



September 2024

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## News from WorldGBC

Thank you to everyone who took part in World Green Building Week (#WGBW24) on 9–13 September 2024.

It was an incredible week, full of energy and dynamism, as Green Building Councils (GBCs), members, our partners and more, got behind our theme of #BuildingTheTransition.

By sharing their solutions in action, our global community showed the building and construction industry how it can create a better future by following three steps: Reduce. Electrify. Adapt.

Over [120 events](#) were hosted around the world – but the conversation doesn't stop there. You can keep searching #BuildingTheTransition [or view our playlist](#) to find the latest innovations from across our network.

I also invite you to [read my blog](#), where I delve into the solutions being actioned right now to drive the green transition, and what still needs to happen to create a better future.

For me, every year WGBW signals the start of a crucial few months for the built environment on the international sustainability agenda. That's why we focussed on [Climate Week NYC](#) (22–29 September 2024) and are looking ahead to the [UN Climate Change Summit \(COP29\)](#) (11–22 November 2024). We will share further updates with you as we continue #BuildingToCOP.

Thank you for all your hard work. Let's keep #BuildingTheTransition together.

Your sincerely,

**Cristina Gamboa** | CEO, World Green Building Council



### **Building the Transition at Climate Week NYC**

During 22–29 September 2024, WorldGBC's Cristina Gamboa, Stephen Richardson and Audrey Nugent joined business leaders, policymakers, and partner advocates at Climate Week NYC. The week featured 600 events and activities across the City of New York under the key theme: It's time.

[Find out more](#)



**Cristina Gamboa shares global insights in an interview with ITN Business**

In her latest interview, WorldGBC CEO, Cristina Gamboa, spoke to [ITN Business](#) for their upcoming programme [Urban Evolution](#). The programme has been developed by ITN and explores how we can create resilient, affordable and accessible cities.

The programme goes live at the Net Zero Festival on 22–23 October 2024.

[Find out more](#)

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## Across the regions



### **Saint-Gobain joins Americas network as regional partner**

[Saint-Gobain](#), industry leaders in the design, manufacturing and distribution of materials, are the latest members to join WorldGBC's thriving Americas Regional Network (ARN) as a regional partner.

The news was made official at the ARN Annual Meeting (attendees pictured above) held in Antigua, Guatemala on 9–10 September 2024. Saint-Gobain, which are already members of the WorldGBC Corporate Advisory Board and supporters across other global programmes, now also join a regional network of 17 Green Building Councils, their thousands of members and regional partner.

[Share the news](#)

**Finalists announced for Asia Pacific Leadership Awards**

The 2024 Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards (AP Leadership Awards) has been showcasing the pioneers, organisations and projects behind the sustainable building movement across Asia since 2014.

We are now proud to announce this year's finalists. These finalists were chosen for their leadership, innovation and excellence in driving the green building movement across AP. The winners will be announced on 13 November 2024 in Bengaluru, India.

[View the finalists](#)

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## Take action

### **See the signatories which are leading 'From Commitment to Action'**

In our new series, 'From Commitment to Action,' we spotlight the work being done by Commitment signatories of the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment (the Commitment), who are dedicated to decarbonising their assets and promoting advanced climate leadership action.

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) are the first to be profiled in the series. The global practice of architects, designers, engineers, and planners responsible for some of the world's most technically and environmentally advanced buildings, joined the Commitment in 2018.

Across its leased office spaces, the business has implemented actions to reduce its direct and indirect emissions, and is committed to achieving net zero whole life carbon in all of their active design work by 2040.

[Find out how](#)



## Join our growing community of Commitment signatories

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, who are all taking action now to decarbonise their asset portfolios.

[Sign up today](#)



## Learn



# SCIENCE BASED TARGETS

### **Deep dive webinar: Unlocking the Power of Science-Based Targets for Buildings**


Join the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) webinar on 17 October 2024 to explore the criteria of the recently released [Buildings Sector Science-Based Target-Setting Criteria](#). This decarbonisation framework is aimed at companies and financial institutions across the building value chain to set 1.5°C aligned emissions reduction targets.

WorldGBC is part of the SBTi Buildings Expert Advisory Group, and several of our recommendations have been included in the criteria.

You can find out more by registering on one of the following sessions:

- [Session 1](#): 17 October, 10:00 (CET) / 16:00 (HKT)

- [Session 2](#): 17 October, 10:00 (ET) / 16:00 (CET)



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**#BuildingTheTransition:  
Reducing Whole Life  
Carbon Emissions in the  
Built Environment**

**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.

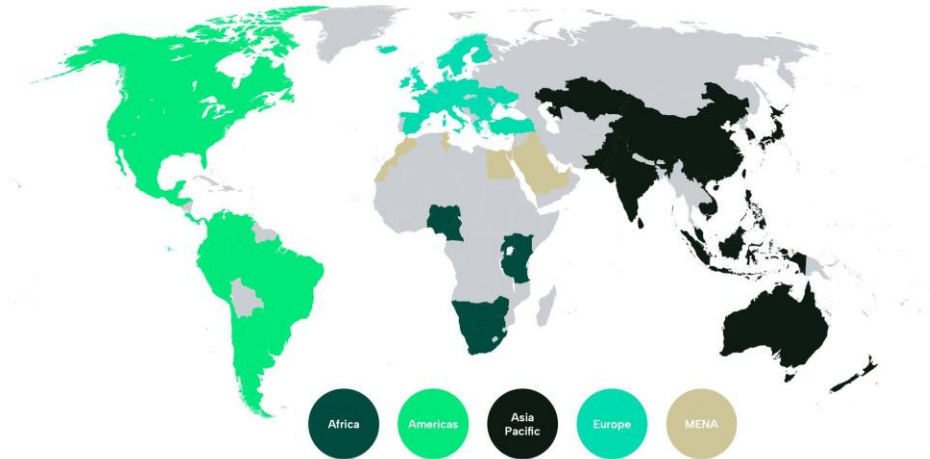
If you missed any of our past events, check out our [YouTube channel](#) for webinar recordings. Including:

- [Building a Just Transition](#)
- [Reducing Whole Life Carbon Emissions in the Built Environment](#)

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## Global network



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

[View our members](#)

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