

Dear G20 Climate and Environment Ministers,

As you convene in Chennai, India we would like to draw your attention to the role of the built environment in delivering on global climate challenges.

In collaboration with the World Green Building Council, a global action network comprising 75+ national Green Building Councils (GBCs) representing over 46,000 companies, we are writing to you as GBCs in the G20 countries to remind you of the importance of buildings as a solution to deliver a decarbonised, resilient and equitable future.

With buildings and construction collectively responsible for almost 40% of global carbon emissions, we understand that tackling the climate crisis requires true recognition that built environments are key agents of change in the transition to a sustainable future.

Despite having the ability to mobilise and scale available solutions now, the buildings and construction sector is not on track currently to halve its emissions by 2030 — the pace of change required by the Paris Agreement. What is needed is the political will to implement impactful policies that can help scale these solutions.

As the world's largest local-regional-global action network, WorldGBC and our network of GBCs understand the challenges and can leverage localised knowledge and solutions to facilitate the global transition.

In particular we are united on the need for more effective policy that can unlock innovation and investment. In recognition of this, earlier this year we 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 this transformative action.

These solutions will not just deliver a carbon benefit but also can deliver on many cross-cutting priorities including energy security, circularity, biodiversity, resilience and equity.

As leading Climate Ministers representing 86% of the global economy, we also remind you of the investment opportunity of the sector. According [to the IEA](#), a third of reductions in emissions to meet the Paris Agreement must come from strengthening efficiency measures alone. This will not only strengthen energy security but also reduce global household bills by at least US\$650 billion and create millions of green jobs.

We urge you to reflect on the vast potential of the built environment to deliver on the G20 agenda. Our collective network welcomes a discussion on any of the above issues in more detail in support of your climate leadership.

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