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GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

Welcome to the May Global Update!

This month marks the launch of two WorldGBC flagship reports, both tackling complex and challenging topics for our sector, whilst highlighting solutions that already exist across all geographies. The reports set out a high level vision for scaling up efforts globally to deliver sustainable built environments for everyone, everywhere.

The [Circular Built Environment Playbook](#) launched on 10 May is an important guide for the building and construction sector to accelerate the adoption of a circular economy and resource efficiency principles.

Our second key report, '[Sustainable and Affordable Housing](#)', will launch on 31 May. The climate emergency we face ties into all aspects of our lives and goes hand in hand with another challenge — the global housing crisis. Join us for a deep dive discussion into how sustainable and affordable housing can, and should be, available to everyone, everywhere.

As these two reports demonstrate, the solutions to scale change already exist, so no more excuses, we have the agency and responsibility to act now!

Best wishes,

Cristina Gamboa, CEO, World Green Building Council

How can we create sustainable, affordable housing for everyone?

Join us on 31 May 2023 for the launch of WorldGBC's flagship 'Sustainable and Affordable Housing' report.

Delivered by our 'Better Places For People' global programme, the launch event will explore findings from the report, and actionable solutions to providing affordable housing on a global scale.

[Register for 31 May 2023, 9:30AM BST](#)

[Register for 31 May 2023, 4:00PM BST](#)

‘The Circular Built Environment Playbook’ Launch

On 10 May 2023 we launched the [‘Circular Built Environment Playbook’](#) report.

Delivered by our Circulatory Accelerator global programme, the report calls for a circular economy and resource efficiency in the built environment. The ground-breaking research provides best practice solutions and key circularity strategies that organisations can start implementing.

[Watch the launch webinar session 1](#)

[Watch the launch webinar session 2](#)

[Download the report](#)

Save the date for WorldGBC members: AGM, 14 June 2023

Save the date for WorldGBC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 14 June 2023, 12PM – 2PM BST. While this year's meeting will be held at the WorldGBC office in London, our member Green Building Councils (GBCs) are invited to join the meeting virtually as there are no additional events running in conjunction with the AGM.

GBC voting representatives (the CEO, or if you do not have a CEO, the Chair) will receive information about the AGM in the coming weeks.

Please contact Alexis Dangel, Operations Director, WorldGBC, for more information adangel@worldgbc.org.

TAKE ACTION

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.



[Submit your case study](#)

LEARN

Green money for green buildings: tools to finance the transition to a sustainable built environment

WorldGBC's new Sustainable Finance Taskforce hosted their first webinar on 16 May 2023 to discuss the urgency and complexity of financing the transition towards a fully decarbonised and sustainable built environment. The webinar highlighted some of the tools available to tackle the physical and transition risks in real estate.

[Watch the webinar recording](#)

Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment Update

New Signatories

WorldGBC is thrilled to announce that [four new businesses have signed the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment](#). These businesses and organisations are taking a leadership position to decarbonise the buildings and construction value chain by 2050 and keeping the 1.5°C scenario alive.

Learn more in our webinar

The next decade of climate action is crucial to achieve the Paris Agreement goals. The Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment recognises and promotes advanced climate leadership from businesses, organisations, cities and subnational governments, who are accelerating the transition to decarbonised built environments. [Join us for the next webinar on 6 July 2023](#) on Cities, States and Regions.

WorldGBC Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment

#NZCBCCommitment Webinar |
Cities, States & Regions

Thursday 6 July 2023

16:00 - 17:00 BST



NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

GBCs & Partners

GREEN BUILDING COUNCILS

Canada GBC's annual Building Lasting Change conference

[Canada Green Building Council](#) will host their annual conference, 'Building Lasting Change' (BLC), on 1–2 June 2023. BLC aims to bring the green building community together, hosting sessions with leading experts and visionaries, showcasing the latest innovative approaches and practical solutions that will take us to the next level of sustainability action.

[Find out more](#)

Learning with UKGBC

[UK Green Building Council's](#) Bitesize Learning Guides are a growing suite of introductory-level sustainability resources designed to build knowledge and confidence across industry on key sustainability topics.

[Find out more](#)

NZGBC releases Climate Scenarios for the Construction and Property Sector

[New Zealand Green Building Council](#) have released the Climate Scenarios for New Zealand's Construction and Property Sector report, which contains

comprehensive climate change scenarios to guide the industry on how they assess and report.

[Find out more](#)

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Swire Properties have released their [Sustainable Development \(SD\) Report 2022](#) and [2022 Highlights](#). The theme of the Report this year is their 50th Anniversary.

PARTNERS

In our latest [Thought Leadership article](#) on WorldGBC's global [Circularity Accelerator](#) programme, [VinZero](#) share their knowledge and reflections on the circular built environment.

EVORA Global believes that positive change in the real estate sector is achievable through education and knowledge sharing. That's why they developed the [EVOLVE ESG Training Academy](#) to empower everyone with the tools they need to make a meaningful impact. EVOLVE is back with Series VIII during which EVORA Global's experts will focus on the hot topics of the moment, including EU Taxonomy, Net Zero and Social Wellbeing.

The [Science Based Target Initiative \(SBTi\)](#) is developing science-based target setting methodologies, tools and guidance for companies in the building sector and other stakeholders. The aim is to help companies to understand and implement the level of climate ambition required to meet the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement.

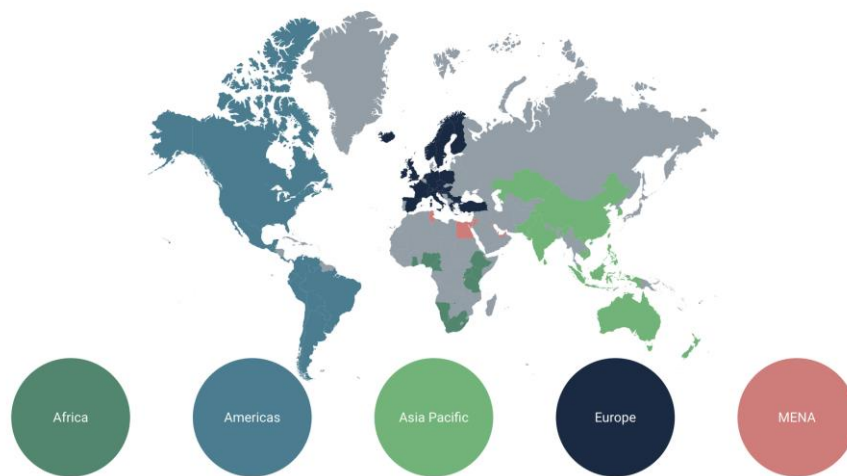
On May 16, 2023, SBTi opened a two-month public consultation period for key stakeholders and experts in the building sector to provide feedback on the Buildings Science Based Target Setting Guidance and Tool. The main objective of doing this consultation is to undertake a transparent multi-stakeholder consensus-based process to ensure the criteria and guidance are robust, clear, and practical.

WorldGBC and GBC members have been part of the development process leading up to this draft, but the consultation is an important opportunity for our

network and the whole sector to give feedback to SBTi on how to further strengthen the text and address remaining issues.

We will work with GBCs to coordinate our consultation response and we encourage all industry expert to [provide feedback](#) on the Buildings Science Based Target Setting Guidance and Tool. For more information you can see the consultation page [here](#).

Regional Networks



View our global network

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

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