

SUMMARY REPORT

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL FOR BUILDINGS AND CLIMATE (ICBC)

2025 FIRST TECHNICAL MEETING

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1. Opening by Gulnara Roll, Head of the Secretariat of GlobalABC and ICBC, UNEP

- Marking the inaugural technical meeting of the ICBC since its establishment, following the endorsement of the Chaillot Declaration.
- Positioning the ICBC as a strategic platform to drive climate objectives and deliver socioeconomic benefits by addressing the complex challenges of the buildings sector—an area directly impacting quality of life across diverse human settlements.
- Underscoring the ICBC's role in integrating national and local social, economic, and financial perspectives to accelerate progress toward the Paris Agreement goals—particularly crucial in light of the slowdown noted in the [2024-2025 Global Status Report on Buildings and Construction](#).

2. Message from H.E. Jader Barbalho Filho, Minister of Cities of Brazil and Vice-President of ICBC ([Video intervention](#))

- Reaffirming Brazil's leadership in climate action within the buildings and construction sector and its continued commitment to addressing global warming.
- Highlighting initiatives advancing the Déclaration de Chaillot, including the “Minha Casa Minha Vida” (My House My Life) program and public financing for sustainable innovation.
- Announcing Brazil's commitment to host the first ICBC Ministerial Meeting at COP30 in Belém and inviting international collaboration.

3. Thematic Priorities from ICBC Troika Leadership for 2025-2027

The Troika confirmed two thematic priorities for its 2025–2027 mandate:

1. **Understanding the scale of the impact from climate change on real estate investment** (*led by France*)
2. **Supporting resilient and low-carbon self-built housing** (*co-led by Brazil and Kenya*)
 - Yves-Laurent Sapoval, Ministerial Delegate for Sustainable Cities-Urban Envoy, France

- Calling on countries to renew and scale up their commitments under the Paris Agreement as it marks its 10th anniversary.
- Introducing France's leadership on the theme: Understanding the scale of the impact from climate change on real estate investment, emphasizing the role of data, finance, and institutional collaboration to mobilize low-carbon development in the property sector.
- Pledging to foster knowledge exchange and international cooperation on climate-responsive real estate policy and financing, while promoting broader socio-economic resilience.
- Reinforcing the critical link between climate, housing, health, and affordability—urging integrated policy approaches for safe, equitable, and sustainable urban development.
- **Ambassador Antônio da Costa e Silva, Chief International Adviser, Brazil**
 - Affirming Brazil's role as co-lead of the priority theme: Supporting resilient and low-carbon self-built housing—framing it as essential to addressing inequality, climate resilience, and inclusive urban development.
 - Announcing that Brazil will host the first ICBC Ministerial Meeting at COP30, designed to be action-oriented and focused on advancing implementation across the ICBC agenda, in alignment with the priorities of the COP30 Presidency.
 - Confirmed Brazil's endorsement of the Buildings and Cooling Pavilion in the Blue Zone at COP30, aimed at uniting-built environment stakeholders and showcasing solutions.
 - Emphasizing Brazil's commitment to align ICBC efforts with COP30 negotiations and priorities, especially in tackling urban vulnerability through financing and self-build approaches.
- **Kennedy Matheka, State Department of Public Works, Kenya**
 - Reaffirming Kenya's co-leadership on Supporting resilient and low-carbon self-built housing, stressing its relevance for affordability, empowerment, and community-led climate adaptation.
 - Calling on countries to uphold the Déclaration de Chaillot by pursuing inclusive, locally grounded decarbonization and resilience pathways.
 - Encouraging members to prepare joint ICBC progress updates to present at COP30.
 - Reiterating that finance and self-built are the Council's core priorities and encouraging all members to share best practices and innovative approaches through the ICBC platform.

4. Experiences and best practices by ICBC members

- **Helle Redder Momsen**, Nordic Sustainable Construction, Danish Authority of Social Service and Housing – [Access presentation](#)
- **Alessandra Fidanza**, Ministry for the Environment and Energy Security, Italy – [Access presentation](#)
- **Masaya Sasaki**, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan – [Access presentation](#)
- **Ilyas Essabai**, Ministry of National Territory Planning, Urban Planning, Housing, and City Policy, Morocco – [Access presentation](#)
- **Maite Verdú**, Ministry of Housing and Urban Agenda, Spain – [Access presentation](#)
- **Naseibah Almarzooqi**, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, UAE

5. OECD Study Presentation

- **Ji-Soo Yoon**, Policy Analyst, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions, and Cities, OECD – [Access presentation](#)

6. ICBC Secretariat Updates – Membership Status

- 46 confirmed member countries
- 18 countries pending senior representatives' details [**Reminder:** Submit Pending Representative Details to unep-economy-globalabc@un.org; Required: (1) Engaged Minister (2) Senior Representative (3) Technical Contact (if applicable)]
- 16 Observer Countries

Resource: [Invitation for Observer States to Join ICBC by Endorsing the Chaillot Declaration and Engaging in the Council's Work](#)

7. ICBC Secretariat Updates – Objectives of the ICBC Country Reporting Framework - 2025 Survey

The Secretariat introduced the 2025 ICBC Country Survey, which aims to collect baseline information from all member countries. The data will inform the 2026 ICBC Progress Report and support the creation of a new Policy and Best Practice Knowledge Platform.

This platform will:

- Collect and disseminate multilingual resources, national policies, best practices, and case studies from ICBC member states, building on the existing GlobalABC knowledge base
- Feature country-specific profiles and a private interface (subject to funding) that may include access to a private interface providing access to a directory of ICBC members and focal ministries, contact details of national Senior Representatives to facilitate direct exchange, key ICBC governance documents such as meeting minutes, decisions, and records, as well as regular updates and official outcomes from the Secretariat.

8. ICBC as a Global Policy Forum for GlobalABC

- Presenting the mission, vision, and governance structure of GlobalABC
- Strengthening the link between the Chaillot Declaration, ICBC, and GlobalABC
- Encouraging ICBC members to actively participate in GlobalABC-led dialogues, including the GlobalABC Assembly, COP Pavilion, and Buildings & Climate Forum
- Promoting access to GlobalABC tools, reports, and capacity-building resources to support strategy development and improve access to financing

Proposal Adopted

ICBC member countries will automatically be made members of the GlobalABC. No objections were raised.