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News from WorldGBC



NDC Scorecard tool to strengthen national action on buildings

Ahead of the 2025 update cycle for country climate action plans under the Paris Agreement (known as [NDCs](#) or nationally determined contributions), the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) has launched an NDC Scorecard project, to create a tool to support the evaluation and strengthening of nation-level policy on the built environment.

The tool is being co-developed with five pilot Green Building Councils (GBCs), alongside the GBC global network and local stakeholders, including governments, to help nations be bold on buildings in their NDC submissions and national policies.

[Find out more](#)



How to navigate voluntary ESG schemes

In the latest factsheet from the WorldGBC Sustainable Finance series, we explore entity and asset-level voluntary schemes, for energy and emissions, in the global real estate sector.

'Navigating ESG schemes' scopes out how industry can use Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) schemes to benchmark, report and verify progress as part of creating a resilient and decarbonised future for the built environment.

[Read the factsheet](#)

Across the regions



The Americas begin their journey with national decarbonisation roadmap

On 9–10 September 2024, WorldGBC, 12 Green Building Councils (GBCs), industry leaders and financial and cooperation organisations met in Antigua, Guatemala, to define the next steps on the decarbonisation, resilience and sustainable financing of the construction sector in the Americas region.

The path for achieving ambitious decarbonisation and climate resilience roadmaps is being defined by WorldGBC's Americas Regional network.

[Find out more about the Americas](#)



INDICATE wraps up with report to pave way for INDICATE LIFE

The INDICATE project concluded with the release of its final report outlining crucial recommendations for implementing Whole Life Carbon (WLC) data across Europe. The report also features insights from pilot projects in Czechia, Spain and Ireland.



The Asia Pacific network expands with new regional partner JLL

Global real estate services firm, JLL has joined WorldGBC's Asia Pacific Regional Network (APN) as a regional partner. JLL is driven by a commitment to shape the future of real estate for a better world, and brings a wealth of expertise and leadership of the market.

As the 2028 WLC regulation deadline approaches, the successor project, INDICATE LIFE, launches with the aim of further advancing WLC methodologies and benchmarks. WorldGBC and Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) are both project partners.

[Read the report](#)

The APN is led by 17 Green Building Councils (GBCs), their members and three regional partners.

JLL has recently [carried out an analysis of energy and emissions performance data](#) from across 46,600 buildings in 14 global cities and 11 sectors to uncover the dynamic landscape of operational emissions in the built environment.

[Find out more](#)

Take action



Innovation spotlighted in the September Net Zero Carbon Buildings (NZCB) Commitment Roundup

In our roundup, we explore the businesses, cities, states and organisations which are taking action now to decarbonise their building portfolios.

Find out how companies such as NDY, Cbus Property, NEO, Grimshaw, Lemay, Multiplex and Schneider Electric are leading the way, from certification firsts to developing Building Decarbonation Calculators.

[Find out more](#)

New SME Climate Hub Action Space

The SME Climate Hub is a global initiative that aims to enable the small to medium sized business community (SMEs) to build resilient businesses for the future.

To help these businesses move from setting goals to taking action, the SME Climate Hub has launched its Action Space, a new platform of climate action tools, created for SMEs to understand the steps needed to achieve their net zero goals. The Action Hub has a specific area focused on buildings, which features the [Minoro](#) platform to help businesses manage carbon across the building life cycle.

[Find out more](#)

Learn

→ Laying the Groundwork

‘Laying the Groundwork’ to turn ambition into action

A new report from Laudes Foundation has highlighted the importance of using accountability tactics to support turning corporate climate ambition into action when it comes to the European built environment.

Laudes Foundation supports WorldGBC’s European [#BuildingLife](#) project. The project is led by 12 Green Building Councils (GBCs) across Europe, which have developed National Decarbonisation Roadmaps as a tool for driving both corporate and political accountability.

[Read the report](#)

Our next #BuildingToCOP Forum

As part of the #BuildingToCOP coalition, WorldGBC joins leaders from across the sector who are promoting the built environment’s potential in accelerating the transition to a healthy, safe and resilient future.

The [#BuildingToCOP Forums](#) hosted by WorldGBC are open events where the coalition discusses developments and solutions ahead of COP29. The next forum will take place on [31 October 2024 at 14:00 GMT](#).

Sign up for the latest New Bauhaus Stories webinar

The [NEBULA](#) project is organising a series of learning activities to share experiences and insights of the New European Bauhaus. In the fifth instalment of the webinar series on 23 October 2024, you can learn about the New European Bauhaus attitudes towards research and education.

NEBULA is one of WorldGBC’s key European partnerships. It is an EU-funded project launched within the scope of [Built4People](#) to help

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establish a network of Innovation Clusters across Europe.

Find out more and register



Find the latest sustainable building events

Don't forget to visit our [calendar](#) for sustainability and building events from across WorldGBC and our global network of Green Building Councils, partners and more.

If you missed any of our past events, check out our [YouTube channel](#) for webinar recordings.

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Final thought...



Our network has been represented at many exciting events this month, which have been placing the sustainable built environment firmly on the climate agenda.

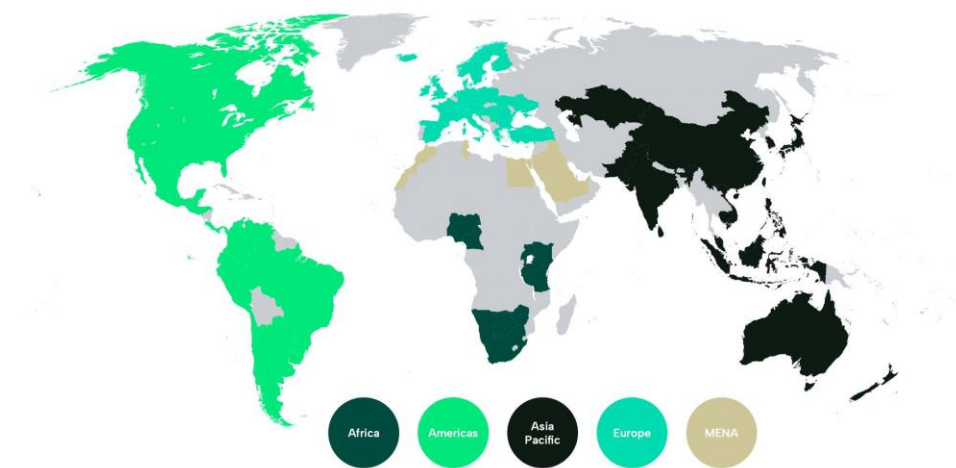
Having just returned from Dubai, I had the privilege of meeting with [inspiring leaders, colleagues and peers](#) from across the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) Regional Network and beyond, to explore how the UAE can

set a global example to industry, and lead the way to a decarbonised and resilient built environment.

We now carry this momentum into COP29, alongside our network, to highlight the crucial role that buildings must play in countries' climate action plans and national policies. Join us in this call for more action.

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