

Dear G7 Climate Ministers,

In preparation for your meeting in Sapporo, Japan this weekend, we would like to draw your attention to green buildings as a solution to climate change.

In collaboration with the World Green Building Council, a global action network comprising 75+ national Green Building Councils (GBCs), we are writing to you as GBCs representing G7 countries to remind you of the importance of buildings as a solution to deliver a decarbonised, resilient and equitable future.

Through our national and global work we are well placed to understand the critical role that the built environment can play in delivering on global goals such as the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The [global economy must reduce emissions by 45% in the next 7 years](#) to avert the irreversible damage of climate change. As the largest contributing sector to carbon emissions, the built environment can do more and already has climate solutions – but we need political ambition to implement and deliver them at scale.

To tackle the climate crisis, it is vital that buildings and cities are acknowledged as key areas of change that can deliver on many cross-cutting priorities including – energy security, net zero, circularity, biodiversity, resilience and equity.

Recognising the transformative potential of buildings, WorldGBC and our 75+ network of Green Building Councils just launched the [‘Global Policy Principles for a Sustainable Built Environment’](#).

The principles cover seven key topics — carbon, resilience, circularity, water, biodiversity, health, equity and access. By adopting a holistic approach to the application and incorporation of these principles, policymakers at all levels of government can ensure that policy and regulations are delivering the transformative action needed to deliver on our global priorities.

As you prepare for the meetings this weekend, we urge you to reflect on the vast potential of the built environment to deliver on the G7 agenda and champion buildings as solutions that can deliver on key global goals.

We wish you a productive meeting and our collective network welcomes to discuss any of the above issues in more detail in support of your climate leadership.

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