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GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

Welcome to the WorldGBC July Global Update.

This month, we were proud to announce the sustainability leaders who have been re-elected and newly elected to the WorldGBC Board of Directors.

They each bring a wealth of experience, expertise and dedication to support the WorldGBC network's mission to scale up decarbonisation and sustainability strategies in the built environment.

Following our WorldGBC+20 Leadership Summit in June 2022, it's time to switch gears towards [World Green Building Week 2022](#) (12 - 16 September) and COP27. Our collective action could not be more urgently needed as industry and governments seek solutions to keep a 1.5°C future within reach.

July highlights:

- Check out some of the fantastic highlights from the [WorldGBC+20 Leadership Summit in June 2022](#)
- We launched two key reports: the [Advancing Net Zero Status Report 2022](#) and the [Africa Manifesto for Sustainable Cities and the Built Environment](#)
- [Cambodia Green Building Council](#) has joined our global network as Prospective members.

Best wishes,
Cristina Gamboa, CEO, World Green Building Council



Take a look back at highlights from the WorldGBC+20 Leadership Summit

Thank you to all of you who could join us for the WorldGBC+20 Leadership Summit in June 2022.

We saw 43 Green Building Councils in attendance and were delighted to be able to connect with so many of you in person again. Over five days, our global network led crucial discussions, connected and shared learnings. We were inspired by our guests such as Farhana Yamin and Lord Norman Foster, and have no doubt that this has provided a springboard to take our shared mission further and faster.

You can view content from the event on our [LinkedIn](#) and our dedicated [YouTube](#) playlist.

[View the videos and photos from the week](#)



Launch of the 2022 Advancing Net Zero Status Report

WorldGBC has released the [2022 Advancing Net Zero Status Report](#), which is packed with examples of radical industry collaboration, and accelerated action from across its global network to keep a 1.5°C future within reach.

[View the report](#)

AFRICA REGIONAL NETWORK



WORLD GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL



AFRICA MANIFESTO FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

WorldGBC launches Africa Manifesto for regional consultation

Developed by a coalition of [Green Building Councils](#) (GBCs) representing all regions across Africa, the draft Africa Manifesto for Sustainable Cities and the Built Environment articulates the policies African leaders and government officials must support to deliver the 'Africa We Want'.

The Manifesto is open to consultation and the deadline is 18 August 2022.

[View the Manifesto](#)



Building to COP27: Accelerating Climate Solutions through Sustainable Built Environments in the Middle East & Africa - Public and Community Events

Members of the Building to COP Coalition are meeting in Cairo, Egypt, next week for a panel discussion on how to accelerate climate solutions through sustainable built environments in the Middle East & Africa.

The Building to COP Coalition is a group of organisations catalysing climate action in cities, regions, and the built environment, working closely with the UN High-Level Climate Champions.

[Join the event online, Thursday 28 July, 12:30 PM – 3 PM \(GMT+2\).](#)

Register for the event

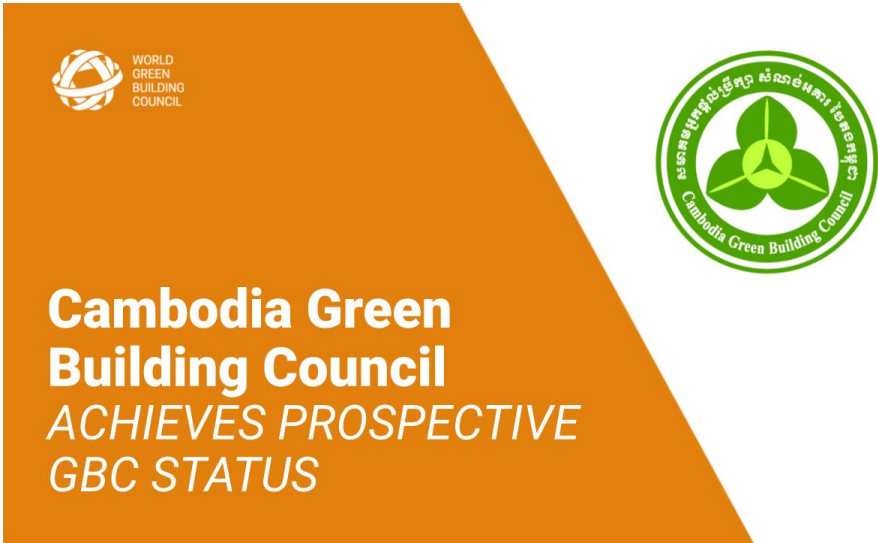


Meet WorldGBC's new influential sustainability leaders

We are proud to announce the newly elected and re-elected members of our Board of Directors.

