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# GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

Welcome to the WorldGBC June Global Update.

## GBC Announcement: Dodge Data World Green Building Trends Survey Launching Soon!

This year, Dodge Data will release a 2021 World Green Building Trends report, following their [2018 report](#). As a GBC, encouraging input from your members gives you access to relevant market trends, and an opportunity to access market data.

It is important to have global contribution in order to achieve an accurate and useful global green building trends report.

The survey is expected to open **15 June 2021**. We will be in touch once the survey is live to discuss how best to share with your members. In the meantime if you have questions, please contact Dominika Czerwinska: [dczerwinska@worldgbc.org](mailto:dczerwinska@worldgbc.org)

**Here are the highlights from this month's update:**

- WorldGBC launches [World Green Building Week 2021 #BuildingResilience](#)
- [Advancing Net Zero Status Report 2021](#)
- [#BuildingLife open letter](#) calling on the European Commission to support the full decarbonisation of the built environment

Best wishes,  
Cristina Gamboa, CEO, World Green Building Council

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# BUILDING RESILIENCE

*for climate,  
people and  
economies.*

WORLD GREEN  
BUILDING WEEK  
20–24 SEPTEMBER 2021



#BuildingResilience  
#WGBW21

World Green Building Council announces its 12th annual [World Green Building Week](#) event, taking place on 20-24 September 2021.

World Green Building Week is the world's largest campaign to accelerate sustainable buildings for everyone, everywhere.

This year's theme will focus on **#BuildingResilience for climate, people and economies.**

To close the environmental, social and economic gaps and safeguard our planet for future generations, our sector must focus on **#BuildingResilience**.

#WGBW2021

#BuildingResilience



WorldGBC releases the **2021 Advancing Net Zero Status Report**.

Packed with net zero myth busting and stories of industry climate action, the report showcases examples of Green Building Councils, businesses and governments scaling action towards achieving WorldGBC's vision for a decarbonised built environment.

[Read the Report](#)



As part of the #BuildingLife project, WorldGBC has convened a coalition of construction sector leaders to sign an open letter, calling on the European Commission to support the full decarbonisation of the built environment through ambitious policies.

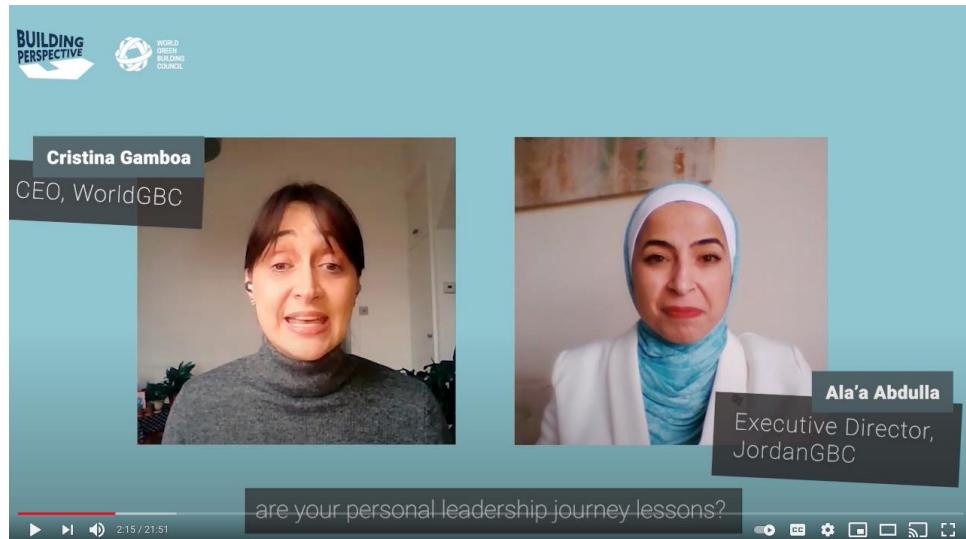
[Find out more](#)

## Built Environment Summit: Open call for climate action research

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and Architects Declare are **inviting submissions** to support a report to governments to be presented at COP26.

**Deadline 9am BST on Monday 14 June 2021.**

**Submit your application**



Watch the latest interview from WorldGBC's **Building Perspective** series.

In our first MENA region episode, Cristina Gamboa talks with one of the youngest leaders in our network – [Ala'a Abdulla](#), Executive Director, Jordan Green Building Council.

Ala'a shares her expertise and unique insight on becoming a leader, surviving (and thriving) through the pandemic, Jordan GBC's affordable housing project and how to achieve good governance.

**Watch the interview**



### BUILUPON<sup>2</sup> Cities Series: Part 3

WorldGBC finds out how the city of Leeds is preparing to use the BUILD UPON<sup>2</sup> framework to monitor the impacts of its renovation work.

Using the framework, Leeds wants to track the impact of renovation on fuel bills, as tackling fuel poverty is a key consideration at a local and national level.

[Read more](#)

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**THREE NEW COMPANIES**  
Join the WorldGBC  
Net Zero Carbon Buildings  
Commitment

WORLD GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL   ADVANCING NET ZERO   CURRIE & BROWN   ARA   B+H

Three new companies join WorldGBC's [Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment](#).

As signatories, ARA Asset Management Limited, B+H Architects and Currie & Brown signal the growing global industry leadership to decarbonise the built environment and combat climate change.

The Commitment now has a total of 141 signatories, accounting for over 5.2 million (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) of portfolio emissions.

[Read more](#)

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## **CoEvolve Northern Star**

*works with, not against,  
the elements to tackle  
India's water shortage*

We catch up with Mr Suhail Rahman, MD and CEO of CoEvolve Estates, about how their development is tackling the climate crisis.

CoEvolve Northern Star, is a unique sustainable residential development in India. Following water shortages in Bangalore, the development team have focused on water sustainability, and as such, won the Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance Award ([2020 Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards](#)) for their innovation, making them among the highest rated green homes in India.

[Read more](#)

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## **Something in the air?**

*Green Building Council  
Cameroon find out with  
Plant a Sensor*

In this latest instalment of the **Better Places for People thought leadership series**, Roger Nwancha, Chief Executive Officer at [Green Building Council Cameroon](#), explains the innovative approach they are taking towards understanding the air over the city of Yaounde, through the [Plant a Sensor](#) project.

[Read more](#)

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## NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

### GBCs AND PARTNERS

#### GBCs

- Italia Green Building Council is calling for volunteers to join its International Technical Advisory Group. The call is open to those who work on the regeneration of historic buildings on a daily basis. [Find out more](#).
- Emirates Green Building Council and Saint-Gobain UAE have partnered to evaluate the Indoor Environmental Quality of a UAE School. [Watch the video to find out more](#).
- Book your space now for Green Building Council Australia's '[Insights into offsets](#)', 29 July, 10:00- 11:30 AEST.

#### Partners

- [World Climate Forum EUROPE](#) takes place virtually June 29 during London Climate Action Week 2021, as the first Forum in a series leading to COP26.

The Forum will gather senior policymakers and high-level public and private actors from around the world for action-oriented discussions on advancing net-zero targets across all sectors. [Register here](#).

- Join World Resources Institute and UN Environment for the

[Zero Carbon Building Accelerator Global Launch](#), 22 June,  
09:00am - 10:30am ET.

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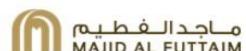
- Cities Development Limited and Singapore Sustainability Academy launches The Future of Sustainability Reporting webinar series. Find out more about global climate reporting, [register 11 June, 14:00 SGT.](#)

See our events on our online [calendar](#).

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