in Medellin](https://www.globalabc.org/media/Adaptation-and-Sustainability-Strategies-against-COVID-19-in-Medellin.pdf)
Visit now


Have a piece on COVID-19 and buildings? Share it with us at global.abc@un.org.

GlobalABC Member & Buildings News

Buildings vs. the Cooling Challenge: Better Building Design to Curb the Massive Rise in Cooling Demand

“Cool buildings” are designed with knowledge about the local climatic conditions, and adapt smartly to their environment. We need to accelerate the uptake of green buildings and enable a supply chain of solutions for cooling that encompass both building design and efficient technologies. On the road to the next climate change conference COP26 in November 2021, we need to bring “cool buildings” to the forefront.

Read more

Making sustainable public procurement part of the COVID-19 fiscal response

In the face of deep economic and social crises resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, some countries and business groups have been calling for a temporary easing of environmental rules.

At a time when governments need to conduct expansionary fiscal policies to limit or avoid economic recessions, Sustainable Public Procurement must take its place in the range of fiscal instruments considered in the green recovery packages. Representatives from the UN Environment Programme have recently written a blog on the Green Growth Knowledge Platform, outlining key goals and barriers for implementation as well as priority sectors.

Read more
The State of Play of Circular Built Environment Globally and Regionally

The One Planet Sustainable Buildings and Construction Programme is preparing regional reports on the State of Play for Circular Built Environment in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America and Oceania. In addition to regional outlooks, a global report has been produced to summarize and compare the state of play regarding circularity in different regions.

From the news

2020 Ashden Award winners announced

The winners of the 2020 Ashden Awards have been revealed – proven climate solutions that can drive a green recovery from coronavirus.

11 winners from the UK and developing countries were announced in a video celebration featuring films of the organisations in action – as well as discussion of the biggest climate issues and poetry from young writer and performer Rakaya Fetuga.

Building materials powerhouse LafargeHolcim launches its ‘green concrete’ in the U.S.

LafargeHolcim, the Swiss-headquartered building materials giant, announced on Thursday that its “green concrete” had been made available on the U.S. market. The firm is also planning to introduce the product to Latin America, Canada and the U.K. It is already available in Switzerland, Germany and France.

Going ‘Deep Green,’ Office Buildings Give Back to the Planet

As technology costs have declined, more
developers are creating buildings that can benefit the Earth by tackling pollution and save money by producing their own power.

“We’re at a place where science is telling us to take action and the financials are telling us it’s doable,” said Marta Schantz, senior vice president for the Greenprint Center for Building Performance at the Urban Land Institute.

Efficient, Climate-friendly Cooling Would Avoid up to 0.4°C of Warming by 2100 and Save Trillions of Dollars

As the world's temperatures rise so is the demand for cooling. There are 3.6 billion cooling appliances in use now, this is will grow to 14 billion by 2050. Energy-efficient, climate-friendly appliances are critical to achieving global climate goals.

Upcoming Events

IFC and World Green Building Council webinar: Investment Readiness for Green Buildings Finance in Africa

Learn how to access green finance for a $800 million business opportunity for green buildings in Africa over the next decade. The workshop focuses on investment readiness steps that developers, investors, building owners, and policy makers can take to access international green finance for green buildings, including through new instruments such as green bonds, greenloans, and green mortgages. The webinar will feature recommendations from IFC’s report, Green Buildings - A Finance and Policy Blueprint for Emerging Markets, on how to launch a green real estate portfolio or incentives for green buildings. It will also include case studies of investors and developers with successful green real estate programs and governments which have launched incentives for green construction.

Green Solutions Awards return September 21st

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.

World Green Building Council Announces the World Green Building Week Dates

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](#).

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Calls, Initiatives & Funding

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.

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
2019 Global Status Report


Executive Summaries in other languages in this link.

Read full report

GlobalABC Roadmap for Buildings and Construction 2020-2050

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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.

Read full report

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