



Intergovernmental Council for Buildings and Climate (ICBC)

**Advancing Global Climate Action on
Buildings through the Chaillot Declaration**

Origins of the ICBC: The Chaillot Declaration



Background

- Buildings account for over **34% of global energy demand** and **around 37% of energy-related CO2 emissions**, corresponding to approximately **21% of total greenhouse gas emissions**.
- Urgent need for decarbonization and resilience to meet climate targets.

Chaillot Declaration

- Launched March 2024 at the **Buildings and Climate Global Forum in Paris**.
- Gathered 1,400 representatives from the buildings sector and 80 ministerial delegations.
- Signed by over 60 countries to create a unified global framework.
- Established the **Intergovernmental Council for Buildings and Climate (ICBC)** to operationalize its commitments.

Purpose of the Declaration

- Unite stakeholders across the buildings sector.
- Align with the **Paris Agreement** for a zero-emission, climate-resilient future.



Commitments of the Chailot Declaration



The Declaration outlines actionable commitments for signatories:

1. **Regulations:** Long-term roadmaps and mandatory building/energy codes.
2. **Finance:** Incentives for near-zero-emission, resilient buildings; phase out funding for unsustainable ones.
3. **Standards:** Promote certifications, labels, and sustainable building practices.
4. **Procurement:** Lead by example with ambitious public procurement policies.
5. **Materials:** Encourage low-carbon, sustainable construction materials.
6. **Innovation:** Foster collaboration and R&D for cost-effective, climate-friendly solutions.
7. **Capacity:** Build local skills and protect working conditions.
8. **Governance:** Ensure multi-level coordination and participatory implementation.
9. **Data:** Develop tools to share data and best practices.
10. **Advocacy:** Promote awareness of sustainable choices.



[Read the Chailot Declaration](#)



Ministerial Launch of ICBC at COP29



Key Highlights

- ICBC Launch: Established under the Chaillot Declaration, co-chaired by France, Kenya, and Brazil.
- Participants: Ministers and representatives from Azerbaijan, Brazil, Cambodia, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Kenya, Lithuania, Morocco, Samoa, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, and more.

Discussions

- Scaling retrofitting initiatives and promoting climate-neutral materials.
- Fostering public-private partnerships for financing sustainable practices.
- Integrating energy efficiency, passive cooling, and resilience into constructions and retrofits.
- Emphasized the role of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in attracting investments and driving private-sector engagement.

Outcomes

- Strengthened global collaboration under ICBC.
- Stronger links within the ICBC Troika.
- Enhanced alignment of building policies with the Paris Agreement goals.



ICBC Troika Leadership



Brazil:

"In line with the Chailot Declaration, the building sector can mitigate climate change and support the Paris Agreement. Local engagement is key to achieving climate and social justice."

– **Jader Barbalho Filho, Minister of Cities**



France:

"The institutionalization of the ICBC, as part of the Chailot Declaration, is a major political milestone. Our ambition is to make the ICBC a tool for ministers driving this transformation."

– **Agnès Pannier-Runacher, Minister of Ecological Transition, Energy, Climate, and Risk Prevention**



Kenya:

"Kenya is ready to intensify efforts to integrate climate considerations into construction practices and promote green technologies as part of the Chailot Declaration."

– **Alice Wahome, Minister of Lands, Public Works, Housing, and Urban Development**



ICBC: Turning the Declaration into Action



Mandate (Art. 7.2 of the Chailot Declaration)

- Convene governments to exchange insights, share best practices, and monitor progress.
- Address challenges and recommend actions for decarbonizing the buildings sector.
- Support implementation of the Chailot Declaration and other intergovernmental initiatives.

Mission and Activities

- Foster collaboration and innovation for sustainable, resilient building practices.
- Provide tools and insights to accelerate decarbonization and climate adaptation.
- Promote sustainable construction strategies across the building lifecycle.
- Develop actionable policy recommendations and track global progress.

Structure

- Biannual Meetings: Online (senior administration level).
- Annual Ministerial Meeting: During key global events (e.g., COP, UNEA).
- Global Forum: Every 3 years, engaging stakeholders, governments, NGOs, and private sectors.

Secretariat

- Operational and logistical support delivered by GlobalABC, hosted by UNEP (subject to available funding).
- Organizes ICBC meetings, drafts reports, and facilitates work plan implementation.
- Coordinates communication and collaboration among Member States and stakeholders.
- Tracks and reports progress on the Chailot Declaration and sector decarbonization efforts.

GlobalABC as the Secretariat of the ICBC



MEMBERS

- 382 Members
- Including 71 Countries
- Incl. national and subnational governments, civil society orgs, academia, think tanks, and private sector.



GOVERNANCE

- 20 Steering Committee Members
- 8 Annual Assemblies (UAE, Canada, Finland, Germany)
- 5 Constituencies including governments, private sector, civil society organizations, research institutions, and intergovernmental organizations



VISION

Towards a zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector for all.

EMISSION GOALS

- Halving building emissions by 2030
- Decarbonizing buildings along their lifecycle by 2050



FLAGSHIPS

- Buildings Global Status Report
- Climate Action Roadmaps
- Intergovernmental Council for Buildings and Climate (ICBC)
- Buildings Breakthrough (BBT)
- COP Buildings Pavilion



ACTIVITIES

- Materials Report, online hub
- Buildings and Climate Global Forum
- NDCs
- Mitigation Work Programme
- MPGCA
- BuildingToCOP



10 HUBS AND ACTION GROUPS

- **Hubs:** Adaptation, Clean Heat Forum, Data, Finance, Market Transformation, Materials, and Sufficiency.
- **Action Groups:** Higher Education Institutions, Passive Cooling, and Subnationals.

How to Officially Join ICBC

And Endorse the Déclaration de Chaillot



✓ Steps to Join:

Download the Endorsement Template

📄 Available in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese
(Scan the QR code below to access the templates)

Complete and Submit the Template

✍️ Fill in all required information

✉️ Send to: unep-economy-globalabc@un.org

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Subject: *Include "ICBC"*

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