

Dear High Level Climate Champions and UNFCCC,

I trust this finds you well.

The World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) is the largest and most influential global action network accelerating the sustainable and just transition of the built environment. Through our network spanning over 75 countries representing 65% of global GDP, and a membership base of 48,000 private sector members, we are united by a commitment to drive systemic change in how we design, build and operate our spaces.

The Built Environment requires immediate global action. The sector accounts for one third of global emissions, and yet it is not on track to deliver the Paris Agreement Goals. Buildings have market-ready solutions needed to deliver both carbon reductions, whilst increasing resilience, cutting energy costs, creating jobs and driving growth.

In this letter we **provide feedback on the Global Climate Action Agenda and specifically respond to the four questions posed:**

**What should success look like for the GCAA in the next five years, and how can it be measured effectively?**

The GCAA needs to continue to further understand the role of buildings as a demand side solution, and proactively communicate and promote the opportunity the built environment represent in terms of delivering impact against the Action Agenda and the goals of the Global Stocktake including:

- doubling the global average annual rate of energy efficiency improvements
- tripling of renewable energy capacity
- supporting the phase out of fossil fuels
- strengthening adaptation / resilience
- accelerating deployment of zero and low emission technologies.

We also believe that the GCAA should support and promote the work and outcomes of the Buildings Breakthrough process, as well as the Action Agenda Activation Groups. WorldGBC aims to track progress and impact from our 'Building the Transition' programme against the metrics developed through the Buildings Breakthrough.

WorldGBC and our network stands ready to support the HLCC and GCAA to achieve this. The WorldGBC network is uniquely placed to drive ambition on the built environment and foster alignment and collaboration among governments, businesses, and communities, connecting global ambition to local action.

- We harness our convening power to:
  - align ambition, definitions, principles and actions
  - partner with all relevant stakeholders to work to a common goal
  - scale advocacy, projects, solutions and knowledge sharing.

- We'll work to enable ambitious and equitable policies by inspiring politicians with a vision, supported by market and scientific data, of how low carbon and sustainable building and finance policies deliver on citizens' priorities.
- We'll equip finance actors to deploy their capital effectively, and give them the guidance and tools to assess financial risks and opportunities, with sustainability impact metrics that allow comparability whilst also ensuring impact is contextualised.
- And we'll empower changemakers such as individual companies and owners and occupiers with clear roadmaps to understand their role and which actions to take first to advance decarbonisation and resilience.

This is the theory of the 'ambition loop' – a positive feedback system in which bold government policies, private sector and civil society leadership, and finance investment reinforce each other and make substantial change possible.

You can read more about [WorldGBC's vision, mission and strategy here](#).

### **How can the GCAA facilitate direct and impactful engagement between Parties and NPS to support implementation efforts at both national and sectoral levels, in order to advance the full delivery of the GST, NDCs, and NAPs?**

The GCAA can facilitate direct and impactful engagement between Parties and NPS by engaging with and supporting key initiatives that will create momentum to achieve and deliver on the GST. WorldGBC and our network have several workstreams that can achieve this:

[WorldGBC's 'Building the Transition'](#) is our new flagship global programme to deliver our 2025–2027 strategy in action. This programme will see WorldGBC continue to scale solutions with the Green Building Councils (GBCs) by matching global ambition with local impact. Key workstreams within this programme will include facilitating dialogue between civil society orgs, industry stakeholders and Party (government) representatives;

WorldGBC's regional networks are developing [Zero Carbon and Climate Resilience Readiness Frameworks \(ZCRRF\)](#), a project that provides the first step towards decarbonising the built environment and achieving energy efficient and resilient buildings. The Frameworks are developed by GBCs, consulting industry stakeholders and convening workshops to facilitate dialogue between stakeholders and governments. The Framework breaks down the key elements needed to accelerate the uptake of zero carbon and deliver guidance on how to achieve a decarbonised built environment. It will highlight the market readiness of different countries/regions, celebrate leadership, and outline the next steps for those at an earlier stage of their zero-carbon transition.

