

# Global Update



October 2023

## Welcome to the WorldGBC Global Update

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

September was an incredible month, full of dynamic activity. Firstly, I want to thank all of you for taking part in our 15th annual [World Green Building Week](#) on 11–15 September 2023 featuring the COP28 High-Level Climate Champion, H.E. Razan Al Mubarak. Our network joined us in a unified call for #BuildingTheTransition and we saw Green Building Councils (GBCs) around the world take part, reaching millions.

Last month I also contributed to high-level events during Climate Week New York City, and joined in [USGBC's 30 Year celebrations](#). It is truly encouraging to experience first hand the rising recognition for buildings as a critical climate solution, as well as how much impact our movement has created so far, whilst also acknowledging the urgency to reach a scale that changes these current, unsustainable trajectories.

Last month the Global Stocktake (GST) synthesis report was published by UNFCCC and you can view our full response [here](#). We are very pleased to see the [Breakthrough Agenda 2023 Report](#), acknowledging the key role that buildings can play in delivering the systemic transformation needed for a sustainable and decarbonised future. A key moment for us was also the mobilisation of 41 key stakeholder groups and businesses in voicing support for the European Commission's development of a Whole Life Carbon Roadmap for the building sector. [Read on to find out more](#).

I am greatly looking forward to doubling our efforts as we begin [#BuildingToCOP28](#). Our collective network of 75+ GBCs are ready to work with the signatories of the [Buildings Breakthrough](#) to deliver the change the world demands. Over the coming weeks, we will share with you crucial updates on how our network is joining us in advocating on a global stage for the transformation to sustainable and decarbonised built environments for everyone, everywhere.

Best wishes,

**Cristina Gamboa**  
**CEO, WorldGBC**

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## News from WorldGBC



### Celebrating World Green Building Week 2023

Green Building Councils (GBCs), partners and a range of leaders around the world united with us in calling on the global building and construction sector to accelerate the transition to secure an energy efficient, regenerative and just future for all through [#BuildingTheTransition](#).

With a social media reach of 6.5 million, over 120 events being hosted around the world and 85% of GBCs participating, this was our biggest [#WGBW](#) campaign yet.

Our thanks to everyone who took part this year!



### WorldGBC lead coalition calling for a Whole Life Carbon Roadmap for buildings

WorldGBC [convened 41 stakeholder groups](#) and businesses representing over 5,000 built environment organisations to voice support for the European Commission's development of a Whole Life Carbon (WLC) Roadmap for the building sector.



### WorldGBC's response to the UN Global Stocktake report

On 8 September, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) released the [Global Stocktake \(GST\)](#) synthesis report, which offers a comprehensive overview of progress and critical gaps regarding action and government leadership to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

[Read our open letter](#)

[Read our full response](#)

## Built4People Innovation Cluster Network launches

On 25 September 2023, the [Built4People](#) (B4P) partnership announced the launch of a new network of innovation clusters, to action sustainable innovation and help hit EU climate targets for Europe's ageing building stock, which is lagging behind in the green transition.

[Find out more](#)

## Across the regions

New video series 'Awakening New Horizons'



Our Asia Pacific Network has launched an exciting new YouTube series featuring a range of voices from across the network to delve into the impact of green buildings on our mental health and wellbeing in the pursuit of a more sustainable and positive future for all.

[Watch the first episode](#)

## Singapore Green Building Council calls for Earthshot Prize nominations

The [Earthshot Prize](#) exists to discover, spotlight and help grow innovative solutions that are working to repair and regenerate our planet. [Singapore](#)

[Green Building Council](#) is an official nominator of the prize and is inviting all members and affiliates in Singapore to indicate their interest in being nominated by 31 October 2023. [Find out more.](#)

### #CircularityAccelerator update from the Circular Buildings Coalition

The Circular Buildings Coalition (CBC) has selected ten Blueprint Projects, including [Irish Green Building Council](#), which are aiming to scale up solutions to accelerate the transition towards a circular built environment in Europe!

[Find out more](#)

### 70th anniversary of China Academy of Building Research (CABR)

This year, China Academy of Building Research (CABR) celebrates their 70th anniversary. CABR, affiliated with China Green Building Council, is the largest and most diverse research institution in building industry in China.

[Find out more](#)

## Take action



### Let us know what you'll be doing at COP28

COP28 is fast approaching and WorldGBC and the #BuildingToCOP Coalition would like to know how we can engage with you further.

If you would like to work with us please fill out our [engagement tracker](#).



### #BreakthroughAgenda 2023 Report calls on buildings to cut emissions in order to keep 1.5°C in reach

[The Breakthrough Agenda Report 2023](#) published in September sent a strong message to governments to strengthen collaboration in key areas to turbocharge the transition to a sustainable future.

Look for solutions in action: WorldGBC's Case Study Library

We're committed to decarbonising the built environment — are you?

Our [Case Study Library](#) features examples of the world's most cutting edge sustainable buildings. Each building has demonstrated enhanced performance in health benefits and net zero operational carbon, as verified by established certification schemes, rating tools or other verification systems.

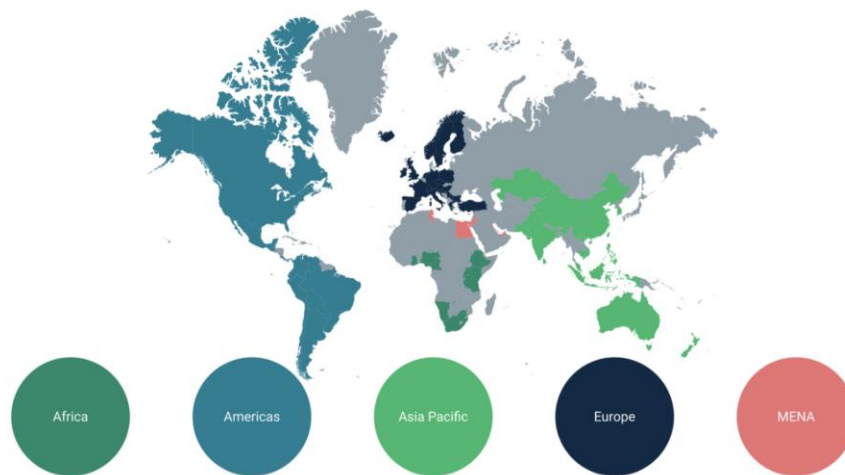
[Submit your case study](#)

[WorldGBC's Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment](#) was developed to recognise and promote advanced climate leadership action from businesses, organisations, cities and sub-national governments in decarbonising the built environment.

[Join the Commitment](#)

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## Global network



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

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