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One month to go: the global green building community comes together in London

WorldGBC Global Solutions Forum

with speakers including



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Scaling today's progress into
tomorrow's built realities

London, 22 June 2026



From 21–24 June, the **World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) Leadership Summit 2026** will bring together our global network in London, UK, for one of the most important moments in the sustainable built environment calendar.

At the heart of this year's programme is the [WorldGBC Global Solutions Forum](#) on Monday 22 June, delivered in partnership with [UKGBC](#) and a flagship event of [London Climate Action Week](#). Open to the public, the Forum will welcome more than 250 leaders from over 50 countries to explore practical, scalable and profitable solutions already transforming the built environment — and what it will take to accelerate progress further.

There's still time for you to book your place, hear from leading voices across the sustainability sector, and be part of a global conversation which will energise, challenge and inspire in equal measure. You will also have the opportunity to connect with your peers throughout the day during lunch, and networking drinks following the Forum.

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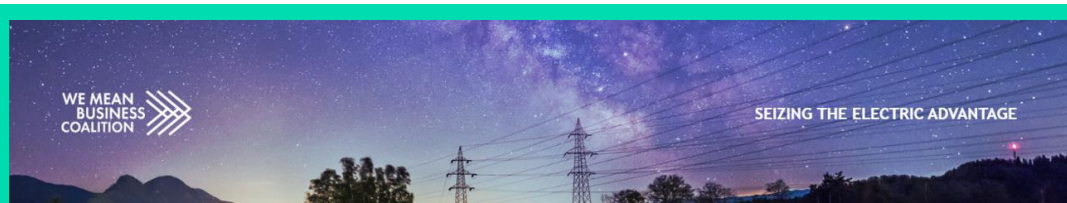
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Your business is invited to support an ambitious global electrification statement

Electrification is one of the fastest and most practical routes to building decarbonisation, making it a critical driver of the clean energy transition. That is why WorldGBC is proud to support a new advocacy initiative led by the [We Mean Business Coalition](#) and the [Global Renewables Alliance](#), calling on governments to establish electrification as a central pillar of economic strategy for a secure, affordable and competitive future. The [statement](#) will launch publicly on 23 June 2026 during London Climate Action Week at the Global Energy Transition and Electrification Summit in London.

Ahead of the launch, businesses are invited to add their support as signatories to the statement by **11 June 2026**. By signing on, companies will join a growing coalition of private sector leaders demonstrating strong business backing for ambitious electrification policy and the clean energy transition.

We encourage all Green Building Councils to share this opportunity across their networks and invite member companies to participate. Broad industry support will help send a strong signal to policymakers that businesses are ready to accelerate electrification and deliver a

more resilient, affordable and low-carbon future. Please note that the statement remains under embargo until 23 June 2026.

[Read the statement and sign up here](#)

New WorldGBC publication sets out global principles for sustainable finance taxonomies

On 28 May 2026, WorldGBC launched '[Global sustainable finance taxonomy principles: Building common ground for construction and real estate](#)', a new publication which strengthens how sustainable investment is defined — and directed — across the built environment sector.

Developed through insights from the global WorldGBC network, the paper outlines seven principles to guide the creation of sustainable finance taxonomies, helping governments, regulators and investors to improve transparency, reduce greenwashing and accelerate investment into environmentally sustainable activities.



Across the regional network



New African roadmap initiative puts climate action into motion

In [a joint announcement](#) led by WorldGBC earlier this month, the [Ethiopian Green Building Council](#), [Kenya Green Building Society](#), [Green Building Council Nigeria](#) and [Green Building Council South Africa](#) demonstrated the growing impact of locally led climate action.

They join a pioneering new roadmap programme under WorldGBC's [Building the Transition](#) initiative. Led by Green Building Councils and delivered through stakeholder-wide collaboration, the initiative will support the development of practical roadmaps to cut emissions, help shape more resilient communities and support low carbon development at scale, across one of the world's fastest-growing construction markets.

The MENA Green Building Awards 2026

Now celebrating 14 years of outstanding sustainability leadership, applications are again open for the [Middle East & North Africa \(MENA\) Green Building Awards](#), organised by the [Emirates Green Building Council](#) and endorsed by WorldGBC.

The awards celebrate excellence in sustainability, innovation and leadership across the built environment, recognising projects and organisations delivering measurable environmental and social impact across the MENA region.

This year's programme is being delivered in collaboration with [Green Building Councils and partners](#) from Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia — reflecting a collective commitment toward advancing sustainable development across the region. Open until 10 July 2026, learn more about the 17 award categories and [submit your entry here](#).

