

2023 March



GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

Welcome to the March Global Update!

Over the past few weeks, we have seen much movement in the global advocacy arena for sustainable built environments.

On the 6th of March, [WorldGBC submitted a response to the UNFCCC Global Stocktake](#) — a process for assessing how the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement are being implemented globally to tackle the climate crisis.

In February, ahead of a key parliamentary vote on an important EU building law, [WorldGBC convened a coalition of 35 stakeholder groups representing over 6,000 organisations](#) in support of an ambitious revision. We were pleased to see Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) in the Committee of Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) vote in favour of greater ambition on the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).

As always, I am feeling inspired to see our network mobilising behind our efforts to accelerate sustainable environments and communities. Please read below for further updates.

Best wishes,

Cristina Gamboa, CEO, World Green Building Council

Built Environment leaders implore European Parliament to take ambitious climate action

WorldGBC convened a coalition of 35 built environment stakeholder groups, representing over 6,000 organisations from across the building value chain, to call for high level ambition as Parliamentary negotiations on the Energy Performance of Building Directive (EPBD) enters its final stage.

[Read the blog](#)

We welcome [Henderson Land](#) as the latest Regional Partner of our Asia Pacific Regional Network.

Henderson Land has a commitment to enriching communities and innovating for a sustainable future. Henderson Land is an industry leader that will add a crucial voice to WorldGBC's mission to advocate for carbon neutrality within the built environment.

[Read the article](#)

TAKE ACTION

Get your building featured and find examples of global sustainable builds and projects.



Our [Case Study Library](#) features examples of the world's most cutting edge sustainable buildings. Each building in the case study has demonstrated enhanced performance in relation to health benefits and net zero operational carbon, as verified by established certification schemes, rating tools or other verification systems.



[Submit your Case Study](#)

Spotlight your case study and find out more about the Race to Zero



The [High Level Climate Champions](#) are looking for case studies that spotlight leading climate action from Race To Zero Members. If your case study meets the criteria, it will be published on the Climate Champion's website and particularly strong case studies will be used as examples of leadership action at events or even in publications. The submission criteria are:

1. [Activating policy \(The 5th P\) - closes end March](#)
2. [Nature Leadership](#)
3. [Net zero implementation](#)

Take the Climate Pledge



Did you know that the [Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment](#) can help you achieve your Climate Pledge goals?

Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment signatories are taking accelerated action to decarbonise their building portfolios, today.



LEARN

Special EU webinar for the buildings sector: 'Learn how certification schemes are aligning with Level(s), the EU framework for sustainable buildings.'

Learn how certification schemes are aligning with the EU framework for sustainable buildings.

Tuesday 28 March, 10:00 -11:00 CET

In October 2020 the European Commission launched Level(s), the new EU common language for assessing the sustainability performance of buildings. Since then, buildings certification schemes across Europe have started to integrate Level(s) objectives indicators into their criteria, in order to stay aligned with circularity principles and EU legislation. Join the upcoming webinar to find out what this means to you in your working environment!

[Register here](#)

WorldGBC Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment Introduction Webinar Series

The next decade of climate action is crucial to achieving the Paris Agreement goals. The [Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment](#) recognises and promotes advanced climate leadership from businesses, organisations, cities and subnational governments, who are accelerating the transition to decarbonised built environments.

Webinars taking place on:

5 July 2023

3 August 2023

5 October 2023

[Register today](#)

[Listen to the podcast: Cristina Gamboa](#)
speaks about the impact the built environment has on community health.



Sustainability is a holistic concept that includes more than just decarbonisation and green construction. In [Skanska's podcast series](#), Shaping Sustainable Places, [Cristina Gamboa](#) speaks about the impact the built environment has on community health.

[Read the blog: CBRE](#) share their knowledge
and reflections on the circular built environment.



