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WorldGBC comes home
to Toronto, Canada, in June,
for Congress 2018



WorldGBC is [delighted to announce](#) that its Congress 2018 will be held in Toronto, Canada - the birthplace of the organisation - in partnership with the Canada Green Building Council's (CaGBC) Building Lasting Change conference.

Taking place from 3 to 7 June, the event - titled "Building Lasting Change with WorldGBC Congress Canada" - will combine CaGBC's conference with a WorldGBC International Stream, and WorldGBC's annual Members' Day and related events such as its Board, Corporate Advisory Board, and Established GBC CEO Network meetings.

WorldGBC will lead the 'International Stream: Insights from the World's Green Building Leaders and Experts', which will feature a number of sessions including approaches and projects for net zero carbon buildings; major trends in urban planning with inspiration from the world's cutting-edge cities; and groundbreaking insights into green building and health, wellbeing and productivity, generated from case studies from around the world.

The call for presentations for Building Lasting Change with WorldGBC Congress Canada is now open. Submit your presentation via the [online application platform](#). The deadline is the end of December 2017.

Registration for Building Lasting Change with WorldGBC Congress Canada will open in January 2018. Delegates who sign up five additional paid people to attend the event will receive a free full registration package (details to follow).

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact office@worldgbc.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto!



Green mortgages can help meet climate goals

Our Europe Regional Network (ERN) has published [a report](#) as part of a new series which sets out the actions needed to ensure mortgage lending can support the EU's climate and building renovation goals. Published under the EU-funded '[Energy Efficient Mortgages Action Plan](#)' (EeMAP) Initiative, the report examines how energy efficient mortgages could work in terms of the underlying building performance assessment, and how they can support mortgage lenders and borrowers. The initiative has been welcomed by major banks, such as BNP Paribas and Unicredit, and was recently featured in the Irish edition of [The Sunday Times](#). Read the [press release](#) or [news story](#). For more information on Green Mortgages, contact Stephen Richardson srichardson@worldgbc.org.



Showcasing global thought leadership

How are our Green Building Councils helping to achieve green buildings for everyone, everywhere? Thought leadership plays a major part, and we're pleased to showcase some great pieces which have been published recently on our website. These include how [JordanGBC is delivering green, affordable homes](#); how the Green Building Council of Australia is [charting a course towards net zero buildings](#); what our network of GBCs in Africa is doing to [facilitate rapid sustainable growth](#); and how [EmiratesGBC](#) is improving energy performance for existing buildings in Dubai through the BEA programme. We're currently planning our blog schedule for 2018. If you would like to contribute a blog - a member benefit reserved for Established GBCs - please email James Kershaw jkershaw@worldgbc.org.



WorldGBC's major milestones for 2018

2018 is fast approaching and we're busy planning our activities and events for the year ahead - from the launch of our Better Places for People project case study report, in March, and WorldGBC Congress 2018 in Toronto Canada, in June, to World Green Building Week, in September. To make it easier for GBCs and Partners to see what WorldGBC has in the diary, we've produced this [calendar graphic](#). This is a 'work in progress' document, with many more activities and events to be added as they are finalised. New, updated versions will be shared regularly. Events are also listed on the [calendar section](#) of the WorldGBC website. If you think we're missing a key activity or event, please contact Georgina Eldridge geldridge@worldgbc.org.



Join WorldGBC at upcoming global events

With numerous green building events still due to take place before the end of the year, look out for WorldGBC staff and our Member GBCs at upcoming events near you. This week, WorldGBC are at [Greenbuild](#) in Boston, US, where the [Americas Regional Network](#) meeting is taking place today. Soon after, the Asia Pacific Regional Network will take place in Manila, Philippines on 20 and 21 November, while the Europe Regional Network takes place in Budapest, Hungary on 22 and 23 November. Our staff will also be attending a conference on nearly zero energy buildings in China later in November, and DutchGBC's Green Leadership Summit in December. If you would like more information on events or speaking opportunities, contact Georgina Eldridge geldridge@worldgbc.org.





Nominate new WorldGBC Board members

It's time to get thinking, as from February 2018 you will be able to nominate your best candidate to join the [WorldGBC Board](#)! We are looking for highly qualified and influential individuals who have a strong association with your GBC and possess skills in finance and large-scale fundraising as well as governance and strategy. They will support key functions on the Board and drive our strategy for the next phase of WorldGBC growth and impact. Your GBC must nominate the individual, however, the individual does not need to be your CEO, Chair or even a Board member. To understand more about the Board recruitment, how our Governance is being strengthened, and the implications for your GBC, please look out for the materials from the AGM. For more information, contact Alexis Dangel adangel@worldgbc.org



'Buildings Day' at COP23 this week

This week WorldGBC, our Green Building Councils and Partners are heading to the UN's COP23 Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany. We'll be highlighting the role that buildings can play in achieving the targets of the Paris Agreement at two sessions: a public Buildings Day event tomorrow on Thursday 9 November, entitled the [Building Action Symposium](#), with support from DGNB; and at [Human Settlements Day](#) on Saturday 11 November, in the non-public "Bonn Zone" of the World Conference Center. Panel sessions across the two events span topics including how green building can help achieve the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) and how to access finance for large-scale energy efficiency building projects. For more information, contact Georgina Eldridge geldridge@worldgbc.org.

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