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GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

Welcome to the WorldGBC April Global Update.

It's now or never – the [recent IPCC report](#) warns that current national pledges are not ambitious enough to stop global warming from exceeding 1.5°C. For the built environment, the report revealed promising data about our sector's potential to accelerate climate action through solutions that already exist. But *only* if we see an immediate increase in political ambition and financial incentives to make this happen at scale.

[Read my reactions to the report and recommendations for industry action.](#)

March has been an incredible month for the WorldGBC global network, as our Green Building Councils (GBCs) have been able to connect on a scale which we have not seen since the start of the pandemic.

Our Middle East and Africa Green Building Congress saw over 200 attendees from 43 countries and 67 networking meetings. And our European Regional Network brought #BuildingLife GBCs together in Rome, Italy, at our first in-person event for two years, creating a truly collaborative space to take forward our mission to decarbonise Europe's built environment.

I invite you to join us in the critical discussions and actions towards sustainable built environments for everyone, everywhere:

- "It's now or never" – read my [reactions and recommendations](#) in response to the latest IPCC report
- WorldGBC launches [Sustainable Reconstruction & Recovery Framework](#), a post-disaster toolkit for building back better
- Get ready for WorldGBC's '[Leadership Summit for Sustainable Built Environments](#)' on 27 June – 1 July
- Final call for Green Building Council [Board of Directors](#) nominations, closing 12 April
- [The new EU Taxonomy and its impacts on the building sector](#), 13 April

- [Americas Regional event: From Energy Efficiency to Net Zero Carbon Roadmaps in Latin America](#), 28 April.

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



"It's now or never" – Cristina Gamboa's reactions to latest IPCC report

[The latest report](#) from the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) (IPCC) warns that current national pledges are not ambitious enough to stop global warming from exceeding 1.5°C. Here, WorldGBC CEO Cristina Gamboa shares reflections on the role our network can play in being part of the solution.

[Read the story](#)



Sustainable Reconstruction & Recovery Framework

For the Southern & Eastern Mediterranean

WorldGBC launches post-disaster toolkit for building back better through a sustainable built environment

Together with the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD), UN Habitat, and Green Building Councils in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine, WorldGBC launched the Sustainable Reconstruction & Recovery Framework – a “post-disaster toolkit” to help communities build back better across the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean and beyond.

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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



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LONDON, UK 27 JUNE - 1 JULY 2022

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Reconnect to the power of our global network

To mark 20 years of WorldGBC, we're hosting our first Leadership Summit 27 June – 1 July in London.

Join progressive leaders from across the WorldGBC network and special guests to strategically advance and scale up decarbonisation and sustainability solutions across built environments worldwide now.

The WorldGBC Leadership Summit is an in-person event and we encourage you to reconnect with fellow changemakers, discover opportunities, celebrate 20 years of accomplishments, and contribute with your voice and insights as we focus on 2025 and build on our strategy Sustainable Buildings for Everyone, Everywhere.

Programming details of this in-person summit, session outlines and details on paid for events will be released in the coming weeks.

[Find out more](#)



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The WorldGBC Board of Directors call for nominations

Nominations for our Board of Directors closes on **12 April 2022**, so there's still time for Green Building Councils around the world to nominate an individual with experience in the built environment and passion for the cause of sustainability. All candidates must be nominated by an Established GBC.

[Find out more](#)

FSLCI Webinar: The new EU Taxonomy & its impacts on the building sector

April 13 | 2-3pm CEST

Organized by:



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Prof. Marzia Traverso

World Green Business Council

Dr. Stephen Richardson

Webinar: The new EU Taxonomy and its impacts on the building sector

Are you interested in the new EU Taxonomy and its impact on the Building Sector? Then save the date on **13 April from 2PM - 3PM CEST** for a webinar run by the Forum of Sustainability through Life Cycle Innovation (FSLCI) and open to members. The event will be hosted by Marzia Traverso, Head and Full

Professor of Institute of Sustainability in Civil Engineering, with speaker Dr Stephen Richardson, Director of the Europe Regional Network, WorldGBC.

