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GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

Welcome to the WorldGBC March Global Update.

Our hearts go out to the people experiencing the tragedy of conflict, particularly in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

This conflict is a painful reminder that we must lead with compassion, recognise the link between climate change and conflict, and put people and planet first.

It's time to move away from conflict-creating, polluting and expensive fossil fuels.

The built environment accounts for nearly 40% of energy-related carbon emissions, and can play an important role in accelerating a transition to a low carbon and highly resilient future.

This is not the moment to slow down.

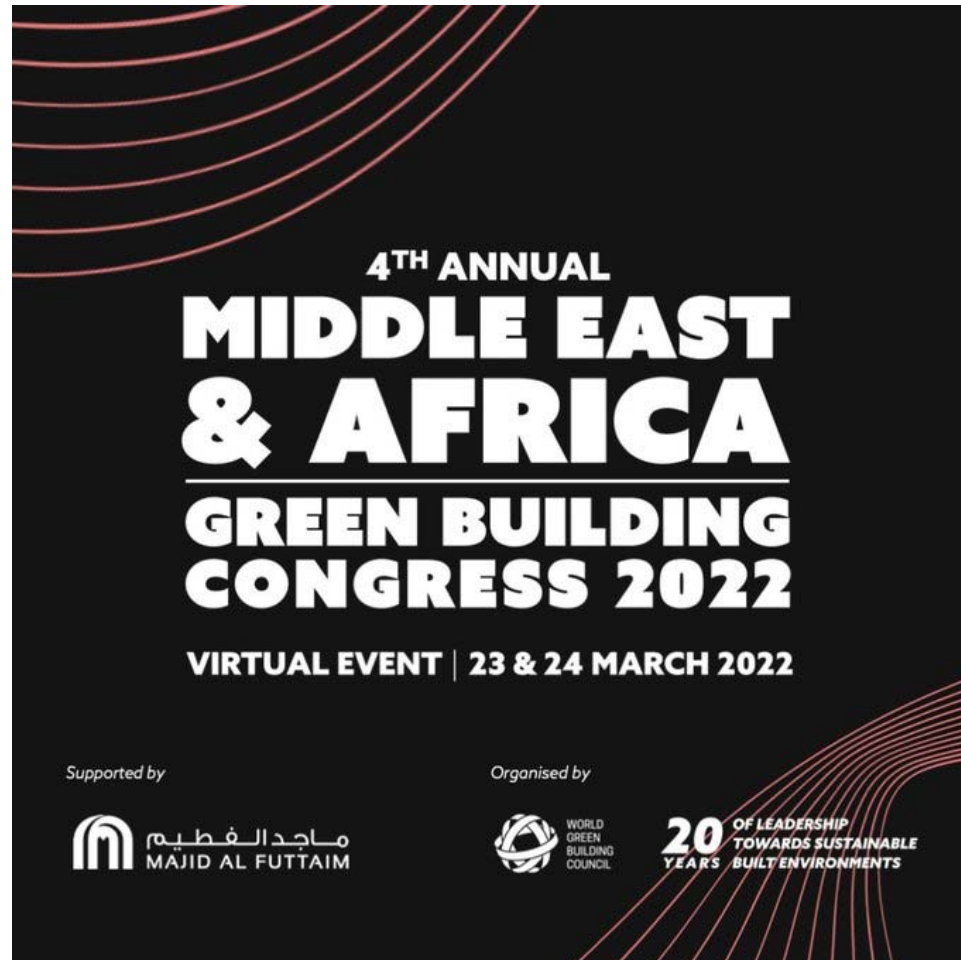
We must double down on the solutions – such as mass retrofitting to reduce energy demand and promoting low carbon products and building systems – that can tackle climate change and bolster human health and energy independence.

