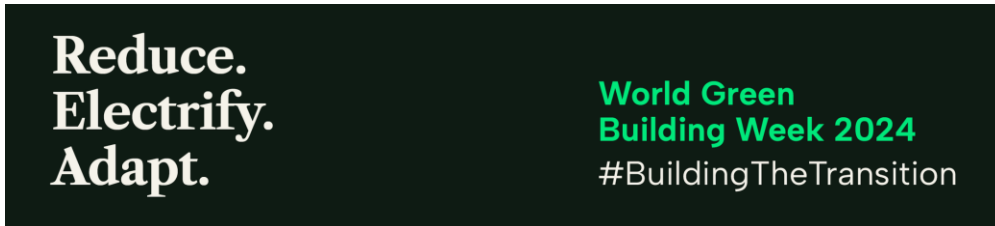




August 2024

## News from WorldGBC



### Save the date – World Green Building Week

This year's World Green Building Week (WGBW) is taking place on 9–13 September. We'll be joining with Green Buildings Councils and partners across the globe taking action and #BuildingTheTransition to a better future. We invite you all to take part in this year's campaign – from sharing your solutions to hosting an event.

### [Find out more](#)



### New factsheets to drive implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)

World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) has launched two factsheets on the new European EPBD measures.

With only two years now before member states have to transpose these new measures into their own national frameworks, we encourage national

governments, EU policymakers, and the building and construction industry to use the recommendations in the factsheets to support a transition that places sustainable buildings at the heart of a prosperous, equitable future for Europe.

[Find out more](#)

**How can Ursula von der Leyen maintain her green legacy?**

This latest opinion piece for Climate Home News from Cristina Gamboa, CEO, WorldGBC, explores how sustainable buildings can help protect the EU from geopolitical shocks and reduce its reliance on fossil fuels, as well as create jobs and lower energy costs.



[Read the story](#)

## Across the regions

**SUMe joins the Zero Carbon and Climate Resilience Readiness Framework**

The Americas Regional Network (ARN) is pleased to welcome [SUMe](#) (Green Building Council Mexico) to the Zero Carbon and Climate Resilience Framework (ZCCRRF) project.

The ZCCRRF project focuses on supporting decarbonisation and resilience of the built environment. The Readiness Framework will provide a foundation for the development of a national roadmap for Mexico, aligned with the Allin4ZBE Mexico Project, an initiative overseen by WorldGBC and led by SUMe and [WRI Mexico](#) at country level.

[Find out more](#)

**State of Sustainable Construction in Colombia**

Colombia GBC hosted [Construverde 2024](#), the International Forum for Sustainable Design and Construction, with the theme of accelerating sustainable environments together. The event included the launch of the second

**Exploring the impact of philanthropy in public-private partnerships**

Philanthropic funding can have a lasting, societal impact – but the real transformation arises when partnering with other foundations, the public sector and corporations.

edition of the [State of Sustainable Construction in Colombia](#) report, as well as showcasing the region's sustainability award winners.

[Read more here](#)

WorldGBC's #BuildingLife initiative was recently recognised as an example of how to drive scalable change through Europe-wide collaboration.

[Find out more](#)

### India's green building movement continues to gain momentum

Indian GBC's (IGBC) Green and Net Zero Building Movement has achieved almost 14,000 registered projects, covering 11.82 billion square feet under IGBC GREEN Rating programs.

[Find out more](#)

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## Take action

### Decarbonising buildings today



### #NZCBCCommitment news roundup: July

In our latest Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment Roundup, we spotlight the businesses, organisations and cities which are working to decarbonise their building portfolios.

Find out how Surbana Jurong's new 'Campus in Nature' is committed to creating smart, sustainable futures, and how Hibernia achieved a 61% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions, and other leading examples.

[Read the latest Roundup](#)

# Initiatives from around the world

World Water Week



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## World Water Week, 25–29 August 2024




Ahead of [World Water Week](#), many of us in the built environment will be asking – how can we embed water circularity into our projects?

WorldGBC partners Arup are joining the campaign, with a thought leadership piece, factsheet and events, exploring the barriers of implementing circular water practices across the sector, how to overcome them, and how to unlock value for those who embed it into their processes.