In the latest thought leadership article from our [#Circularity Accelerator](#) programme, [CBRE](#) share their knowledge and reflections on the circular built environment. Recycling alone will not help companies meet net zero or other carbon reduction commitments.



[Read the report: FMI \(Future Market Insights\) released its Green Building Materials Report.](#)



The Green building market is expected to grow by 11.2% between 2023 - 33 and figures are expected to surpass US\$ 962 billion by 2033.

The importance of green building materials lies in their greater design flexibility, low maintenance, energy conservation, and frequently varying space configuration

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

GBCs & Partners

GREEN BUILDING COUNCILS

[Indian construction industry stakeholders are an example of what collaboration can achieve](#)

Collaboration is key to creating the change we need. [India Green Building Council \(IGBC\)](#), the Indian government and the Indian construction industry stakeholders are an example of what collaboration can achieve. More than 10,200 buildings are rated using IGBC's Green Building rating tool and have achieved 10 billion sq. ft. of registered green footprint.

This huge milestone sets an example to other industry leaders and shows the kind of climate action that can be scaled, now



[Watch the video](#)

["Building the Future" organised by GBC Mexico \(SUMe\), shows the leadership and progress of the region to decarbonise the built environment.](#)

During February, WorldGBC and part of our [Americas Regional Network](#) represented by the Green Building Councils of [Chile](#), [Costa Rica](#), [El Salvador](#), [United States](#) and [Guatemala](#), were present at "Building the Future" organised by [GBC Mexico \(SUMe\)](#), showing the leadership and progress of the region to decarbonise the built environment.

[Read more](#)

[Green Building Council Brasil has released its 2022 Activities Report](#) which celebrates the many milestones this GBC has achieved in its 15 years.

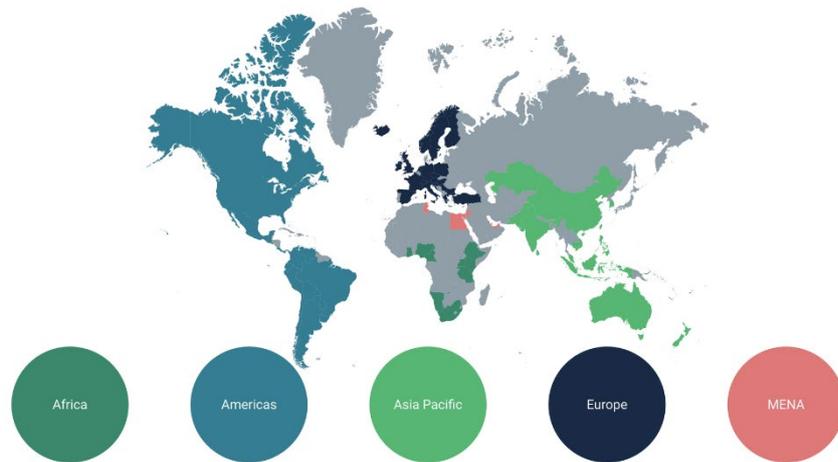
[Green Building Council Italia \(GBC Italia\) has renewed its international commitment](#) to continue working alongside WorldGBC. GBC Italia is committed to continue contributing to the success of the entire international GBC network.

[Hong Kong GBC has released a Retrofitting Guidebook](#) that provides different retrofitting solutions to help reduce energy consumption in existing buildings and can serve as a useful reference for industry practitioners when they carry out retrofitting work in their buildings.

CORPORATE ADVISORY BOARD

[J.P. Morgan's headquarters on 270 Park Avenue](#) will be an all-electric skyscraper with net zero emissions. At 1388 feet and 60 stories high, the entire construction will be one of the tallest buildings to grace the Manhattan skyline. But it's not the building's size that makes it an impressive feat, it's the fact that the project has recycled, reused, or upcycled a whopping **97%** of materials from the [demolition of the old building](#) it's meant to replace.

Regional Networks



View our global network

Find out more about the Green Building Councils around the world which are part of our network

[View our members page](#)

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