GlobalABC Newsletter
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⚠ This is a shorter edition of the GlobalABC newsletter ⚠
It will still be monthly but from now on, it will be sent mid-month. If you have buildings-related news or events, please feel free to send us by the 10th of each month.

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News from the GlobalABC Secretariat

[23 Sep - 14:00 CET] MATERIALS TALK LIVE: Aligning to 1.5°C
Transforming the built-environment is not an option, it’s an obligation. The building sector represents almost 40% of energy- and process-related CO2 emissions and reducing its carbon footprint will be key to achieve the Paris Agreement ambitions. What does the 1.5°C scenario mean for the built-environment? How can architects and designers support the sector in its low-
carbon efforts? What regulatory framework is needed?

With Martina Otto, GlobalABC | UNEP; Nimal Kishnani, National University of Singapore; Karen Scrivener, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

Moderated by Cédric de Meeûs, Head of Public Affairs, LafargeHolcim.

Register here

[23 Sep - 15:30 CET] Green buildings vs. the crisis

Green stimulus programmes in the building sector: a solution for economic recovery and climate protection?

Stimulus programmes for the building sector can be a highly effective tool for a Covid-19 recovery. This webinar by GlobalABC’s Work Area on Finance presents successful programmes and possibilities for financing them.

Learn more

[24 Sep - 14:00 CET] How hotels can benefit from sustainability in their recovery

This webinar presents the financial, reputational, and regulatory benefits for sustainable design in hotel construction and refurbishment, and showcases the financial options available for green investment.

The buildings and construction sector, as well as tourism specifically, are heavyweights for climate change mitigation and resilience, and as the industry recovers from the global pandemic, now is a crucial time to recognise the value of sustainability and build back greener and more resilient for the future.

Guest speakers include GlobalABC | UNEP, Hilton, International Finance Corporation, International Tourism Partnership and UN World Tourism Organization. The webinar is presented as part of 2020 World Green Building Week.

Register here
Upcoming: TEM-M sessions (30 Sep, 7 & 14 Oct) and Race to Zero Dialogue (19 Nov) on Built Environment!

The GlobalABC is leading the organization of the two virtual events, under UNFCCC: the Technical Experts Meeting on Mitigation (TEM-M) and the Race to Zero Dialogue on the Built Environment.

The first event will bring low emission housing and building solutions, from technologies to policies and processes, and continue to build a community that drives and implements an ambitious vision for the sector: Zero Carbon Buildings by 2050. The three sessions will cover: (a) Cool buildings for all; (b) Mobilising the value chain towards circular economy and; (c) Developing pathways for moving to scale.

The second event will explore the built environment’s potential and pathways to race to zero. It will feature essential strategic approaches tools that can drive the transformation, such as pathways and regional roadmaps as well as a whole-life carbon approach, also focusing on transformation, notably materials and resilience, highlighting producer and consumer perspectives. Finally, the event will highlight how to get all essential players on board. The event outcome will be a set of key ingredients for non-party and party stakeholders to transform this sector and drive the race to zero.

For more information, contact global.abc@un.org.
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 all roadmaps now!

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

Upcoming Events

[14 Sep] Online training workshop on the Guidelines and Best practices for MSMEs

The workshop will be conducted in English and will be based on the Guidelines and Best Practices for micro-, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in delivering energy-efficient products and in providing renewable energy equipment.


The 24th International Passive House Conference will take place, this year for the first time as a VIRTUAL conference from 20 September to 08 October 2020. You can discover the programme, various networking opportunities and make sure you get your conference ticket. Using the code “HighPerformanceBuildings” GABC members can take part in the conference and associated workshops for the early bird rate which ended
When ordering in the ticket shop, members will need to add the code into the "Redeem a voucher" section. This will automatically generate a ticket for the discounted GABC price. We ask GABC members registering for the conference using this code to add "GABC" in the comments section of their ticket purchase.

[21-25 Sep] World Green Building Week

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](#).

[22-Sep] Green Recovery in Spain and Italy: Accelerating Home Renovation after COVID-19

This webinar will discuss the current policy accelerating home renovation and the financing tools pushing it forward, in Italy and Spain - case studies will focus on the situation in Spain and the stimulus efforts in Italy, such as the eco-bonus scheme.


This webinar brings the status of the zero energy market in the United States and Canada, including a technology review and the relationship between zero energy and zero carbon. The speakers will share case studies that represent a market shift in size, scale, and scope of zero energy and carbon neutral buildings.

[28-30 Sep] Malaysia Urban Forum

The MUF 2020 is a national level forum that aims to promote inclusive debate and discussions towards developing and improving sustainable urbanization, strategies and programs.
[29-30 Sep] World Circular Economy Forum
Join circular economy change-makers from around the world as they share practical circular economy examples that will help rebuild stronger, greener and better economies! With top speakers from around the globe, networking tools and a chance to take part in the discussions, WCEFonline offers a modern circular economy venue. A recording of each session will be available for two weeks after the event.

Register now

[05-31 Oct] Urban October 2020
Today 55 per cent of the world’s population live in cities and towns and the number is growing every day. Every October UN-Habitat and partners organize a month of activities, events and discussions on urban sustainability. Click on the link below and discover the full agenda for this year's Urban October!

Register now

[7-28 Oct] Daring Cities 2020
Daring Cities 2020 will run from 7-28 October 2020, offering an online array of high level and visionary speaking sessions, a series of informative workshops and personal networking opportunities. Over a three-week period, we will offer a variety of virtual formats to accommodate different topics, time zones, internet bandwidth limits, and languages. The event will help to set the course to COP26, Daring Cities 2021 and beyond.

Learn more

[6-8 Nov] International Passive House Open Days: Online and interactive!
After the success of the first digital International Passive House Open Days and due to the continuing COVID19 restrictions, IPHA has decided to make the November 6-8 International Passive House Open Days a digital event as well!

Read more

[9 Nov] OID launches MOOC on Building and Biodiversity
The MOOC is intended to be an educational tool to understand the links between the building sector and biodiversity. It tackles this crucial subject in a systemic and operational manner, through testimonials from quality experts and the feedback of field professionals, both from the fields of applied ecology and from building and real estate.
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This MOOC (offered in French) is free, takes place over 5 weeks, at a rate of approximately one hour per week, and will be put online on November 9.

**Calls, Initiatives & Funding**

[21 Sep] Green Solutions Awards return!
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.

[Helsinki Energy Challenge]
The schedule for the international Helsinki Energy Challenge has been altered due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided that the registration phase is prolonged to 30 September 2020. The finalist teams invited to the second phase of the competition are announced in the beginning of November and the winner of the competition will be revealed in March 2021.

[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](mailto: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

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.

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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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