

April



2023

# GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

Welcome to the April Global Update!

On the 20th March 2023, the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\) issued a stark and 'final reminder'](#) that the global community urgently needs to mobilise and scale available solutions to deliver a decarbonised, sustainable and resilient future.

In response, our network of 75+ Green Building Councils launched the "[Global Policy Principles for a Sustainable Built Environment](#)", ahead of the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy and Environment (15–16 April).

This set of seven principles aims to guide national governments to step up and develop effective policies that prioritise the potential of the built environment to accelerate national and global climate goals.

Our European Regional Network also launched a new report and policy briefing to help accelerate Europe's transformation to a decarbonised built environment: ['Ahead of the Wave'](#) and the [EU policy briefing on Whole Life Carbon](#).

As our network continues to catalyse change on a global scale, our hope for a resilient and sustainable future remains. I look forward to seeing what we will achieve together in the year ahead as our mission continues to grow momentum around the world.

Best wishes,

Cristina Gamboa, CEO, World Green Building Council

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## Implications of IPCC report for built environment

Read [WorldGBC's reaction](#) to the latest IPCC report and the crucial role the built environment plays in identifying and implementing the climate solutions we need to keep the 1.5C scenario within reach.

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## Just launched: Global Policy Principles for a Sustainable Built Environment

Ahead of the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy and Environment (15–16 April), our global network launched a set of seven principles aimed at guiding national governments to develop effective, sustainable building policies.

Now is the time for governments to step up and deliver policy frameworks that drive green investment, create green jobs, support resilient infrastructure, and introduce (and enforce) Minimum Energy Performance Standards to accelerate decarbonisation.

[Watch the live event](#)

[Read the principles in full](#)

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## Ahead of the Wave: Financing the transition to a decarbonised built environment

Our newly released paper, '[Ahead of the Wave](#)', calls on the European financial and real estate sectors to take action as key players in the transformation wave to a sustainable built environment.

[Read the story](#)

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## EU policy briefing on Whole Life Carbon

New [policy briefing](#) from our Europe Regional Network (ERN) provides detailed guidance on Whole Life Carbon (WLC) reporting and target setting in the built environment.

[Read the story](#)

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## MIPIM's Road to Zero

In March, we were thrilled to have a presence at [MIPIM, one of the world's largest international real estate events](#), including a keynote from Cristina Gamboa (CEO, WorldGBC) on the main stage, "Realising the 'S' in ESG".

With less than 2% of 2022 attendees participating in the UN's [Race to Zero campaign](#), this event serves as a crucial opportunity for us to accelerate change in the built environment, raise awareness and encourage broader change through the sustainability and decarbonisation agenda.

In a clear sign of progress in the real estate industry and its efforts toward a net zero built environment, MIPIM included for the first time the [Road to Zero area](#) and stage.

[Read the story](#)



*Pictured above left to right: Roland Hunziker, WBCSD; Victoria Burrows, WorldGBC; Hugh Garnett, IIGCC; Mona Mohammed, GlobalABC; Nora Steurer, GlobalABC; Luca De Giovanetti, WBCSD.*

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## TAKE ACTION

Feature outstanding buildings 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.



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## LEARN

### How can we create Sustainable and Affordable Housing for everyone?

Join us on the 26th of April, 2023 for the launch of World Green Building Council's flagship 'Sustainable and Affordable Housing' report.

Delivered by our #BetterPlacesForPeople global programme, the launch event will explore findings from the report, and demonstrate how sustainable and affordable housing can, and should be, attainable around the world.

[Register for 26 April 2023, 9:30AM BST](#)

[Register for 26 April 2023, 4:00PM BST](#)

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## **NZCBCCommitment News Roundup: March**

#NZCBCCommitment signatories are taking accelerated action to decarbonise their portfolios and the built environment, today.

[Read the blog](#)

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## **NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK**

### **GBCs & Partners**

### **GREEN BUILDING COUNCILS**

### **Launch of INDICATE initiative**

[Czechia](#), [Ireland](#) and [Spain](#) will be the first countries to participate in the new INDICATE initiative which aims to boost the availability of quality building climate data, a critical step towards fully decarbonising the heavily emitting sector, responsible for almost 40% of global carbon emissions.

[Find out more](#)

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## **GBC Australia releases second paper building with nature**

[Green Building Council Australia's](#) second paper in the 'Building with Nature: Prioritising ecology and biodiversity for better buildings and cities' series — Building with Nature 2.0 – aims to create a Nature Roadmap for the Built Environment that will guide industry.

[Read the paper](#)

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## **IGBC Singapore Conference**



The [International Green Building Conference](#) (IGBC) platform showcases Singapore's efforts and achievements in developing a sustainable city in the tropics and highlights the latest trends, developments and technology in built environment sustainability.

[Read the paper](#)

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## CORPORATE ADVISORY BOARD

[Holcim](#) have issued their second [Climate Report](#), to share their progress on their net zero journey.

[Swire Properties](#) have released their [Sustainable Development Report 2022](#), celebrating their 50th Anniversary and featuring a timeline that showcases the company's five decades of sustainable placemaking.

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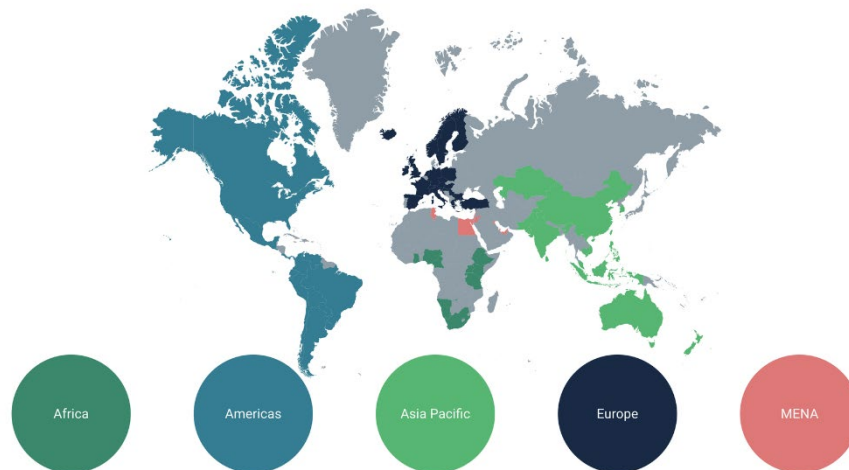
## PARTNERS

[CBRE](#) have released a guide, [Decarbonising Commercial Real Estate](#), to assist companies on their decarbonisation journey.

[Schneider Electric](#) released a report about [IntenCity building](#), which has an accumulated carbon footprint that is five times less than the average European building over a 60-year life cycle.

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### 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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