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GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

Welcome to the WorldGBC October Global Update.

There is now less than two weeks to go until COP26, and our sector is uniting like never before.

With your engagement and support, we continue to work alongside the #BuildingToCOP26 Coalition (including UKGBC and GBC Italia), the UN High-Level Climate Champions, the UK government's [Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy \(BEIS\)](#), to deliver a historic Cities, Regions and Built Environment Day on 11 November at COP26.

It is incredible to reflect on how far this Coalition has come over the past 10 months, reinforcing deep collaboration to ensure that the built environment is given the attention it deserves as a critical solution provider to the climate crisis.

This is a pivotal moment in the history of our movement. We are showing the world how through collaboration and a holistic approach to sustainability, our sector is a solution to the climate emergency and plays a key role in supporting businesses and governments to realise a 1.5°C future.

Follow the [#BuildingToCOP26](#) journey as we spotlight built environment climate action, solutions and policy pathways across businesses, cities and governments.

Learn more: buildingtocop.org

Here are the highlights from this month's update:

- [Register for the #BuildingLife and GLOBE EU event, 19 October 2021](#)
- Join WorldGBC's webinar about the update to our Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment, 20 Oct, [8-9am BST](#), and [4-5pm BST](#).
- [BUILD UPON2 launches Framework to track city building renovation](#)
- [Will you be attending COP26?](#) and [Download our #BuildingToCOP26 marketing materials](#)

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



Joint #BuildingLife and GLOBE EU event, 19 October 2021

Join members of [GLOBE EU](#) and World Green Building Council on 19 October 2021, 5pm - 6.30pm CET to find out how #BuildingLife is bringing together Europe's industry, political, and civil society leaders to tackle the whole-life impact of buildings.

[Register your place](#)

A banner for a webinar. The background is dark blue with a circular image of a construction site at sunset. The text 'WORLDGBC NET ZERO CARBON BUILDINGS COMMITMENT' is in large, bold, pink letters. Below it, 'Wednesday 20th October' is in white. Then, 'Session 1: 8am - 9am BST' and 'Session 2: 4pm - 5pm BST' are in white. At the bottom, 'Register Now!' is in white. The bottom left corner has logos for 'WORLD GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL', 'ADVANCING NET ZERO', 'BUILDING TO COP26', and 'CLIMATE GROUP EP100'.

Advancing Net Zero Whole Life Carbon: WorldGBC Commitment Update Webinar

WorldGBC and the Advancing Net Zero Programme would like to invite you to our upcoming webinar on the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment.

Join us on **Wednesday 20th October** for an overview of the updated Commitment, its requirements and what this means for both new and existing signatories.

[Register for Session 1: 8am - 9am BST](#)

[Register for Session 2: 4pm - 5pm BST](#)



BUILD UPON² launches Framework to track city building renovation

WorldGBC and eight Green Building Councils across Europe have launched the final version of the EU-funded Renovation Impact Framework.

Tested in over 30 cities, the Framework provides the key for local governments to deliver the EU #RenovationWave on the municipal level and tackle the climate, economic and health crises.

[Read the story](#)

HEALTH & WELLBEING FRAMEWORK

#BETTERPLACESFORPEOPLE

Launch of Health & Wellbeing Framework Implementation Guide and Checklist

We are delighted to announce that the following materials for the Framework Implementation have been launched and can be downloaded on our website. This includes:

- Full Framework in PDF version
- Framework Implementation Guide
- Framework Alignment Checklist as a stand-alone PDF
- Framework Promotional Video

[View and Download Material](#)



BUILDING TO COP26

#BuildingToCOP26 - Special Edition

1. [Let us know if you are attending COP26](#)
The official agenda is still awaiting publication, but in the meantime, you can sign up to attend the +200 events happening in the Green Zone

2. **How to get engaged with #BuildingTOCOP26**
 - [Join this Thursday's #BuildingToCOP26 Forum](#)
 - [Facilitated by UKGBC, sign up to the Build Better Now virtual exhibition and events](#), as part of the COP26 Built Environment Virtual Pavilion. Download the marketing materials [here](#). For any questions contact:

brooke.penman@ukgbc.org and helena.carless@ukgbc.org.

- [17 inspiring projects from around the world revealed for the COP26 Built Environment virtual pavilion](#)
 - Take part in the #BuildingToCOP26 campaign by [sharing the marketing materials](#)
 - Watch the [pre-COP26 Milan event here](#), and [read the GBC Italia pre-COP26 Manifesto](#) (in Italian, English version coming soon)
3. **Join our partner events**
 - [Register here for the Built Environment Summit, 28-29 October](#), in partnership with RIBA and Architects Declare
 - [Register for Climate Action's Sustainable Innovation Forum at COP26 \(8–10 November\)](#).

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

GBCs AND PARTNERS

GBCs

- WorldGBC's Annual General Meeting and Online Networking Event 2021. [Watch the recording](#) from our guest speaker Clay Nesler, Lead on Buildings at the WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities.
- [Welcome to the Network, Vietnam Green Building Council](#)
- WorldGBC's [Africa Regional Network](#) has been developing an Advocacy Manifesto, guided by the WorldGBC Europe Regional Network Advocacy Manifesto. [Find out more](#).
- WorldGBC Building Perspective series – [Cristina Gamboa interviews Thomas Mueller, CEO, Canada Green Building Council](#).
- [Federal election results: A Liberal minority government](#) - CaGBC supports government as they implement their ambitious plan that

can drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and catalyse the green building sector.

- [HKGBC International Conference on Advancing Net Zero 2021](#), 23-26 November

Partners

- [2021 GRESB Results Events](#)
- [RIBA Built for the Environment Report](#)
- [Ronald Lu & Partners has created Hong Kong's first building which produces zero carbon emissions.](#)
- SBEfin 2022, Emerging Concepts for Sustainable Built Environment, 23-25 November 2022. [Find out more.](#)

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