



News Roundup

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Happy New Year! In an effort to support our shared international efforts, we would like to begin a regular e-news update about policy and business happenings related to sustainable cities and the built environment. Have something to add? Email Hope at [hopelobkowicz@wydlerhouse.com](mailto:hobelobkowicz@wydlerhouse.com).

Action Item

Rio+20 Accreditation

Rio+20 accreditation process now open. New delegations to the Convention on Sustainable Development must submit an application before Feb. 20, 2012. [Application available here.](#)

Side Event submissions (June 13-22, 2012) due by March 30, 2012. [Apply online here.](#)

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Rio+20 Zero Draft Text Now Available! (Jan. 10, 2012) [Read More >>](#)

Our Mission

The GLOBE Alliance (Global Leadership in Our Built Environment) is a broad-based international action network of environmental, business, industry, financial, faith-based, academic and community organizations around the world who share a commitment to advocating for sustainable building practices as a key strategy for combating climate change.

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American Institute of Architects
American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
Association of Climate Change Officers
Building Codes Assistance Program (BCAP)
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See USGBC Blog on the role of buildings in the draft text. (Jan. 13, 2012) [Read More >>](#)

Mayor Gray and UNEP announce Washington, DC will be North American Host City for World Environment Day 2012 (January 11, 2012)

With the regional theme, "Unite for a Sustainable D.C.," UNEP invites area residents and organizations to take part in energy-efficiency and sustainability activities during the six weeks linking Earth Day on April 22 and World Env. Day on June 5.

Decisions must be made at UN Earth Summit, Urges UN Official (January 11, 2012)

The Earth summit in June must be the place where decisions on the future of the planet are made, and not just another talking shop for world leaders, the head of what will be 2012's largest political conference has urged. [Read More >>](#)

US States Surpass Energy Efficiency Goals with help from Stimulus Dollars (January 5, 2012)

The Department of Energy has announced Wisconsin, Montana, and Washington have surpassed their goals to improve energy efficiency for homeowners, saving families over \$400 annually on their utility bills. [Read More >>](#)

Showcasing the Big Apple's Greener, Greater Buildings Plan(January 3, 2012)

New York City has received the inaugural World Green Building Council's Government Leadership Award in "Industry Transformation" for its "Greener, Greater Buildings Plan" on building efficiency. [Read More >>](#)

Europe makes Progress on Binding Efficiency Goals (Dec. 20, 2011)

The European Parliament's environment committee has thrown its weight behind binding energy efficiency targets for member states in a vote held on the 20 December. However, there is little chance that these will survive in later versions of the draft energy efficiency directive, EurActiv was told. [Read More >>](#)

Cato Manor's "Green Street": A Low-Income Project Proves the Value of International Climate Finance (December 6, 2011)

In the U.S., the term "green building" is usually associated with large commercial development. But in

Deloitte Real Estate Advisory France
Earth Council Alliance
Earth Day Network
Econstrucion
Ecotech International
Enterprise Community Partners
Global Environment & Technology Foundation
Global Green
Green Consult Asia
Green Factory
Green For All
ICLEI USA - Local Governments for Sustainability
Ingersoll Rand
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Institute for Transportation and Development Policy
Johnson Controls
Kids vs. Global Warming
Lend Lease
MBO, Inc
Miron Construction
National Home Performance Council
National Institute of Building Sciences
Natural Resources Defense Council
Philippine Green Building Council
United Nations Foundation
United Technologies Corporation
Urban Land Institute
Use-It
World Business Council on Sustainable Development
World Green Building Council:
Argentina Green Building Council
Canada Green Building Council
Chinese-Taipei Green Building Council
Colombia Green Building Council
France Green Building Council
GBC Brasil
GBC España
Green Building Council of Croatia
Guatemala Green Building Council
Jordan Green Building Council
Mexico Green Building Council
Panama Green Building Council
Peru Green Building Council
Philippine Green Building Council
Polish Green Building Council
Romania Green Building Council
Turkish Green Building Association
U.S. Green Building Council

South Africa, they're bringing it down to the local level. [Read More >>](#)

President Obama Announces nearly 4 billion investment in Energy Upgrades to Public and Private Buildings(Dec. 2, 2011)

The latest phase of the President's Better Building Initiative, federal and private financing commitments are geared toward the goal of increasing energy performance by 20% by 2020. [Read More >>](#)

Member News

Upcoming Event: Exploring the Role of Cities and Buildings in the Green Economy – A Chicago Event on the Road to Rio +20(January 24th 2012)

[View Invite and RSVP here!](#)

Consumers Union, Building Codes Assistance Project (BCAP), and Institute for Market Transformation: Survey Reveals That Americans Overwhelmingly Support Energy Codes(January 10, 2011)

[Read the Press Release](#)

[Read the Survey Report](#)

Johnson Controls Institute for Building Efficiency issues new report: “Driving Transformation to Energy Efficient Buildings: Policies and Actions” (December 2011) [Read More >>](#)

COP-17 Wrap Up

Many GLOBE Alliance members travelled to Durban for the UNFCCC COP17. Read some of the Dispatches from Durban in the blog entries below:

USGBC Blog: [USGBC Explains Who's Who at COP17 for Green Building and Climate Change](#)

GreenSource Blog: [Good COP, Bad COP](#)

C40 Blog: [Expert Voices: Roger Platt, Senior Vice President, Global Policy and Law and Maggie Comstock, Associate, Policy, US Green Building Council](#)

GreenSource Blog: [Think Buildings: At the Vanguard of the Green Economy](#)

USGBC Blog: [Can the Private Sector Play a Bigger Part at COP17?](#)

USGBC Blog: [Demonstrating the Benefits of Green, Inclusive Housing at the UN Climate Talks](#)

USGBC Blog: [Lights...Cities...Action](#)

USGBC Blog: [Scaling up Energy Efficiency Financing](#)

USGBC Blog: [Dispatches from Durban: Climate Talks Can Impact Green Building Worldwide](#)

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