

# BELÉM CALL FOR ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING



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At COP30 in Belém, the [Intergovernmental Council for Buildings and Climate \(ICBC\)](#) launched the Belém Call for Action for Sustainable and Affordable Housing placing people at centre of climate action for the building sector. The ICBC, coordinated by UNEP's GlobalABC, convenes over 60 countries under the leadership of France, Brazil and Kenya to align national building policies with global climate goals.

## #Affordable AND Sustainable

## The Challenge

2.8 billion people face housing inadequacy while buildings account for 35 per cent of global energy-related CO2 emissions, which reached 12 Gt CO2 in 2024 – a one per cent increase from 2023. The residential sector represents about 75 per cent of the world's buildings and holds the greatest potential for transformative climate action. Meeting unprecedented global housing needs requires building 96,000 homes every day. Yet today's decisions will determine whether future generations gain access to safe, climate-resilient and affordable housing. Housing affordability and sustainability are often treated as competing priorities when they must be pursued together to secure dignity and sustainability for all.

**If countries implement the Belém Call for Action commitments, they can help close the USD 1.1 trillion annual investment gap, meet housing needs for 96,000 homes daily, and ensure 1.12 billion people in vulnerable settlements have climate-resilient homes by 2035.**

ICBC Belém Call for Action

## The Commitment

The Belém Call for Action commits participating ICBC members to concrete, time-bound targets:

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By 2030: Integrate climate action into affordable housing policies; work towards establishing an Affordable and Sustainable Housing Finance Alliance with International Finance Institutions and Multilateral Development Banks to help close the USD 1.1 trillion annual investment gap; and define and consider Official Development Assistance (ODA) flows for sustainable housing.

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By 2035: Align national housing policies with the Déclaration de Chaillot; prioritise housing meeting locally appropriate standards on efficiency, emissions and resilience; and prohibit construction in climate-risk areas without protective measures—vital for the 1.12 billion people currently living in vulnerable settlements.

**Express your interest to join the ICBC, and endorse the Belém Call for Action here**

