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Welcome to WorldGBC's Global Update Second 'COP Special Edition'

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

This has been an incredible week, as we join our network in advocating for a sustainable built environment to world leaders gathered here in Dubai, for the UN Climate Change Conference COP28.

This COP is a tremendous opportunity for policymakers to kickstart a decade of action to secure a sustainable future and we have seized the opportunity to raise the built environment as part of the climate solution right to the top of the political agenda.

How are we achieving this?

- On 4 December we launched a bold, new paper called '[Social Impact across the Built Environment](#)'.
- On 6 December we seized a critical moment by presenting an [Open Letter](#) to political leaders, backed by our global network, which includes over 75 Green Building Councils and their members, our partners and Net Zero Carbon Building Commitment Signatories. [Read the press release here](#).
- We released a [policy briefing paper](#) on how to work with governments to support the implementation of a decarbonised and circular society.
- We're supporting the newly announced [Buildings Breakthrough](#) through leading initiatives including [#AdvancingNetZero](#), [#BuildingLife](#) and the [#NZCBCcommitment](#).
- We're showcasing our new, industry position paper '[Building a water-resilient future](#)', which launched last month.

Read on to hear more.

The dynamic work of our global network is sparking conversations in Dubai and gives me hope for our future. Yet there is still so much for us to do. We will continue to advocate over the coming days for a sustainable built environment that keeps the 1.5°C Paris Agreement goal alive and supports the [Buildings Breakthrough](#) initiative to drive real and tangible action on the ground.

You can also view my [COP28 Climate Solution Insights interview here](#) to find out more on how we're working with our network to drive regulatory change and action on the ground to address the climate crisis.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment. The local green building solutions which you are driving are truly taking our movement to the top of the climate solution agenda. COP28 is our moment – and we must seize it together, to continue [#BuildingTheTransition](#) to a sustainable future for everyone, everywhere.

Warm wishes,

Cristina Gamboa
CEO, WorldGBC

WorldGBC at COP28



Building and construction sector show collective force at COP28 as over 350 industry leaders sign Open Letter to negotiators and heads of states demanding the regulatory change needed to tackle the #climatecrisis

We have joined together with our global network of Green Building Councils, Net Zero Carbon Building Commitment Signatories, partners and other supporters to present an [Open Letter](#) to political leaders and policymakers at COP28.

We insist all governments uphold their commitment to keep global temperature rise to 1.5°C and leverage the built environment as a critical

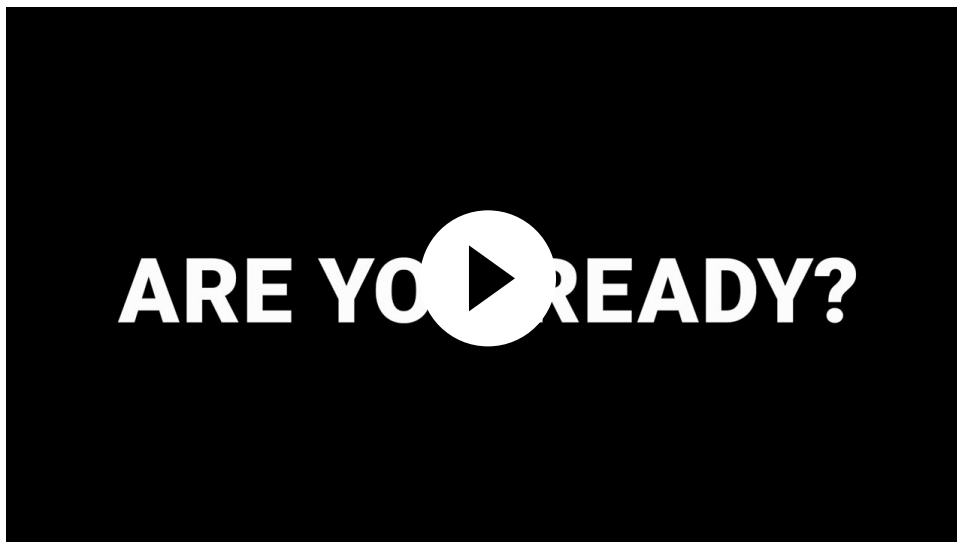
climate solution by joining the [Buildings Breakthrough](#). The Open Letter, which was presented on 6 December during the 'Multilevel Action Urbanization and Built Environment/Transport' day at COP28, is accompanied by a [policy briefing](#) that lays out the regulatory outcomes urgently needed to scale up action and deliver on the sector's huge potential.