These sustainability leaders bring a wealth of experience and dedication to support our mission to accelerate sustainable built environments for everyone, everywhere.

[Read the story](#)



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Welcome to the network: Cambodia Green Building Council

The [Cambodia Green Building Council \(CamGBC\)](#) is the latest addition to our global network. Beginning their journey as Prospective members, they bring green building practices to the Asia Pacific region, which is home to 60% of the world’s population, with more than 2 billion living in urban areas.

[Read the story](#)



Updates from Egypt for COP27

The Presidency Programme has been revised, we are pleased to share that under Solutions Day (17 November 2022), one of three key themes that will be covered includes: sustainable cities, green buildings and resilient infrastructure.

This is a positive strategic development for the Building to COP27 Coalition as we continue to work with the COP27 Presidency and promote buildings as a critical climate solution on the global stage.

Check out the [information deck](#) to see how you can be involved, and for more information please visit www.buildingtocop.org.

[Find out more](#)

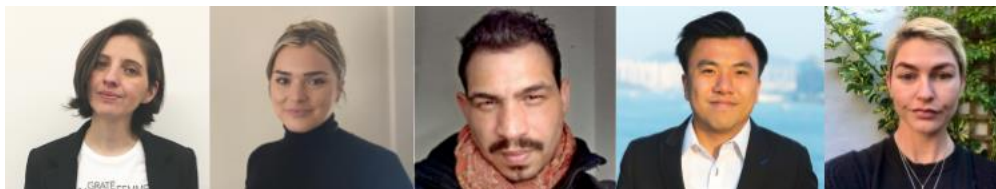


The Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment calls on the building and construction sector to decarbonise, inspire others to take action and remove barriers to implementation.

If you have local solutions for this global crisis, [join](#) us.

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WORLDGBC TEAM UPDATES



We are delighted to welcome new staff to the WorldGBC team.

Names are listed in the order of joining and pictured left to right.

[Ivette Flores](#) is the Latin America Project Coordinator for WorldGBC's Advancing Net Zero programme. She works across global and regional activities, with a focus on Latin America, helping to develop strategies towards net zero carbon buildings.

[Rebecca Dilnot](#) is Project Officer for WorldGBC's global Advancing Net Zero programme. She supports the delivery of the programme by assisting with administration tasks and marketing and communications.

[Adrian Jackson](#) is the Circularity Accelerator Programme Officer and works on WorldGBC's 'Sustainable Buildings for Everyone, Everywhere' strategy. He focuses on the global programme, Circular Built Environment Accelerator, dedicated to advancing a circular economy in the built environment.

[Harris Chan](#) is the Net Zero Carbon Buildings (NZCB) Commitment Project Officer for WorldGBC's Advancing Net Zero (ANZ) programme. He supports the promotion, recruitment and implementation of industry initiatives to drive the uptake of net zero carbon buildings and signatories to the Commitment.

[Kirsty Portelli](#) is the Marketing and Communications Officer for WorldGBC's Advancing Net Zero (ANZ) programme and supports the day-to-day communications activities and delivery of the programme.



Are you in? Take a leadership position on climate change, and learn more about becoming a signatory of the Climate Pledge.

Take the Climate Pledge

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

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GBCs

- The **2022 MENA Green Building Awards** cover 16 categories, celebrating achievements, success stories, and best practices across the region. The Awards are endorsed by the World Green Building Council and held in partnership with eight regional Green Building Councils: Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Qatar. [Applications open from 4 July - 7 August 2022.](#)
- **Green Building Council Brasil:** Santander has launched a green financing line for developers building certified residential buildings in Brasil. To have access to the benefit, projects must be certified under the GBC Condomínio rating system. [Find out more.](#)

Partners

- **The International Built Environment Week (IBEW)** will be back this year as an in-person event! From **5 – 9 September 2022**, participants can attend a specially curated conference and tradeshow showcasing the latest innovations in sustainability, built environment technologies, smart facilities management and digitalisation. [Register for BEX Asia 2022, 6 - 8 September here.](#)
 - If you missed the [Climate Innovation Forum on 28 June 2022](#), a flagship event of London Climate Action Week 2022, which brings together senior public and private sector decision makers to accelerate the delivery of net zero commitments, [catch up on-demand here.](#)
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