

Global Update



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News from WorldGBC



WorldGBC Global Solutions Forum 2024: 2,000 days to Build the Transition

On 25 June, we'll have just over 2,000 days to achieve our global 2030 climate goals.

So as part of London Climate Action Week, World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) will host our Global Solutions Forum — the flagship event of our biennial Leadership Summit — and you're invited!

The Forum is open to professionals working across the sustainability and building sectors, and will place an emphasis on finance as a critical tool to accelerate a sustainable transformation across the built environment. There is an early bird offer until **31 May 2024 of 14% discount off the full priced ticket**. [Find out more about the Forum on our dedicated web page here.](#)

[Book now as places are limited >](#)

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G7 Green Building Councils urge Ministers to bring buildings to the top of climate solution agenda

WorldGBC, alongside Green Building Councils (GBCs) representing G7 countries, have signed an open letter to the Climate Ministers at the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy and Environment, which took place in Turin, Italy on 27 April 2024.

The letter stresses the importance of buildings as a solution to deliver a decarbonised, resilient, and equitable future, and that we need heightened political ambition from G7 leaders to make it happen.

[Find out more >](#)

Across the regions



UKGBC releases 'Trends in Sustainable Solutions in the Built Environment 2023'

A new report from the UK Green Building Council summarises a range of solution trends seen throughout 2023. These include the increased social element of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) reporting and the innovation of nature tech.

[Read the report >](#)



Masdar City joins MENA network as Regional Partner

WorldGBC's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) regional network of 11 Green Building Councils and three Regional Partners continues to grow, as we welcome our newest Regional Partner, Masdar City.

Masdar City is an Abu Dhabi-based sustainable development and innovation hub that is dedicated to making cities a solution to climate change.

[Find out more >](#)



WorldGBC founder explains why Hong Kong needs 'revolution' in materials

In a recent interview, WorldGBC founder [David Gottfried](#) explains how industry needs to accelerate the adoption of construction materials with lower 'embodied' carbon.

[Read the story >](#)

Irish Green Building Council: financial sector recognises need to seek out third party tools?

Is the finance industry getting serious about green homes? In this article reflecting on Irish Green Building Council and the decision from bank behemoth AIB to launch discounted development finance for homes certified to the Green Building Council's rating system, the topic is discussed.

[Read the story >](#)

Take action

Signify announces ambitious new net zero reduction targets

WorldGBC Corporate Advisory Board member [Signify](#) has announced that it is introducing an ambitious new 2040 net zero reduction target, as well as a commitment to reduce absolute scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 90% without the use of carbon credits. These targets have been reviewed and validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

[Find out more >](#)



[Join our growing community of Commitment signatories and view the May #NZCBCCommitment news roundup](#)

We need action now from stakeholders across the building and construction sector if we're going to ensure that we meet our global climate action goals.

Our Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment (the Commitment) has 180 signatories, which are all taking inspiring action now to decarbonise their asset portfolios. Find out more about the action these businesses are taking in [the latest #NZCBCCommitment Roundup](#).

[Take action and join the Commitment today >](#)

WorldGBC welcomes Uponor to its Corporate Advisory Board

We are thrilled to announce that Uponor has joined the WorldGBC Corporate Advisory Board (CAB).

The company will be represented on the board by Ilari Aho, Vice President, Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs, Uponor.

[Learn about the CAB >](#)



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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Find the latest events on our calendar

Don't forget to visit our calendar, which features sustainability and building events from across WorldGBC and our global network of Green Building Councils, partners and more. [You can also visit our YouTube page to catch up on past webinars.](#)

[View our events page >](#)

A thank you to Jorge Chapa

In this month's edition, we are excited to spotlight a remarkable individual whose contributions continue to have an indelible mark on our community — Jorge Chapa, who for the last six months has supported WorldGBC as Senior Strategic Advisor.

Jorge's involvement with WorldGBC has been nothing short of exceptional, and it's a privilege to share this with all of you.

Jorge's ability to advise us as we recalibrate the WorldGBC strategy has propelled us forward and enhanced our future impact thinking; his innovative approach and passionate advocacy for sustainable building practices have been an inspiration.

Jorge's experience and strategic insight have been pivotal in enhancing our initiatives, but it is his personal qualities that set him apart — a seasoned team builder, Jorge has infused our projects with a true spirit of collaboration.

Thank you Jorge, for your remarkable contributions and for the many more we anticipate together.



Jorge Chapa, Chief Impact Officer,
Green Building Council Australia

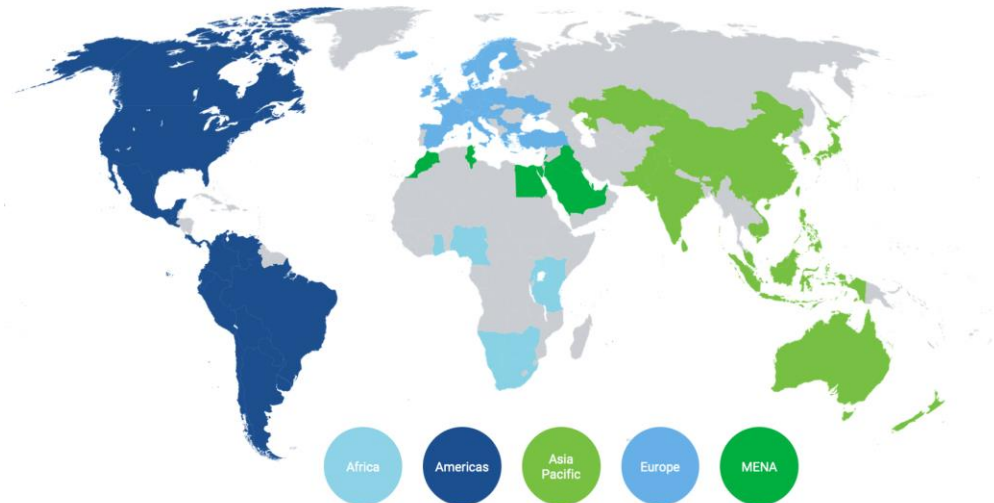
Final thought...



...Cristina Gamboa, CEO,
WorldGBC

I am inspired by the action we have seen across our network these past few months and there is so much more to look forward to, with the WorldGBC Leadership Summit 2024, 'Building the Transition', coming up next in June. [Find out more and join us here.](#)

Global network



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