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

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GlobalABC Regional Roadmaps
FINAL STRETCH - As we move forward in the development of the regional roadmaps, we are very pleased to share with you an advanced Revised Draft Version of the document, together with review sheets with some key questions to help guide your review. You can access all documents via this [link](#) to download. We greatly welcome your feedback, by responding to these email addresses. You are also welcome to provide comments via the comment function in the PDF, or via email referencing the page number.

Download here
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).

We kindly ask all our members to fill-in this short form confirming their attendance (max. 5 min.) by Wednesday, 29 January. Please note that both accommodation and visa arrangements are at the responsibility of the participants – if you require a visa we encourage you start your visa process as soon as possible.

Due to the diversity of topics we are looking at two full days, starting 9:30 AM and finishing at 4 PM. We will provide an agenda as well as an information package with logistics such as venue etc. soon.

We are excited to announce that as per GlobalABC governance regulation this year’s Assembly will elect our next Steering Committee! Are you interested in shaping GlobalABC strategy and direction over the coming two years by joining this dynamic group? Please let us know of your interest by Monday, 10 February, indicating whether you would like to join (1) as Work Area co-chair (needs to first be coordinated among your respective Work Area co-chairs) or (2) as representing member constituencies. Rules and procedures are outlined below and in our attached governance framework.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Assembly!

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

Registration Link

PRESENTING THE 2019 GLOBAL STATUS REPORT FOR BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION

LAUNCHED: 2019 Global Status Report for Buildings
On 11 December 2019, the 2019 edition of the Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction was launched during a press conference event at COP25, in Madrid.

The 2019 Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction helps track this critical sector to drive climate action. This report provides examples of country, city, private sector driven actions that show the importance of the buildings and construction sector engaging, worldwide, towards a zero emission, efficient and resilient buildings.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD - Make the report available in your organization's website and through social media. 2020 is a crucial year for buildings and construction - help us raise awareness for the importance of this sector for climate action.

Read the full report here.

The Executive Summary of the 2019 GSR is available in other languages.

Do you have questions? Contact us at global.abc@un.org.

Are you attending WUF10?
The 10th session of the World Urban Forum will take place in Abu Dhabi, UAE, from 8-13 February 2020 - if you are planning to attend or know if buildings events at this occasion, please contact us at global.abc@un.org.

GlobalABC member & buildings news

Buildings and Construction: A Sleeping Giant for Climate Action

An article on IISD by Christiana Hageneder, PEEB, featuring the GlobalABC's work, buildings facts and figures and GlobalABC tools

Climate action in buildings and construction is among the most cost-effective measures. In the building sector, all trends are pointing upwards, with dramatic consequences for the climate. By 2060, the global building floor area is expected to double. Emerging and developing economies in warm and tropical climates will experience the biggest increase. Already today, the construction and operation of buildings is responsible for 40% of all energy-related carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. The sector consumes over a third of global final energy. Energy demand from the building sector is expected to grow by another 50% by 2050. Space cooling is a key driver of this demand – energy needs for space cooling are expected to triple.

Read full article
[Recording] IFC - Edge Buildings Webinar on Green and Affordable Homes

The webinar will focused on case studies of EDGE-certified homes in the affordable market, showcasing how practical green measures can keep the costs low but increase benefits for investors, developers and home buyers. EDGE has certified almost 60,000 residential units around the world.

Recording is available in two parts: Part 1 and Part 2.

Morocco: € 20 million climate finance for energy-efficient buildings

The project of the Government of Morocco “Integration of energy efficiency in the building sector” has been selected to receive €20 million in funding from the NAMA Facility. PEEB supported the development of this project that will incentivise real estate developers through the public housing developer Al Omrane, as well as retailers of efficient appliances.

Call, 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
**Read more 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.

**ENTRIES FOR ITS GETTING TO ZERO BUILDINGS DATABASE**

[Deadline 31 Jan]

Receive recognition for your zero energy or low energy project and help raise awareness about this growing segment of the building industry. Submit your project to the Getting to Zero Buildings Registry for inclusion in the Zero Energy Buildings Database. By submitting your building to the list, you’ll help building professionals learn about your project and help increase awareness about the growing demand for zero energy buildings.