### [Find out more](#)

Online session • 29 August 2024 • 14:00–15:00 CEST

**Cross-sectoral partnerships towards a circular water future** Session ID: 11658

 <p><b>Kirsten Smith</b> Civil Engineer, Arup</p>	 <p><b>Braulio Eduardo Morera</b> Head of Resilience Solutions, World Economic Forum</p>	 <p><b>Pete Gray</b> Associate Director, Arup</p>
 <p><b>Lina Abellal</b> Regional Director (Middle East), Polypipe Middle East &amp; Emirates GBC</p>	 <p><b>Dominika Czerwinska</b> Engagement and Implementation Director, WorldGBC</p>	 <p><b>Lilian Parkes</b> Project Manager, Northern Ireland Water</p>

**29 August, 14:00-15:00 CEST.**

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## Daikin and UNESCO formalise commitment on UN SDGs

In a joint effort with UNESCO, WorldGBC partner Daikin has reaffirmed its commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a letter of intent. This marks the start of a raft of activities focused on climate action, the empowerment of women in science and engineering, and sustainable development.

More than 500 employees of Daikin Manufacturing Mexico and Dakin Latin America took part in planting over 800 trees as the first activity of this collaboration.

[Read more here](#)

## What is really needed to unlock the true value of sustainability?

The history books show that market transformation is driven by incentives. Knight Frank explores how we go about establishing these for sustainable buildings.

This includes the need for sustainable finance, the importance of peer-to-peer collaboration, and the role that valuers can play as part of the building's value chain.

[Read on here](#)

## The 2024 Olympic legacy: Green buildings

The world recently united at the Olympic Games. But with temperatures 3.1C hotter than in 1924, when Paris last hosted the Games, how could this event have been adapted to meet the needs of our changing climate?

Paris's Olympic organisers had set ambitious targets to reduce the carbon footprint of the event to less than half that of London, with a focus on sustainable buildings. The Olympic village was constructed

## New report on the value of a circular economy in Europe

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation have published a report exploring how a nature-positive circular economy can unlock a huge economic opportunity for the European built environment – increasing resilience, competitiveness and the vibrancy of its cities.

The report covers economic and societal benefits, and highlights several strategies around revitalising existing assets, maximising nature in



using 50% fewer GHG emissions than standard construction.

[Find out more here](#)

cities, and optimising building design.

[Find out more](#)

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## Learn



### WorldGBC Leadership Summit 2024

If you missed the WorldGBC Global Solutions Forum and Leadership Summit in June 2024, you can see the photos from the event, read the reflections from our CEO Cristina Gamboa on how we have just 2,000 days to rise to the 2030 climate challenge and watch the highlights [here](#).

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## Final thought...



Earth Overshoot Day fell on 1 August this year – the day when humanity’s demand for ecological resources exceeds what the Earth can regenerate in a year.

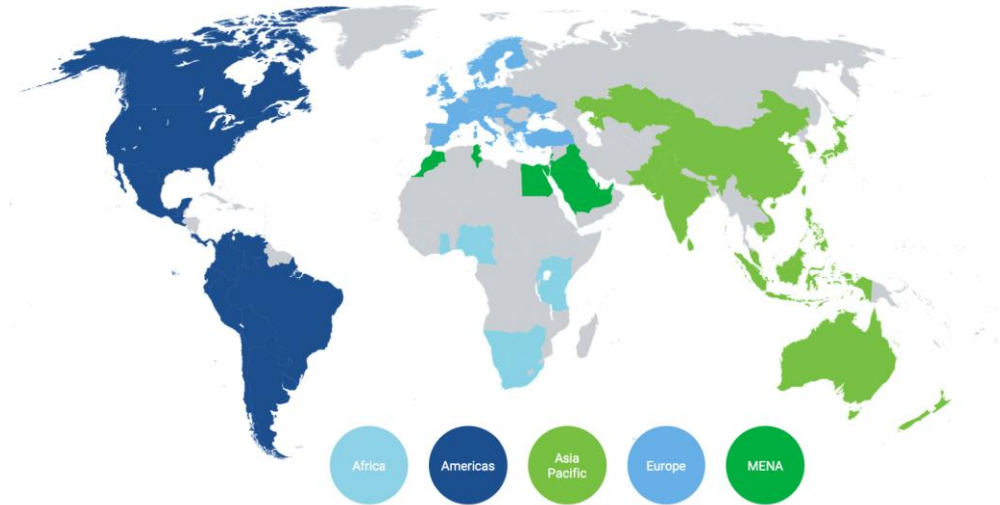
At a country level there’s a stark difference – as late as November for some, and as early as February for others.

I leave you with this final thought to ask yourself: When is your country’s [Earth Overshoot Day](#)? How can we address this disparity as a global community to ensure we all have resilient cities and shelter in the face of climate-related stressors?

**Cristina Gamboa, CEO, WorldGBC**

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## Global network



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

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