The letter is still open for signatories. [Find out more here.](#)

Through this joint action, we aim to demonstrate the critical role of the built environment in tackling global heating, champion the activity being implemented by our network, and provide a call to action for policymakers to step up and deliver the regulatory change the world needs.

[Read all about it here.](#)

Pictured from left to right: Cristina Gamboa, CEO, WorldGBC, Dave Turk, Deputy Secretary, Energy USA, Uroš Vajgl, State Secretary, Slovenia, and Rt Hon Graham Stuart, Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero, UK, during the session "The Breakthrough Agenda: Accelerating Sector Transitions through Enhanced International Collaboration" on 5 December, at the COP28 Action Zone.



[Join us in #BuildingTheTransition for COP28](#)

World Climate Foundation events at COP28

The World Climate Summit returns from 7 – 8 December at COP28 and serves as a platform for front running pledges, commitments and action plans aligned with the objectives of the Paris Agreement. The [World Climate Foundation's Impact Pavilion](#)

Climate Action Innovation Zone at COP28

WorldGBC is a proud Institutional Partner of the Climate Action Innovation Zone at COP28. The Innovation Zone facilitates collaboration between national governments, cities and regions, business and investors to accelerate

[in the Blue Zone](#) serves as a hub for creativity, cross-sector collaboration and the launch of innovative initiatives.

[Find out more here.](#)

the delivery of more ambitious climate action.

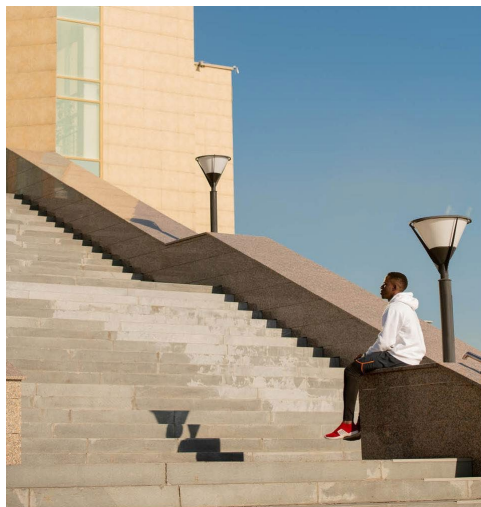
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An evening with our global network in Dubai, made possible by CDL



On 4 December, WorldGBC held an exclusive reception event in partnership with Emirates Green Building Council in Dubai, to celebrate the launch of our new paper '[Social Impact across the Built Environment](#)' and spend an evening connecting with sustainable built environment leaders from around the world. Our thanks to [City Developments Limited](#) for kindly supporting this inspiring event.

News from WorldGBC



Social Impact across the Built Environment

Prioritising people throughout the building life cycle

A bold, new way for the building and construction sector to address social impact across the entire building life cycle.

worldgbc.org/social-impact-paper



WorldGBC launches bold new framework for building and construction industry to scope social impact

Why do we measure and account for carbon emissions through Scopes, considering '1', '2' and '3' – but we don't consider the social impacts of the built environment upon people in the same way?

On 4 December 2023, we launched an influential and timely new publication developed by our global #BetterPlacesForPeople programme called '[Social Impact across the Built Environment](#)'. The position paper is supported by the UN High-Level Climate Champions (HLCCs) and provides a framework for the building and construction sector to define, measure and take action on social impact to support an equitable and decarbonised built environment.

[Read the full paper here](#)

Welcome to the network: Green Building Council Denmark

We are thrilled to announce that Green Building Council Denmark (GBC DK) is the latest addition to our network.

Joining as Established members, they bring Denmark's building and construction sector experience to the [Europe Regional Network \(ERN\)](#), a community of 24 national GBCs, 8 Regional Partners, and more than 5,000 members across Europe.

