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Welcoming new GlobalABC members

Commonwealth Association of Architects
GRIHA Council

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

News from the GlobalABC Secretariat

GlobalABC Regional Roadmaps

JOIN US IN FORGING PATHWAYS TOWARDS A ZERO-EMISSION, EFFICIENT, AND RESILIENT BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

GlobalABC Regional Roadmaps
THANK YOU - we would like to thank all the GlobalABC members and partners who have engaged in the regional roadmaps development process by answering the survey, participating at in-person and online meetings, and providing inputs to the documents. The Global Roadmap update and the three Regional Roadmaps are being finalized and the soft launch will take place at the 2020 GlobalABC Assembly, through a dedicated workshop "Forging regional pathways towards a zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector: The GlobalABC Regional Roadmaps".
Date: 26 March 2020
Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm
Venue: Neue Mälzerei, Friedenstr. 91, 10249 Berlin
(link to register for workshop below)
This workshop is part of the 2020 Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue official calendar of side events/workshops.

Register here

26 - 27 March 2020

2020 GLOBALABC ASSEMBLY

Berlin, Germany

2020 GlobalABC Assembly

REGISTER - We are delighted that our 2020 Annual GlobalABC Assembly will take place 26-27 March 2020 in Berlin, Germany, directly following the Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue (BETD). The Assembly is generously hosted by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), with support from the German Energy Agency (dena).

It is still possible to register for the GlobalABC Assembly - we kindly ask those who wish to attend to fill-in this short form. Please note that all travel arrangements, including accommodation and visa application, are at the responsibility of the participants. If you need help for visa procedures, please contact us so that we can provide you with a supporting letter.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Assembly!

Fill out form here

WUF10 - Abu Dhabi, UAE

The GlobalABC led the "Culture and Innovation in buildings for a world below 2°C" side event, on 10 February, at WUF10 - the event was a solution focused panel discussion, in which representatives from three groups, governments on policies, civil society on implementation and private initiatives on tools for accelerating the uptake of solutions could share their views, policies, actions to reverse the current path of the sector and achieve the decarbonization of existing buildings in respect of their cultural and heritage value.

We'd like to thank our moderators (Martina Otto -
UNEP, Yves-Laurent Sapoval - MTES, France, our panelists (Ms Naseebah Almarzooqi - Director of Sustainability, United Arab Emirates; Ms Chu Yen - Ministry of Construction, Vietnam; Mr Andrew Potts - Climate Heritage Network; Mr Edmund Wema - International Labour Office; Ms Michelle Farrell - IES; and Ms Aufa Rahman - Think Cities, Malaysia), as well as all of the attendees who joined us for this successful panel.

Click below to also register for the 2020 Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue

![GlobalABC, WorldGBC and Architecture 2030 featured in WEF article](image)

A new GlobalABC website...

The GlobalABC website is going through a major transformation, bringing new and updated features to keep our members and partners engaged in our activities. Keep an eye out!

GlobalABC member & buildings news

GlobalABC, WorldGBC and Architecture 2030 featured in WEF article

The GlobalABC is proud to be recognized with our friends at the World Green Building Council and Architecture 2030 for our work in pushing for net zero carbon buildings. Decarbonization of buildings is among the most cost-effective climate action and presents significant business opportunities - learn more about it in the World Economic Forum's website.

PEEB VIETNAM: Green
Learning Building Performance Evaluation for Improved Design and Engineering Title

Read the final report of the UK-India Newton Fund sponsored research study (Learn-BPE) on developing and nurturing adoption of building performance evaluation in the booming green building marketplace of India, led by Prof. Rajat Gupta.

Loan for Families

Vietnam needs over 100,000 new apartments before 2025. PEEB supports the development of an energy efficient and affordable housing programme to stimulate the market with green loans and green credits.

BPIE celebrates 10 years!

Congratulations to the Buildings Performance Institute Europe on their 10-year anniversary! Learn more about BPIE’s work in their website.

ISC3 is preparing a report on sustainable Building & Living with focus on plastics

International Sustainable Chemistry Collaborative Centre (ISC3) is a global initiative of the German Ministry and the Agency for Environment. ISC3 is preparing a report on Sustainable Building & Living with focus on plastics. After a series of thematical workshops in 2019, they ask four short multiple-choice surveys according to each topic of the workshop, to help find innovative fields in the construction sector and to provide guidelines on how to drive building products towards the SDGs.

CTCN in Serbia: Incorporating innovative renewables and waste heat technologies in Belgrade’s district heating system

The City of Belgrade’s district heating (DH) system is one of the largest in Europe with a total network length of 1420 km and capacity of over 2800 MW. Most of the network is run on natural gas boilers and fuel oil boilers with no utilization of waste heat.
from cogeneration or other sources, as well as a low integration of renewables (0.75% of capacity). In addition, the buildings are not very energy efficient and energy consumption rates are high. In view of the need for a harmonized approach towards energy efficiency, the CTCN received a request from Serbia to modernize the district heating system and increase the rate of renewables integration.

**Calls, Initiatives & Funding**

**NDC Support Facility - funding opportunity for cooling**

[Proposals by 26 June] Launched in January 2020, the NDC Support Facility for Efficient, Climate-Friendly Cooling (NDC Facility) provides funding and guidance to organizations to support governments that want to integrate cooling solutions into the next round of their country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which are expected to culminate at the 2020 UNFCCC climate negotiations (COP26) in Glasgow. It has up to US$12 million available for technical assistance (TA) to improve access to and the efficiency of cooling in developing countries. Proposals are due by 26 June 2020. To learn more about how to apply for funding, click on the link below.

**EXTENSION- Call for Expressions of Interest: African Cities Development Fund (now Africa Territorial Agency - deadline 2 Mar 2020 at 17:00 UT)**

[Deadline 2 Mar] The purpose of this call for expression of interest (CEI) is to identify the cities as well as the local and regional governments in Africa wishing to be members of the Founding Club of the Africa Territorial Agency. This seed capital should be used to raise additional resources from the financial institutions or the financial markets.

**24TH INTERNATIONAL PASSIVE HOUSE CONFERENCE 2020 - Submit your abstract**

Call for Papers! - 24th International Passive House Conference (20/21 September 2020)

The Call for Papers for the 24th International Passive House Conference in Berlin, Germany is...
open until 2 March 2020. Everybody is welcome to submit a Passive House related abstract and become a part of the exciting and instructive conference programme.

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

**Upcoming buildings and construction events**

![Africa Climate Week 2020](image)

**Africa Climate Week 2020 (20-24 April, Kampala, Uganda)**

"Partnering for transformation towards a low-carbon climate resilient and prosperous Africa: Managing Climate Risks, Seizing Transformation Opportunities”

The Africa Climate Week is an opportunity to move forward on crucial climate action work at a national and regional level, taking regional priorities into consideration. The main objective is to share ways for governments to implement the Paris Agreement in Africa, making use of all the planning tools and support available under the Paris Agreement. This event is inclusive and open to all stakeholders, as a ‘go-to’ hub to build partnerships and to showcase groundbreaking action in the region.

The GlobalABC will likely participate at the Africa Climate Week, under track 3: *seizing transformation opportunities*.

**Are you attending the Africa Climate Week?** Please [contact us](mailto:contact@globalabc.org) us and let us know if you are planning to attend this event.

[Register here]

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](mailto:global.abc@un.org).

GlobalABC Flagship Products
NEW! 2019 Global Status Report

Executive Summaries in other languages in this link.

Read full report

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

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

Read full report

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