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Welcome New GlobalABC Members

New Members
NEEF National Ecology and Environment Fund, India
Instituto Technologico Superior P’urhépecha Mexico

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

News from the GlobalABC Secretariat
Endorse the GlobalABC Regional Roadmaps!

The GlobalABC is about to launch the series of Regional Roadmaps towards zero emission, efficient and resilient Buildings and Construction.

Started almost a year and a half ago, these Roadmaps were developed in a consultative process, whereby some 700 buildings and construction experts in the different regions contributed to different iterations, refining them each time with more data and examples from the region. Now, these roadmaps present policy and technology targets and timelines, as well as key actions under eight priority areas which range from urban planning to new buildings, building retrofits, building operations, systems, materials, resilience and clean energy, in the quest of harnessing the sector's enormous opportunities for decarbonization and achieving the sustainable development goals. They reflect regional specificities and highlight priorities and data gaps for the respective region. The Regional Roadmaps thereby present both, a framework and a process that can be used at the national level, and support the buildings and construction sector's Race to Zero by 2050.

Respond one (or more) form(s) (less than 5 minutes) to endorse the GlobalABC Regional Roadmaps – all endorsements will be featured in our website.

- Africa Roadmap
- Asia Roadmap
- Latin America Roadmap

[SAVE THE DATE] GlobalABC Latin America Roadmap - Presentation Webinar

The GlobalABC and IEA will present the Regional Roadmap for Buildings and Construction in Latin America, on the occasion of the International Sustainable Cities Congress 2020, taking place as an online event, between 13 and 16 July 2020. This webinar will bring the key findings of the report and participants will be able to join an interactive discussion on the next steps for the roadmaps, and how different constituents can benefit and use these documents to support a zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector in Latin America.
Recording Available: Adopting Decarbonization Policies for the Buildings and Construction Sector

The newest report by the GlobalABC “Adopting Decarbonization Strategies in the Buildings and Construction Sector” brings the latest evidence-base for the cost and benefits of key building sector climate policies. Acknowledging data limitations particularly in developing countries, the review of the existing literature shows evidence of the benefits of taking these actions outweighing the costs of their development and implementation. In this webinar, you will see an introduction by the GlobalABC secretariat, key findings of the report, and presentations from the German Energy Agency, NABERS program in Australia, Ministry of Public Works and Housing of Indonesia, and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). Overall, countries need to adopt strategies that are compatible with the local context, as there are no ‘one-size fits all’ packages but our speakers highlight few measures that demonstrated results like building certification programs and performance-based building codes.

Click here to read the report!

Watch Now

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:

**New articles from:**
- City of Medellín, Colombia: [Adaptation and Sustainability Strategies against COVID-19 in Medellín](https://example.com)
- IISBE: [Discussion Paper: Pandemics and the Built Environment](https://example.com)

Also, don't miss the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) webinar recording:

- [Sustainability After COVID-19 - Exploring the future of green buildings and construction](https://example.com)

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

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**GlobalABC Member & Buildings News**

**WBCSD's Virtual Event Series: Business as unusual, reshaping the present and the future**

Since April, the WBCSD has featured sessions that provide the opportunity to engage across a wide spectrum of relevant and strategic topics and participate in collaborative projects. Fully complimentary (except for the Circular Transition Indicators training), the events will highlight innovative and collaborative solutions to face current and future challenges. The next webinar will be on "Transformative city-business partnerships", whereby focus will be given to the City-Business Climate Alliance (CBCA), which aims at accelerating climate action through city-business collaboration.

Learn more about the next webinar [here](https://example.com).

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**[NEW REPORT] Better Design for Cool Buildings - PEEB**

Energy needs for space cooling are predicted to triple by 2050. More efficient air conditioners (ACs) will not be enough. The [PEEB publication](https://example.com) shows how better building designs can reduce or even avoid the energy demand for space cooling. High-performance building envelopes can reduce the cooling demand by 30% to 50%. Reflective colour, orientation and vegetation are other excellent solutions. Such building designs are often highly...
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.

21-25 September 2020

Launch of new edition of MOOC on development and planning in African Cities

Along with Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre and Njala University, the Bartlett Development Planning Unit is excited to be launching a new edition of their highly successful free online course (MOOC) on Development and Planning in African Cities.

Majid Al Futtaim’s 2019 Company-wide Sustainability Report: Dare Together

The report features Majid Al Futtaim’s 2019 Dare Today, Change Tomorrow initiatives and the impact of key partnerships across the 16 countries we operate in, progress on their Net Positive commitment and sustainability targets. Learn more about how their driving change across our business and delivering a positive impact in local communities.

C40 Cities Launches the Clean Construction Policy Explorer

The Clean Construction Policy Explorer is an
interactive dashboard showing how cities around the world are supporting the transition towards a resource-efficient and low- to zero-emissions construction sector. The map is a living document and we will keep it up to date as new policies are developed.

One Planet Webinar: 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.

Upcoming Events
Join Material Talks with LafargeHolcim

Explore with Maria Atkinson, Co-Founder of the Green Building Council Australia, Brinda Somaya, Founder and Principal of Somaya and Kalappa, and Lord Turner, Chairman of the Energy Transitions Commission, the pressing questions around the ‘new normal’ in construction: How will it embed new health and sustainability prerogatives? What will it mean for cities, communities, and supply chains? How will it change construction and the built-environment in the recovery and post-pandemic period? Register here to join the conversation, which will be hosted by LafargeHolcim, and builds on the latest issue of Material Talks, LafargeHolcim’s newsletter dedicated to the megatrends in the world of sustainable building.

30 June 2020 - 11:00 CET

[WEBINAR] Cool Buildings: Greening Real-Estate Investments to Curb the Rise in Cooling Demand

We need to rethink buildings if we want to limit the massive growth in energy for cooling, beyond the needed improvement in energy efficiency of air conditioners. GlobalABC, the Cool Coalition and SEforALL, we will highlight this issue in a webinar. The webinar will discuss strategies and explore how policies and NDCs can accelerate the transition to green buildings.

July 1st at 15:00 - 16:30 CET
[WEBINAR] Introduction to the Sustainable Development Goals

This is the first edition of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) pilot programme of lectures for built environment professionals. The aim of which is to help promote greater awareness of issues related to climate change and rapid urbanisation while providing practical guidance of the ways in which built environment professionals can engage with the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their daily work.

02 July 2020 - 13:00 (ET)

Register here

International Sustainable Cities Congress 2020

Topics related to sustainable and resilient lifestyles, resource efficiency, decarbonization, mobility, public space, design, sustainable construction, circular economy, inclusive cities and much more are included in a 4-day program that encourages thinking and action, through workshops, special sessions and round table discussions.

13-16 July 2020

Register here

Calls, Initiatives & Funding

Prepare your case study: the Green Solutions Awards return in
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.

**September**

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.

**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.

**GlobalABC Global Roadmap**

This Roadmap describes the main goals and steps for a transformation towards a zero-emission, efficient, and resilient buildings and construction sector. The GlobalABC is regionalizing the Roadmap for Africa, Asia, and Latin America.