**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.

**7 New CTCN/UNIDO Calls for Proposals**

[Deadline 31 Jan] The CTCN is seeking proposals for implementation of the following technical assistance in several areas. Check the link below for more information.

**Upcoming buildings and construction events**

[GlobalABC-led Side Event] Culture and Innovation in buildings for a world below 2°C

10 Feb | Hall 3: Room 17 | 12:30 - 13:30

Half of the building stock expected in 2050 has already been built and will need to be regularly improved to help us reach the Paris Agreement goals. How can new techniques and innovation be applied to existing

[Side Event] Designing Cooler Cities - Keep cool, Naturally

UNEP

12 Feb | Hall 2: Room 6 | 12:30 - 13:30

Climate friendly, efficient urban cooling is an area where mitigation potential is not yet fully realized and which could be used to enhance the overall energy efficiency and mitigation ambition of NDCs, and to strengthen/contribute to the Paris Agreement. Work on greater
Learn more buildings, preserving/enhancing their architectural heritage? This event will gather speakers from various backgrounds, including countries, civil society, private sector and research institutions to explore how heritage and existing buildings provide an excellent opportunity to showcase traditional know-how, nature based solutions, low tech innovation and other effective transformation alternatives, which could also be applied to new buildings. Our heritage of 2050 is already partially built. We need to give existing buildings the specific attention they deserve, preserving our culture and heritage through meaningful, climate compliant refurbishments, but also as a message on the importance of avoiding locking in inefficient buildings for the decades to come.

**Learn more**

[**WUF10**] Networking Event 3: "Building the future urban world - construction materials as the link between tradition and innovation"
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
9 Feb | Hall 2: Room 3 | 14:00 - 16:00

This event will focus on using more sustainable materials in the construction industry as essential for the future reduction of greenhouse emissions and the achievement of the Paris Agreement as well as the Agenda 2030. Only by addressing the sustainability aspects of all available materials – conventional, local and renewables – as well as the recycling of building materials, the global climate goals can be addressed.

[**WUF10**] Networking Event 114 "Managing the development of sustainable cities and communities - learning from all urban stakeholders"
FIDIC, International Federation of Consulting Engineers, Switzerland
11 Feb | Hall 3: Room 14 | 16:30 - 18:30

The event aims to engage with communities, built-environment sectors and other urban stakeholders to promote and enable the further development of tools, protocols, guides and management systems for sustainable urban development within a wide range of contexts, ranging from specific infrastructure and building projects, city centers and business districts, cultural sites, neighborhoods and alignment of cooling, particularly in urban climate plans, and the energy and buildings targets of the NDCs would also facilitate the mobilization of the investments required to accelerate the energy transition and advance progress towards achieving global climate objectives. This session will also be the opportunity to showcase progress from the Cool Coalition which was one of the initiatives presented at the UN Climate Action Summit in September.

**Learn More**

[**WUF10**] Networking Event 123 "Circular Built Environment supporting Innovations in Cities"
Ministry of the Environment, Finland
12 Feb | Hall 2: Room 3 | 14:00 - 16:00

This networking event will share the outcomes of the findings from circular built environment challenges, good practices and opportunities in Asia, Africa and Latin America, highlighting the role of local innovations in promoting sustainability in circular built environments. The session consists of keynote note, followed by expert panel discussions presenting case studies around the globe. The audience is engaged in the debate using interactive tools.

**Learn More**
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6th Annual IFC Climate Business Forum 2020

The Forum will bring together some of the world’s largest and most recognized companies, investors, policy makers and thought leaders in climate business. We are expecting over 400 CEO-level participants. Topics will cover green finance, the fastest growing green sectors and technologies, including renewable energy, green buildings, green financing, resilient urban infrastructure, sustainable transport, agribusiness, and the role of future technologies. The Forum will bring together some of the world’s largest and most recognized companies, investors, policy makers and thought leaders in climate business. We are expecting over 400 CEO-level participants. Topics will cover green finance, the fastest growing green sectors and technologies, including renewable energy, green buildings, green financing, resilient urban infrastructure, sustainable transport, agribusiness, and the role of future technologies.

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.

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.

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.