[Read more here.](#)

Look for solutions in action: WorldGBC's Case Study Library

Our [Case Study Library](#) features examples of the world's most cutting edge sustainable buildings.

Each building has demonstrated enhanced performance in health benefits and net zero operational carbon, as verified by established certification schemes, rating tools or other verification systems.

[Submit your case study](#)

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WorldGBC Leadership Summit | London
24–28 June 2024

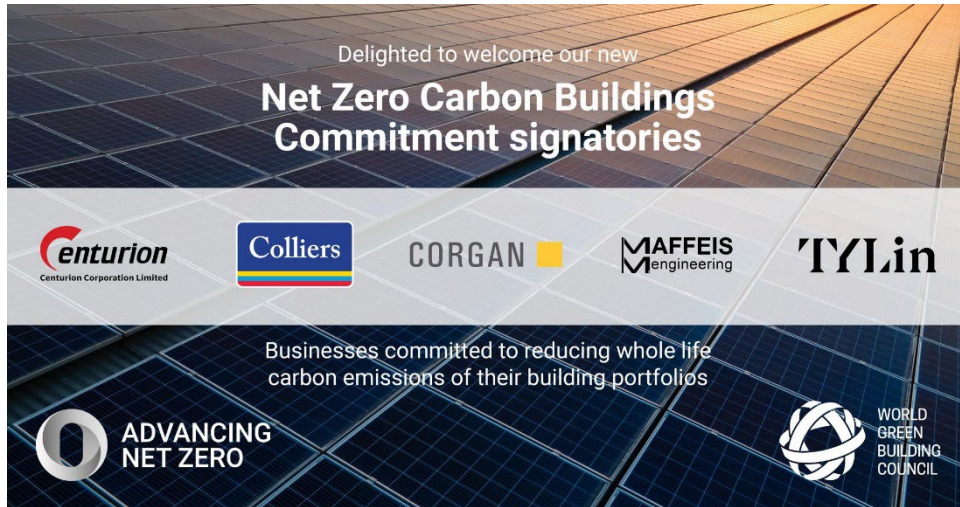


WorldGBC's Leadership Summit is taking place in June 2024 – don't miss out!

Mark your calendars and get ready for our 2024 Leadership Summit! Join us from 24 – 28 June 2024 when we'll gather in vibrant London for an event you don't want to miss. Stay tuned for exciting updates.



Take action

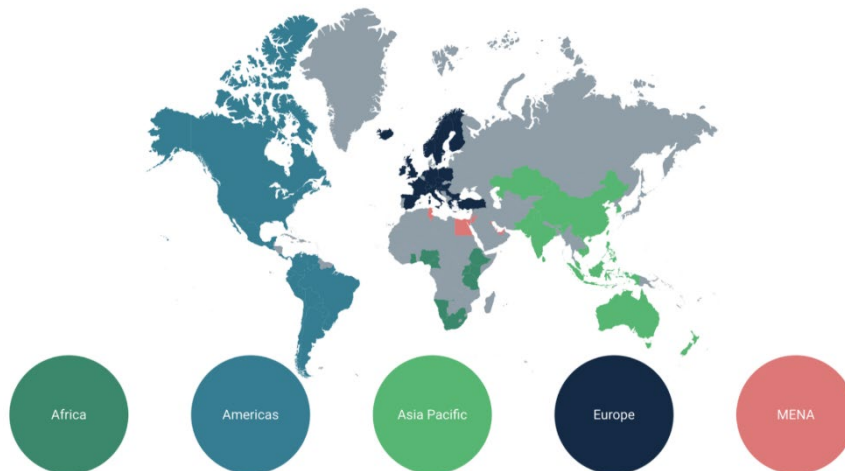


Five businesses commit to reducing whole life carbon emissions of their building portfolios

We're delighted to announce five new signatories to the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment: [Centurion](#), [Colliers International](#), [Corgan](#), [Maffei Engineering](#) and [TYLin Group](#). These businesses are demonstrating action by pledging to decarbonise their portfolios, acting as a catalyst for further action to advance net zero, accelerate market transformation to decarbonise the built environment and deliver on the Buildings Breakthrough.

[Find out more here](#)

Global network



Find out more about our global network of Green Building Councils around the world.



Our Corporate Advisory Board



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