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Side Event 11

Multilevel, inclusive approaches to addressing the cities' sleeping giants: The GlobalABC and the Buildings Breakthrough

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SUMMARY

Urban areas account for 75% of global energy related CO2 emissions with buildings being one of the largest contributors. Given the current megatrends of urbanization, cities face heightened vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. With the built environment globally responsible for 40% of annual global CO2 emissions, buildings present an immense opportunity to drive transformative change and offer the most cost-effective mitigation potential among all industrial sectors. This event will underline the importance of buildings in combating climate change and emphasise the need to enable cities, local governments and diverse stakeholders as providers of solutions for climate change adaptation, resilience and mitigation.

As a multi-stakeholder global platform, the GlobalABC serves as a powerful advocate, an effective catalyst to action, a trusted entity to set targets and track progress and a valuable support for countries in defining local-specific priorities and measures to reduce emissions in the built environment. The [Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction \(GlobalABC\)](#) acknowledges the synergies between cities and buildings and actively engages in the steering committee of [SURGe](#) (Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation), where it co-leads the “Buildings and Housing” working group. The GlobalABC also coordinates the [Buildings Breakthrough](#), rallying for near-zero emission and resilient buildings to become the new norm by 2030, and develops [global and regional roadmaps](#) that outline transformative pathways to decarbonize the building and construction sector by 2050.

Sustainable buildings offer a wide array of benefits, many of which align with the Sustainable Development Goals. By seizing the opportunities presented by climate action in buildings, multiple co-benefits can be achieved, encompassing environmental, energy-related, economic and social advantages.

Organizer(s)

- Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion, France
- Ministry of National Territory and Urban Planning, Housing, and City Policy, Kingdom of Morocco
- UNEP-hosted Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC)



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