I wish you peace and safety, and invite you to join us in the critical discussions and actions towards sustainable built environments for everyone, everywhere:

1. Joins us for the [Middle East and Africa Green Building Congress 2022](#), 23-24 March
2. Pre-register your interest for WorldGBC's '[Leadership Summit for Sustainable Built Environments](#)', 27 June – 1 July

3. Beyond the Business Case: [Investing in a Sustainable Built Environment webinar](#), 16 March
4. The Alliance HQE Net Zero Carbon Renovation project, [#BuildingLife event](#), 18 March

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



Our annual Congress brings together global trends and ambition with regional leadership and opportunities.

This year, we're bringing together hundreds of leaders to:

1. Launch the Sustainable Reconstruction and Recovery Framework
2. Build momentum to COP27 & COP28 in Africa and the Middle East
3. The Business Case for Sustainable Buildings
4. Finance Net Zero Carbon Buildings

5. Built environment and sustainability leaders will share their insights to delivering sustainable built environments for everyone, everywhere

Register now, 23 & 24 March



Meet your fellow sustainability leaders

To mark 20 years of WorldGBC, we're hosting our first 'Leadership Summit: for Sustainable Built Environments', and we have a spot especially for you.

Bringing together leaders from across the network, we're focusing on 2025 and building on our strategy [Sustainable Buildings for Everyone, Everywhere](#).

Taking place 27 June - 1 July 2022, London, UK.

Pre-register here



Beyond the Business Case: Investing in a Sustainable Built Environment

On 16 March we join the [Council of the Great Lakes Region](#) for a webinar focusing on [#BeyondTheBusinessCase](#), our critical report which delves into why you can't afford NOT to invest in a sustainable built environment.

[Register here](#)



#BuildingLife event on 18 March: The Alliance HQE Net Zero Carbon Renovation project

In the first of our 2022 #BuildingLife webinars, we delve into the Net Zero Carbon (NZC) Renovation project, led by [Alliance HQE](#), the French Green Building Council.

[Register here](#)



- Middle East and North Africa Climate Week 2022, 28 – 31 March, [register now](#)
- Register for the next [#BuildingToCOP27 Forum](#), 7 April
- Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin has been announced as the [UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for Egypt](#)



The WorldGBC Board of Directors Call for Nominations is open!

All GBC members in good standing will have equal voting rights during the Board elections, irrespective of membership status. Please send nominations no later than **12 April 2022**.

Find out more



WorldGBC launches Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards at first [Asia Pacific 2022 Festival](#)

The awards contain three categories:

1. Business Leadership in Sustainability Award
2. Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance Award
3. Women in Green Building Leadership Award

Award nominations open from 27 March – 15 July 2022.


[Find out more](#)



[Dar Group](#) partners with WorldGBC's Africa and MENA Regional Networks

Dominika Czerwinska, Director of Membership and Regional Networks at WorldGBC, said:


“Dar Group’s experience and expertise will undoubtedly be a huge asset to the community of Green Building Councils across the Middle East and Africa, as we collectively seek to respond to climate challenges and capitalise on the opportunities presented through sustainable built environments.”



WORLD GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

"We must choose to lead by example to contribute and reshape our society for the better. Gender equality is not just for women, it's for humanity everywhere. It will help us to fight poverty, injustice and create safer, fairer communities for all. It will support us in working together, celebrating our differences and creating a world where everyone, regardless of their gender or background, can thrive."

Cristina Gamboa
CEO, WorldGBC



International Women's Day
#IWD2022 #BreakTheBias

WorldGBC celebrates International Women's Day 2022 – proudly sharing the unique and inspiring views of our women leaders, as we join together to [#BreakTheBias](#) and champion an equal society for all!

#IWD2022

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

GBCs AND PARTNERS

GBCs

- International DGNB Consultant Training, [register now, 15–18 March](#)
- Green Building Council Australia, circular economy masterclass, [19 May](#)

Corporate Advisory Board

- [Carrier expands sustainability solutions](#) and services, offering to help customers achieve decarbonisation goals

Industry News

- [Five key points in the IPCC report](#) on climate change impacts and adaptation

WORLDGBC GLOBAL CALENDAR

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS

Submit your industry and Green Building events to our [online events calendar](#).

Please contact Rebecca Moir, rmoir@worldgbc.org for your event to be considered for inclusion.

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