

ENGAGING COUNTRIES TOWARDS LOW CARBON AND RESILIENT BUILDINGS: STEPPING UP THE GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION AGENDA

Wednesday, 9 March 2022, 09:30-11:30 AM CET

Aim of the event

Following the EU Ministerial on affordable housing the previous day, this high-level event invites Ministers from the European, the MENA, and the Mediterranean regions. **The event will underline the need for countries to increase ambition and action for effective building decarbonization at home and to leverage strong international collaboration through channelling expertise and climate finance.**

It will emphasise countries' recognition of the critical importance of transforming our buildings for climate adaptation and mitigation, for citizen well-being, for decent work, and for a prosperous future for all. Importantly, it encourages countries to showcase what measures they are taking to step up ambition towards a truly low carbon and resilient built environment. It is an opportunity for countries to highlight the strategies taken and strategies underway, and it encourages countries to collaborate to raise each other's ambition level.

Output

Declaration on the importance of increased country engagement towards building decarbonization and resilience and of recognizing and being supportive of the GlobalABC efforts to that end.

Time	Topic	Speakers
09:30-09:35	Welcome, housekeeping (5 mins).	Moderator: Mariana Castano Cano , 10 Billion Solutions Communications Specialist
09:35-09:45	SETTING THE SCENE: GlobalABC added value since COP26 to facilitate country and private engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Martina Otto, Head of Cities Unit and Secretariat of the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction at United Nations Environment Programme
09:45-10:00	KEYNOTE Why transforming our buildings is key to our livelihoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mahmoud Mohieldin, High-Level Climate Champion of Egypt ● HE Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt (TBC)
POLICIES ROUNDTABLE		
10:00-10:20	EUROPEAN EXPERIENCE: What conditions of success and lessons can be learned from France and Denmark for the European region, e.g., in mobilising and regulating their building sector for energy efficiency, decarbonisation, and climate change resilience? What are the international cooperation ambitions for country mobilisation ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● François Adam, Director for habitat, urbanism and landscape, Ministry of Ecological Transition, French Republic ● Sigmund Lubanski, Director, Danish Authority for Housing and Planning, Denmark
10:20-10:30	The MENA Perspective: What are conditions of success and lessons learned from Morocco for the MENA region? What are specific MENA region Challenges for country engagement ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HE Fatima-Zahra Mansouri, Minister of National Territorial Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and City Policy, Kingdom of Morocco

MARKETS TRANSFORMATION ROUND TABLE		
10:30-10:40	BUSINESS CHALLENGES: How do major corporations need to contribute to decarbonize our buildings? What is their role in generalizing access to decarbonized solutions ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diane Holdorf, Executive Vice President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
10:40-11:20	DISCUSSION: How to accelerate and transform all building markets? What regional or international collaboration is needed among countries and between countries and non-state actors?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diane Holdorf, Executive Vice President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) ● HE Fatima-Zahra Mansouri, Minister of National Territorial Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and City Policy, Kingdom of Morocco ● HE Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt (TBC) ● Mahmoud Mohieldin, High-Level Climate Champion of Egypt ● François Adam, Director for habitat, urbanism and landscape, Ministry of Ecological Transition, French Republic ● Sigmund Lubanski, Director, Danish Authority for Housing and Planning, Denmark
TBC	<i>European Commission: The role of regional organizations for stepping-up ambition</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President, European Green Deal, European Commission (TBC)
TBC	<i>Bilateral development organisation What potential mobilisation and impact of development and climate finance for the transformation of buildings</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mathilde Bord Laurans, Head of Climate Department, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) (TBC)
11:20-11:30	CLOSING STATEMENT: Key measures for stepping up low carbon and resilient buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HE Fatima-Zahra Mansouri, Minister of National Territorial Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and City Policy, Kingdom of Morocco ● <i>The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP, COP26 President-Designate, Minister of State, United Kingdom (TBC)</i>