Learning and events



#BuildItReady: is your organisation ready for the future?

World Green Building Week (WGBW), our flagship campaign, returns on 7–11 September 2026. Now in its 18th year, it is the world's largest campaign dedicated to the sustainable built environment.

The theme will explore a simple but powerful idea of #BuildItReady: that the organisations best prepared for the future are those investing in better buildings today.

Led by our global network, the campaign will showcase how resilient, efficient and future-ready buildings can help businesses and communities reduce risk, strengthen communities and unlock opportunity in a rapidly changing world. There will be plenty of ways for you to take part so stay tuned for further updates over the coming weeks!

[Find out more](#)

Still time to register: World Cities Summit, 14–16 June 2026

Book your place at this year's [World Cities Summit 2026](#), in Singapore, from 14–16 June 2026, where WorldGBC is proud to be a Strategic Partner.

Jointly organised by the [Centre for Liveable Cities \(CLC\)](#) and the [Urban Redevelopment Authority \(URA\)](#), the Summit will bring together global leaders to accelerate action, strengthen collaboration and drive transformation towards more liveable, resilient and sustainable cities worldwide.

NZCB Commitment Roundup — May

From the UK to Australia, signatories of [WorldGBC's Net Zero Carbon Buildings \(NZCB\) Commitment](#) are continuing to turn climate ambition into action. This month's highlights include climate-resilient heritage retrofit projects, long-term net zero transition planning, urban microforests delivering measurable cooling benefits, award-winning adaptive reuse, and continued momentum behind building electrification and 'no gas' standards.

[Explore the latest stories](#) and learn more about the organisations leading the transition around the world.

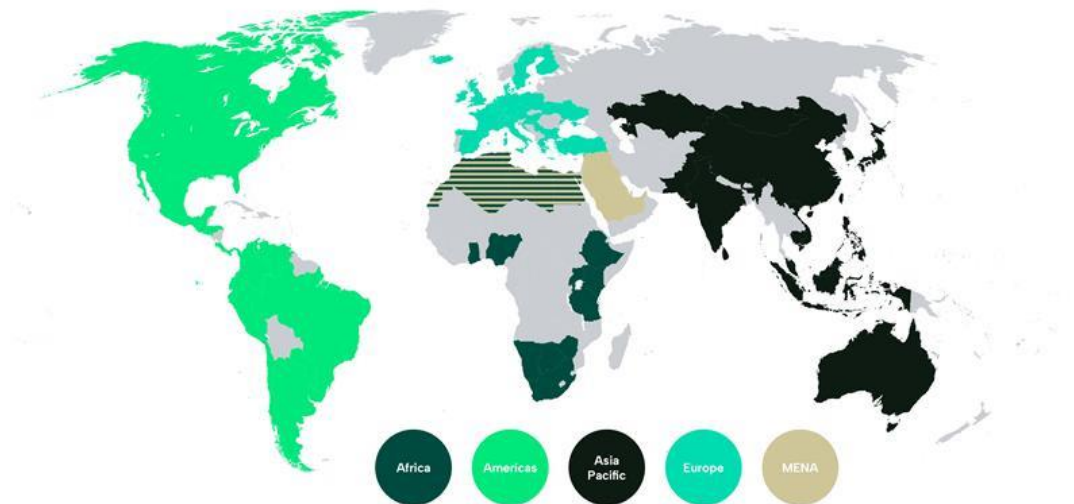
Final thought from Cristina Gamboa, CEO, WorldGBC

I'm really looking forward to welcoming our global community to the [WorldGBC Leadership Summit 2026](#) next month. These moments matter — not just because we come together, but because we use them to move forward together. My hope is that the Summit will be a space where ideas become action, where collaboration deepens across borders, and where we align on what it will take to deliver a zero emissions and resilient built environment at the pace the science demands.

That sense of momentum is especially important right now, as we see growing recognition of the role of roadmaps in turning ambition into implementation. From the positive outcomes of the [first global conference on transitioning away from fossil fuels](#) in Santa Marta, to [the expansion of our roadmap programme](#) into Africa and Asia Pacific, locally led approaches are becoming essential to system-wide change.

As we move into the second half of the year, I find myself reflecting on the opportunity we hold as a network. Progress is built through shared effort, learning, and the willingness to keep pushing forward even when the path is complex! We are no longer just building momentum, we are delivering lasting change across the systems that shape our built environment.

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