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# GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

Welcome to the New Year and our first Global Update of 2023!

Our global network of partners and 75+ Green Building Councils (GBCs) are starting the year energised, determined, and ready to work. As we begin the year, GBCs are celebrating successes from our collective journey so far and in this edition, you can find out how four GBCs are tackling air quality.

With sustainable buildings growing in prominence in both public discourse and global climate action agendas alike; so does our shared mission to accelerate the transition to decarbonised and resilient built environments for everyone, everywhere.

But we need to go further.

The building and construction sector is still off track to halving emissions by 2030. Buildings must be a prominent part of the transition to regenerating and repairing our planet whilst creating sustainable livelihoods. But I do believe that with combined leadership and widespread collaboration we will get there.

In this month's newsletter, you can view a range of events we'll be attending, how to find us, plus a save the date for World Green Building Week 2023 (11–15 September).

I wish you all a 2023 filled with health, happiness and success. And I am excited to see what we can achieve with your ongoing support, passion and commitment!

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

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### **Air Quality Monitoring in the Built Environment: What lessons have we learnt?**

In our first [#BetterPlacesForPeople](#) blog of 2023, three GBCs – [Green Building Council Italia](#), [Green Building Council Cameroon \(GBC CAM\)](#) and [Green Building Council South Africa](#) – which participated in the WorldGBC Plant a Sensor campaign, share data, stories and lessons learnt as they work to inspire the uptake of air quality monitoring around the world.

[Read the blog](#)

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### We welcome Arup to our Corporate Advisory Board

Following on from shared advocacy successes at the UN Climate Summit COP27, [Arup](#) joins WorldGBC's [Corporate Advisory Board](#) and will be represented on the board by Nigel Tonks, UKIMEA Sustainable Development Director and Sponsor of Arup's Global Net Zero Carbon Buildings Working Group.

[Read the story](#)

**MEET US AT MIPIM 2023**  
14-17 March, Cannes, France

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WORLD GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

[Learn more about MIPIM real estate event](#)

WorldGBC is delighted to be attending [MIPIM](#) (the international market for real estate professionals), 15–18 March 2023 in Cannes, France. And for the first time ever, we are proud to launch the Road to Zero stage alongside [ULI](#) and [WBCSD](#).

If you are planning on attending MIPIM and would like to meet up with a WorldGBC team member, or if your organisation has a side event, please send an email to us at [office@worldgbc.org](mailto:office@worldgbc.org).

Find out more

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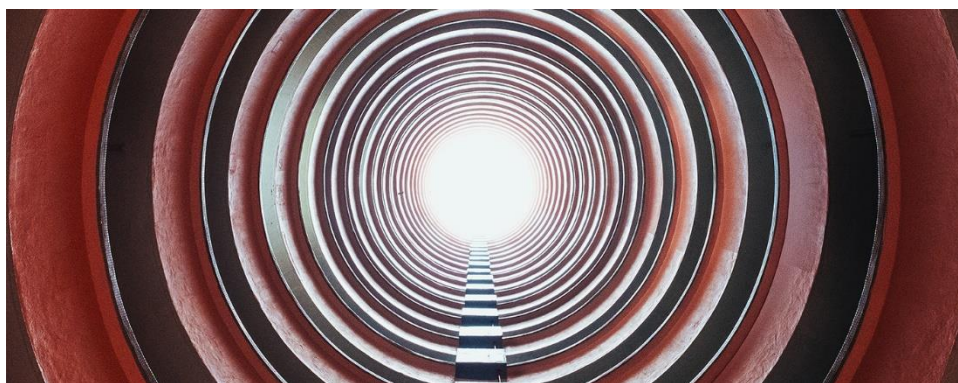
# SAVE THE DATE

## WORLD GREEN BUILDING WEEK 2023

### World Green Building Week, 11–15 September 2023

This year we will be running our annual campaign World Green Building Week on 11–15 September 2023. Stay tuned for more World Green Building Week campaign information over the coming months.

