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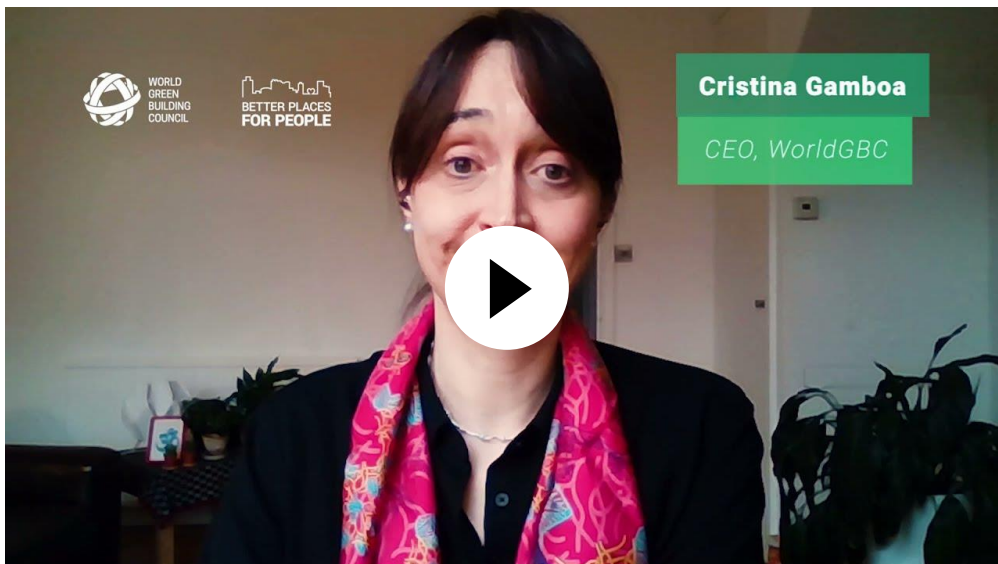


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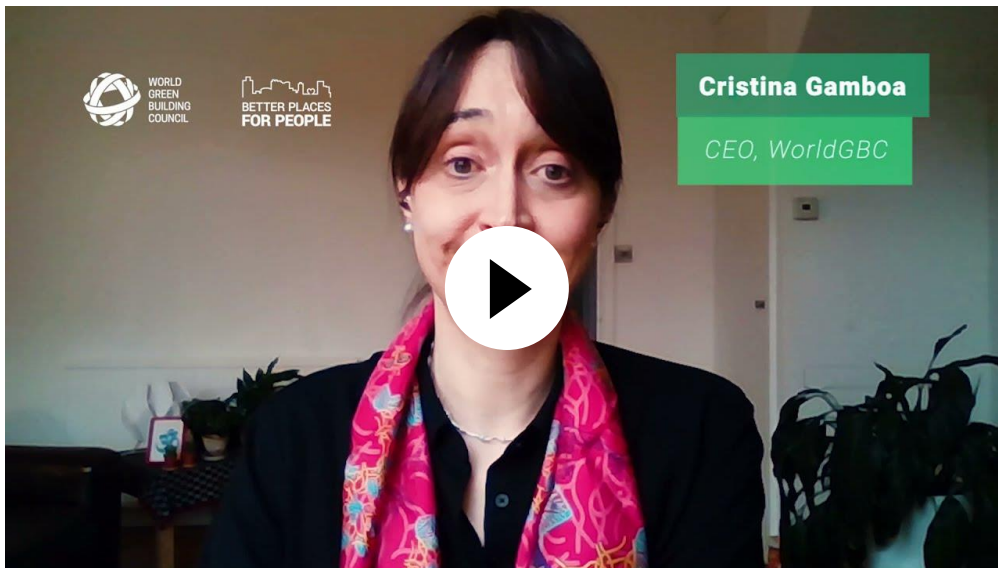


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# NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

## *GBCs AND PARTNERS*

### NEWS FROM OUR GBCs

- Hong Kong Green Building Council are holding a series of [free webinars throughout May 2021](#) to explore Advancing Net Zero and motivating industry to support the initiative.
- India GBC is driving the Net Zero agenda through their [recently launched 'Mission on Net Zero'](#) with 300 organisations already pledged to support this mission.
- CCCS (Colombia GBC) launches the strategy for the decarbonization of buildings through the project "[Net Zero Carbon Building Accelerator: from energy efficiency to decarbonization](#)".
- Last month DGBC published a methodology and a tool for a uniform calculation of operational energy and carbon called [WEii \(Actual Energy Intensity indicator\)](#).
- Austrian Sustainable Building Council has published the [ÖGNI Facades of the Future paper](#), which addresses the question of how facades should be designed today so that they will meet the requirements in 40 years' time.

### REGIONAL NEWSLETTERS

- Read the latest edition of the [Americas Regional Update for April 2021](#).

### UPDATES FROM OUR PARTNERS

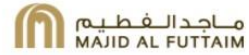
**WorldGBC Corporate Advisory Board and other Partners**

- CDL releases their new report [Sustainability Integrated Sustainability Report 2021, named 'Advancing Change Resilience'](#).
- Founded by our WorldGBC former chair Tai Lee Siang, the [Cities of Love Awards](#) are now live.
- The Ramboll [Sustainable Buildings Market Study 2021: impacts of COVID-19 and beyond](#), reveals insights from across the value chain on the pandemic response, net zero carbon buildings and more.
- Multiplex Europe have now released their [One Decade to Act report](#), which aims to inspire and catalyse action at all levels within their business and possibly beyond.
- There is an [open call for content for the Built Environment Summit \(BEST\)](#). It closes 1st June. The event is hosted by RIBA (the Royal Institute of British Architects) and Architects Declare, and taking place on October 28th-29th 2021, immediately prior to COP26.

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