[Register here](#)



 WORLD GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

FROM ENERGY EFFICIENCY TO NET ZERO ROADMAPS IN LATIN AMERICA

*Thursday 28 April 2022
9–11am CET*

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Webinar: Americas Regional event - From Energy Efficiency to Net Zero Carbon Roadmaps in Latin America

Save the date for our first Americas Regional webinar of 2022 on **28 April from 9AM - 11AM CET**. Learn from sustainability experts across Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico on how cities and national governments are taking action to push forward ambition - from energy efficiency policies, to net zero carbon roadmaps for the built environment.

[Register here](#)



Asia Pacific Network Festival 2022

Save the date for the [The Asia Pacific 20.22 Festival](#), which coincides with WorldGBC's 20th Anniversary. With a host of events from **June – November 2022**, and a different theme focussing on sustainability each month, this will be a pivotal event in our Asia Pacific Regional Network to collaborate, innovate and learn.

[View the agenda](#)

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Four new companies take climate action joining WorldGBC's Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment

We welcome four new and existing signatories to the updated Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment: Africa Logistics Properties, EVORA Global, Investa and QIC Office Fund.

[Read the story](#)

EUROPE REGIONAL NETWORK 

WORLDGBC'S FEEDBACK TO THE EPBD REVISION

WorldGBC reacts to the revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

Last year, the European Commission proposed an update to the [Energy Performance of Buildings Directive \(EPBD\)](#) which is being revised as part of the 'fit for 55' package. In this Thought Leadership piece, we've summarised WorldGBC's positions on key topics in the EPBD revision.

[Read the story](#)

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

GBCs AND PARTNERS

GBCs and Established GBC CEO Network

- View the [dedicated playlist with recordings](#) from the Middle East & Africa Green Building Congress held on 23 & 24 March 2022.
- GBCA (Australia) and Cundall have partnered to release '[A Practical Guide for Electrification: For New Buildings](#)'. GBCA also launched a roadmap to decarbonise Australia's [precincts](#), and highlights the important role that infrastructure plays in delivering climate positive precincts. This work references WorldGBC's Beyond Buildings report, which maps the role of buildings and infrastructure in meeting the

three global megatrends for the built environment: Climate Action, Health and Wellbeing, and Resources and Circularity.

- UKGBC have published [a toolkit](#) to support the delivery of social value across built environment projects.
- If you missed GBC Australia's 4th annual TRANSFORM conference on 23 – 24 March 2022, an industry-leading event at the forefront of the sustainable built environment, then you can still view some great resources and opportunities from the event [here](#).
- In this [Market Insights report](#), we capture some of the key points raised at the 8 & 9 February 2022 CEO Network meetings, which focussed on Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) ambition and implementation. WorldGBC will shortly be convening a Global Policy Taskforce to bring together GBCs to share experiences, best practice and align around a common purpose to ensure that global, national and local building policy is on a 1.5 degree trajectory.

Corporate Advisory Board and WorldGBC Regional Partners

- We welcome world industry leaders [Daikin as the latest regional partner](#) to join our Americas Regional Network.
- Carrier expands sustainability solutions and services offering to [help customers achieve decarbonisation goals](#).
- [CDL's Integrated Sustainability Report 2022](#) has been published, focussing on bolder decarbonisation targets.
- Google has announced its commitment to [completely decarbonise their electricity supply](#) and operate on 24/7 carbon-free energy by 2030.
- Signify has created [the Green Switch programme](#) to enable action and deliver on the European Green Deal's ambition.

Industry News

- On 15 March, Arup launched a [free online resource](#) to promote circularity in buildings. This resource supports the goals of WorldGBC through our Resources & Circularity programme, which will provide further resources and reports through 2022.
- A new study called '[Towards embodied carbon benchmarks for buildings in Europe](#)', by Ramboll, in collaboration with leading researchers from Aalborg University Build and KU Leuven, sets out a framework for benchmarking and limiting the embodied carbon of new buildings.

WORLDGBC GLOBAL CALENDAR

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS

Submit your industry and Green Building events to our [online events calendar](#).

Please contact Rebecca Moir, rmoir@worldgbc.org for your event to be considered for inclusion.

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