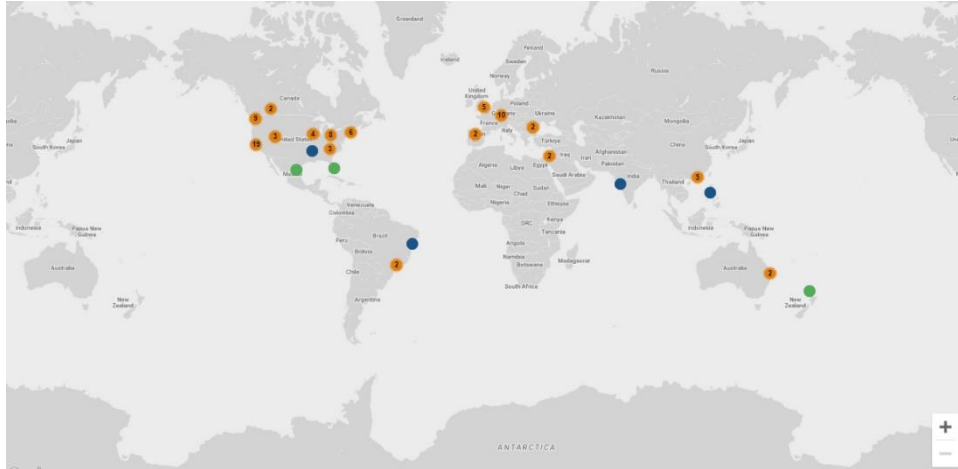
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### The past can teach us a lot about circularity – and not always what you expect

In our first Thought Leadership article on the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) global [#CircularityAccelerator](#) programme, [WSP](#) share their knowledge and reflections on the circular built environment.

Read the blog



### Find examples of global sustainable builds and projects

Our Case Study Library features examples of the world’s most cutting edge sustainable buildings. Each building in the case study has demonstrated enhanced performance in relation to health benefits and net zero operational carbon, as verified by established certification schemes, rating tools or other verification systems.

Get your building featured



### Take the Climate Pledge

Did you know that the [Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment](#) can help you achieve your [Climate Pledge](#) goals? [Take the pledge here.](#)

Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment signatories are taking accelerated action to decarbonise their building portfolios, today. Read more on their latest Advancing Net Zero developments in the [January 2023 update](#).

Find out how your organisation can take the Climate Pledge

#NZCBCCommitment News Roundup: January 2023

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# NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

## *GBCs AND PARTNERS*

### Green Building Councils

- We are proud to announce that the [Czech Green Building Council](#) (CZGBC) has joined 10 other European Green Building Councils, which are spearheading the WorldGBC project #BuildingLife, to pave the way to a carbon neutral Europe. [Read the story](#).
- To enhance cross-regional learning and collaboration, WorldGBC's Asia Pacific Network (APN) has set up an online [Knowledge Hub](#) to showcase Green Building Council and industry solutions, as well as Knowledge Partner insights, demonstrating how the APN region is accelerating sustainability and decarbonisation in the built environment.

### Partners

- This [new report](#) from the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), supported by Arup, calls on the built environment industry to adopt a whole life-cycle approach to assessing the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from buildings.

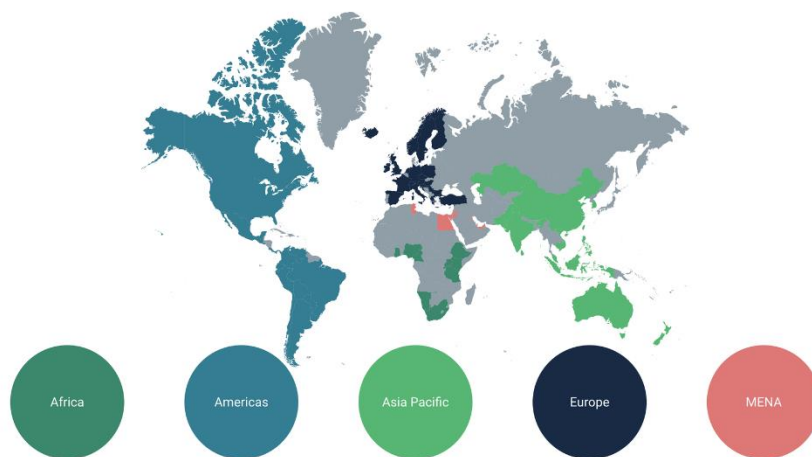
### Corporate Advisory Board

- City Developments Limited (CDL) joins 483 other companies as a member of the 2023 [Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index \(GEI\)](#), a modified market capitalisation-weighted index that gauges the performance of public companies committed to reporting gender-related data.

- All of [AkzoNobel's](#) locations in North America are now operating on 100% renewable electricity – helping to drive the company's ambition of reducing carbon emissions across the full value chain by 50% by 2030 (baseline 2018).
- The European Union (EU) Innovation Fund announces funding of EUR 328 million in two [Holcim decarbonisation projects](#) at the Financing Innovative Clean Tech Conference in Brussels.

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### Regional Networks



### View our global network

Find out more about the Green Building Councils around the world which are part of our network.

[View our members page](#)

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