A key aspect of 'Building the Transition' is the co-creation of national decarbonisation and resilience sector roadmaps. Roadmaps are a recognised and proven tool to galvanise industry and align policy advocacy, and key in implementation efforts at both national and sectoral levels, to advance the full delivery of the GST, NDCs, and NAPs. The development of these roadmaps, led by GBCs at a national level will include stakeholders from across the sector. With support from the HLCC and GCAA to facilitate dialogue between these industry efforts and Party (government) representatives, we could deliver more impact as part of the adoption of actions and policies outlined in these roadmaps.

Finally, a key focus of 2025 is the submission of updated NDCs from countries at COP30. WorldGBC and our network is promoting the update of NDCs with actionable, trackable measures. For the Built Environment, policies can be tracked against best practice policies through our NDC Scorecard for

Sustainable Buildings tool. [WorldGBC's NDC Scorecard for Sustainable Buildings](#) is a new digital tool, which will help policymakers assess their countries' climate action plans, revealing where further action is needed to rapidly decarbonise the buildings sector and prioritise resilience to meet global climate 2030 targets. The development process was designed to identify best-practice building policies that should be in revised NDCs and integrated into national buildings regulatory frameworks. The tool was developed by WorldGBC and five pilot GBCs in Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Nigeria and Philippines; as well as in consultation with a wider global network of 40 organisations (GBCs, industry stakeholders and international organisations) to ensure local circumstance and nuances were prioritised.

The GCAA could support engage with the NDC Scorecard for Sustainable Buildings tool, encouraging Party actors to review the outcomes for their respective countries to improve implementation of actions and policies that advance the delivery of the GST, NDCs, and NAPs. This will also help to translate the content of updated NDCs into investment ready solutions that can be deployed at scale and deliver impact.

### **How can the GCAA promote an inclusive and equitable engagement, in particular from underrepresented groups and regions?**

Engage and leverage the reach of organisations such as the World Green Building Council, representing over [75+ Green Building Councils](#) accelerating action and implementing solutions across the globe, who in turn represent over 48,000 private sector members. The GCAA can utilise this network of GBCs and their members to access a diverse range of stakeholders from across the built environment sector, including from underrepresented groups and regions including the global south. This local reach is crucial to connect top down to bottom up, national and sub-national actors etc.

It is important for the GCAA and HLCC to main their integrity and robustness, and utilise this to support and give viability to non-party actors to successfully mobilise action and solutions. By supporting organisations such as WorldGBC, we can help to promote inclusive and equitable engagement.

### **What improvements can be made to ensure better transparency, reporting and follow up of the GCAA, including in existing tools such as the [Global Climate Action Portal](#) (a.k.a NAZCA) and the [Yearbook of Global Climate Action](#)?**

Highlight exemplary work within the NAZCA through a dedicated impact dashboard and media campaign/ webinar series to highlight how the Global Stocktake outcomes are being delivered. Currently there are 43,185 actors registered, and it would be helpful to understand across each sector what are the examples initiatives making the biggest impact. Update the Global Climate Action Portal with all Green Building Councils featured.

Focus on supporting and featuring key initiatives that can showcase demonstrable impact such as WorldGBC's 'BuildingTheTransition', as we track progress using the Building Breakthrough metrics, including built environment carbon data model (Paris aligned decarbonisation scenarios) and ensure alignment with national roadmap goals, including supporting the delivery of tripling renewables and doubling the rate of energy efficiency (Note: The Buildings Breakthrough is an initiative being co-led by WorldGBC).

Explore the use of widespread impact metrics used by philanthropic organisations such as Laudes Foundation, ClIFF, WMBC, Climate Works or Ikea Foundation etc.

Please do reach out if you have any questions and would like to discuss our response further.

Yours sincerely,

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