



July 2024

We have 2,000 days to build the transition — what our network achieved at the WorldGBC Leadership Summit 2024



Welcome to our new look Global Update for July 2024.

What an incredible week it was at the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) [Leadership Summit 2024, 'Building the Transition'](#), in London, UK, from 24–27 June 2024.

Thank you to all of you who joined us in person and supported us online during this flagship event of [London Climate Action Week](#).

52 Green Building Councils and many built environment leaders from across the globe joined us for our Summit. The sense of urgency, hope and camaraderie was palpable as we all felt acutely aware of our collective responsibility to build a better future – and create the global momentum necessary for people and the planet to thrive.

I invite you to [read my insights from the event](#) outlining how we need to be empowering the finance community and building on political movement, plus relive the experience through the [photos](#) and [videos](#).

Alongside our bold new brand refresh, we also unveiled our sharpened new strategy during the Summit, which we'll be sharing for consultation over the coming weeks. We welcome your thoughts on how, together, we can continue building momentum and create a better future for everyone.

Let's make it count. **Let's keep #BuildingTheTransition.**

Cristina Gamboa
CEO, WorldGBC

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WorldGBC takes lead role in Buildings Breakthrough

WorldGBC has been given a crucial role in Buildings Breakthrough Priority Action 1, which focuses on 'Standards and Certification'. This work forms part of the Breakthrough Agenda which was launched at COP26 in Glasgow.

[Find out more >](#)

Welcome to the new members of the WorldGBC Board

We are proud to announce the newly elected members of our Board of Directors who will be guiding our mission over the coming years alongside the existing leaders they join.

[Find out more >](#)

Across the regions

GBCs taking action across the Americas

The work of the WorldGBC Americas Region is gaining momentum as Green Building Councils (GBCs) unite under the [Zero Carbon and Climate Resilience Readiness Framework](#).

The project brings the network together to lead on developing actions which can drive building decarbonisation and resilience through a regional roadmap.

[Find out more >](#)

Jury for the AP Leadership Awards announced

The Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards (AP Leadership Awards) showcases exemplary achievements and knowledge sharing to inspire greater action and impact towards a more sustainable built environment.

We have now selected a panel of 11 prestigious business leaders and future thinkers to select the finalists.

[Meet the jury >](#)

European Elections results in newly elected leaders

Following the European Elections in June 2024, WorldGBC and our European regional network of over 20 Green Building Councils (GBCs) and eight partners look forward to working with ministers to take forward our vision of a sustainable built environment, which is at the

GBC Nigeria Future Cities – Africa Green Building Summit, 16–19 July

In the face of intensifying climate change impacts and resource scarcity, resilience is becoming essential in urban planning.

The Future Cities Summit 2024, hosted by Green Building Council Nigeria, will explore 'Building

heart of a prosperous future for Europe.

[Read our European Manifesto for key policy priorities >](#)

Resilient Futures: Integrating Carbon Neutrality, Circular Economy & Inclusive Urban Development', placing urban resilience at the forefront of African policy.

[Find out more >](#)

Take action

Are you willing to pay for lower emission materials?

Ramboll, together with the Climate Group, have released a survey exploring the willingness to pay a price premium for lower emission steel and concrete.

By taking part, you can help define market demand, identify challenges and solutions for the adoption of these materials, and influence global standards. The deadline to complete the survey is **26 July 2024**.

[Find out more >](#)

Phase 1 of the Bezos Earth Fund opens for submissions

The Bezos Earth Fund has now opened submissions for the \$100 million [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) for Climate and Nature Grand Challenge](#).

The Grand Challenge is exploring new ideas for multiplying the impact of climate and nature efforts using modern AI. The deadline is **30 July 2024**.

[Find out more >](#)

Design challenge opens for students

Students are invited to take part in the Roof Over Our Heads (ROOH) Design Challenge 2024, proposing sustainable and resilient housing solutions for informal settlements across India. This challenge aims to harness the creativity and innovation of undergraduate, postgraduate, and PhD students from various disciplines to address critical issues of urban resilience. Registration closes **23 July 2024**.

[Find out more >](#)



Daikin celebrates 100th anniversary with environmental initiatives

To commemorate its centenary, WorldGBC partner Daikin will enhance various environmental initiatives worldwide, including the "Forests for the Air" project in Indonesia, Cambodia, China, India, Liberia, and the Amazon.

[Find out more >](#)



Signify publishes Climate Transition Plan

WorldGBC Corporate Advisory Board members Signify have published their [Climate Transition Plan](#), which lays out an ambitious path to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 90% across their entire value chain and reach net zero by 2040.

[Find out how >](#)

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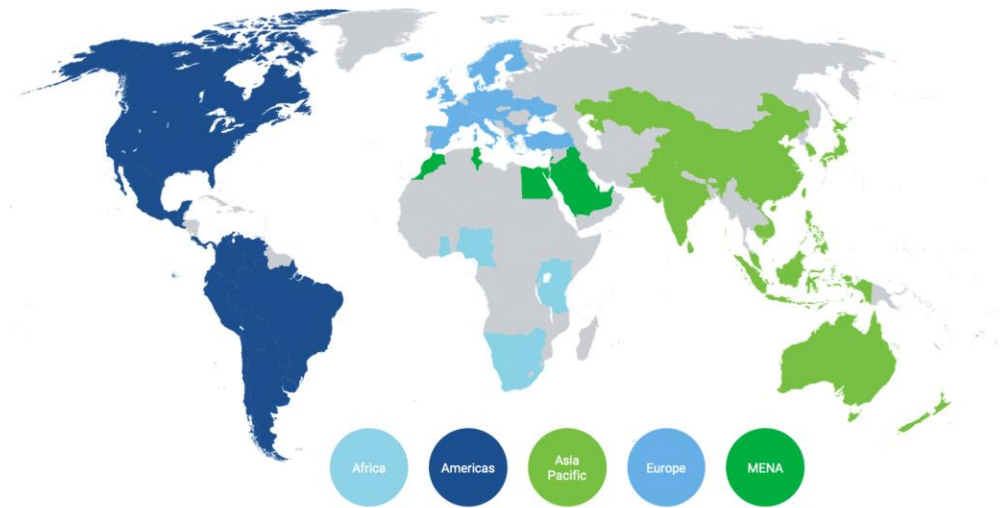
Launch of new, free online platform to help accelerate the decarbonisation of buildings

A new online platform, [Minoro](#), that centralises over 1,000 policies, standards, guidance, and methodologies is now live. Whether you are an asset owner, investor, architect, consultant, contractor or building operator, Minoro is a new source of information to help create clear carbon reduction pathways across the life cycle of buildings.

The platform has been developed by Grimshaw in collaboration with over 20 supporting organisations, including World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), RIBA, Architecture 2030, WorldGBC and Green Building Councils from around the world.

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Global network



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