

Global Update



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News from WorldGBC



[70 countries have laid foundations for a rapid building sector transition](#)

On 7–8 March, our team were in Paris at the [Buildings and Climate Global Forum](#) where Ministers and high-level representatives gathered to drive momentum for building decarbonisation and climate resilience post-COP28.

The Forum resulted in the launch of the [Déclaration de Chailot](#), supported by 70 countries.

[More about the event >](#)

Aligning on “net zero”

Globally, there are very different requirements when it comes to decarbonising buildings. It is because of this huge diversity in buildings that standardising targets is so difficult to do. As a result, we see a mismatch of metrics and standards used by different groups.

We need a common set of principles that underpin our understanding of decarbonisation across the sector, but that allows for diversity and local context.

[Find out how >](#)



Across the regions



EU policymakers approve deal to decarbonise buildings

The European Parliament voted to approve an update to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) in a crucial step towards accelerating climate action on buildings.

WorldGBC and our network welcomes these new policy measures.

Photo caption: Ciarán Cuffe, Member of the European Parliament for Dublin, Ireland and EPBD Rapporteur, and Cristina Gamboa, CEO, WorldGBC.

[Read our response in full >](#)



Advancing WLC policy in Europe

Over the last three years, #BuildingLife has helped to transform the European conversation around Whole Life Carbon (WLC) at both national and EU level. This includes the launch of our EU Policy WLC Roadmap and 12 national roadmaps.

#BuildingLife is an initiative led by WorldGBC and driven by 12 European Green Building Councils (GBCs).

[Find out about its impact >](#)



Developing climate resilience across the Americas

The Americas Regional Network has begun work on the development of a [Zero Carbon and Climate Resilience Framework](#) for the region. Ten Green Building Councils are participating in this project, which is creating collaboration opportunities between the public and private sectors.

The project was highlighted at the [Construyendo El Futuro](#) forum in Mexico and Sustainable Construction Perspectives in Venezuela, with the aim to design and develop implementable actions to undertake the route towards built environment decarbonisation.

[Find out more >](#)



Alliance of green building rating systems

Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA), U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and Building Research Establishment (BRE) have announced an alliance of green building rating systems.

The alliance hopes to strengthen global cooperation between the finance and real estate industries, and

New guidance on embodied emissions

The UK Green Building Council (UKGBC) has launched new guidance on Scope 3 embodied carbon measurement and reporting, for stakeholders across the built environment.

Includes guidance for developers, owners, contractors, investors, lenders, facilities managers,

in doing so increase the uptake of sustainable finance mechanisms.

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architects, engineers and other professional services.

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Take action



Beyond Foundations

The latest Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction has been launched by UNEP and GlobalABC updating on the global progress of the buildings and construction sector.

The report finds that the buildings and construction sector continues to contribute significantly to global climate change, and the gap between the current state and the desired decarbonisation path is significant.

[Discover the full details >](#)

Learn

The four 'scopes' of social impact: How can we action the 'S' in ESG across the built environment?

Webinar
26 March 2024
12:00 GMT



Featuring Alida Saleh,
Senior Advisor, Built
Environment, High-Level
Climate Champions Team

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To hear more about social impact in the built environment, our Director of Programmes Strategy, Catriona Brady, spoke to the [RICS](#) team about our work in their podcast. [Listen now >](#)

WLC global assessment

Every week, the world constructs enough new buildings to create a city the size of Paris. However, the carbon impact of these structures remains largely unknown. WorldGBC partner, ARUP, is committed to assessing their global building design portfolio using whole life carbon (WLC) techniques.

Their case study shares their experience, challenges and learnings to further collaboration on carbon emission data.

[Discover the learnings >](#)



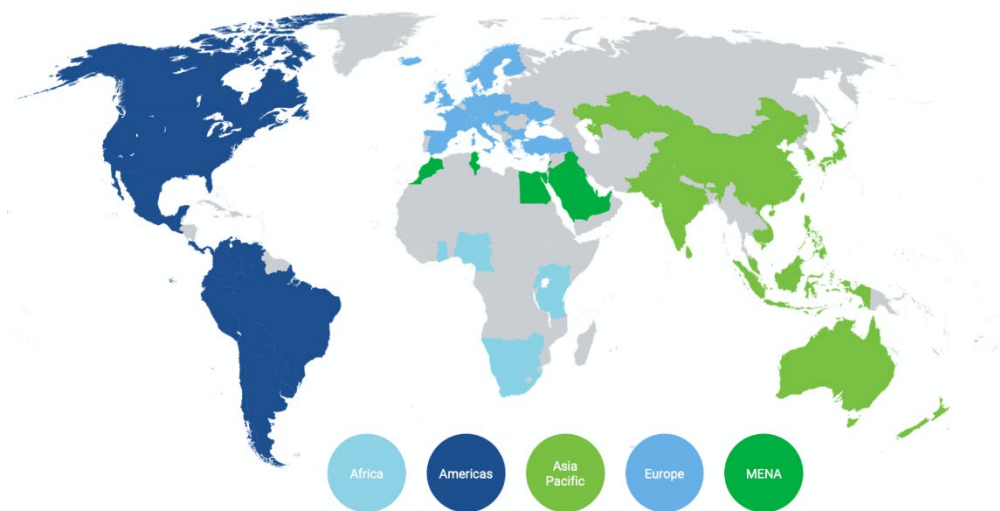
Final thought...

...Cristina Gamboa, CEO, WorldGBC

On March 8 each year, all around the world, we recognise International Women's Day. This year's theme was inspire inclusion, so [I take this opportunity](#) to challenge us all to spot situations where women's voices are still not included and speak up for gender equality if we want to create prosperous economies and a healthy planet.



Global network



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