Buildings and Climate Global Forum

PRESENTATION OF THE EVENT

The first "Buildings and Climate Global Forum", co-organised by France and the United Nations Environment Programme, will bring together the world’s leading actors in the sector for conferences, workshops, high-level roundtables and a ministerial meeting, from March 7th to 8th at the Palais des Congrès in Paris.

Establishing international cooperation for decarbonisation and resilience in the construction sector

Following the adoption of the Paris Agreement in 2015 at COP21, France embarked on an effort to structure international action on issues of resilience and transition in the building and construction sector. This approach took shape with the launch of the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (Global ABC), which in recent years has helped to raise global awareness and mobilize numerous countries (40 are members to date), international organizations, companies and other networks committed, or wishing to commit, to the challenges of decarbonizing the sector.

However, these efforts are still insufficient to achieve the targets set for 2030, especially as the distribution of these efforts remains highly uneven from one country to another, and from one company to another. With the target date fast approaching, it is now essential to bring together the entire international building and construction community to increase the involvement of all players in the transition efforts.

FACTS & FIGURES

- Both energy-related operational emissions and emissions embedded in building materials must be drastically reduced. Climate resilience must be strengthened to ensure that buildings deliver affordable, healthy, and safe living spaces.
- The global buildings surface should double by 2060. The emissions for construction alone could represent half of the “carbon budget” needed to stay under 1,5°C.
- It is urgent to put the building sector on the right track and align it with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.
- The building sector is key for our economy, social life, and wellbeing. Its transformation requires special attention and dedicated strategies and policies.

The entire buildings community gathered around thematic issues

Over these two days, national governments, international organizations, private-sector players, industry experts and investors will gather around thematic workshops, high-level roundtables and an international ministerial meeting to discuss the resilience challenges faced by the buildings and

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construction industries, and to agree on a series of concrete recommendations for achieving decarbonization of the sector by 2030.

**Forum objectives**

Participating governments and organizations will be invited to share a joint statement aimed at raising ambition and enhancing the building industry's market transformation towards decarbonization and climate resilience.

Organizations and stakeholder groups will be invited to release an action pledge for 2030.

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CALL FOR PROJECTS

Over the two days, some forty national and international players will be selected to take part either in the exhibition of solutions, approaches, and projects, or in the pitch sessions, with the aim of highlighting concrete solutions for decarbonising the sector. A panel of national and international experts will select the exhibitors and pitch speakers.

Construction21 and Ademe are in charge of organising the exhibition space.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

How to apply?

To take part in the call for projects, applicants must complete the form, i.e. a technical presentation sheet describing the project/solution/approach.

The form is available on the Construction21 website and that of the partners. In order to ensure that your participation is followed up and that exchanges are rapid, you will be asked to provide a contact e-mail address and telephone number. We recommend that you provide an active address to ensure that your application progresses smoothly. By providing this contact, you authorise the organising bodies to contact you by email or telephone to keep you informed of progress.

Once completed, the form should be sent to Construction21 at the following address: alexandre.bordagaray@construction21.fr. We will get back to you by e-mail to acknowledge receipt and validate your participation.

What types of projects can apply?

All projects, solutions or initiatives carried out by active organisations that are able to complete all the mandatory fields in the call for projects.

To enable the jury to make the best possible analysis of your application, we recommend that you provide as much documentation and information as possible: presentation of the project, feedbacks, surveys, quantified results, costs, etc.

A project can only apply for one category. Each project must indicate its preference between the exhibition and the pitch session. It is not possible to combine the two.

Projects applying for the exhibition must indicate what they plan to present on the day of the event: models, prototypes, samples, films, etc.

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During the Forum, the French government will provide each exhibitor with a space of between 9sq m and 12sq m free of charge. The stands will be delivered bare (sign, table, chair), the rest will be the responsibility of each exhibitor subject to acceptance.

If one of the above conditions is not met, the organiser reserves the right to refuse the application of the project concerned.

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APPLICATION FORM

I - Details of the person responsible for the project

- Type of structure:
- Name of the organization / project leader:
- Last name:
- First name:
- Email address:
- Telephone number of contact person(s) (please provide the number of an active member in case the organisation needs to contact you):

II – General information

- Name of project / solution / initiative:
- Location of project:
- Address:
- Year of creation:

III - Description of the action taken

- Description of the project and its benefits/limitations for the sector and the environment:
  - Key dates:
  - Stakeholders:
  - Feedbacks (testimonies):
  - Targets:
  - Energy savings:
  - Carbon footprint:
  - Replicability:
  - Costs:
  - Limits to implementation/deployment:

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- Limits for the environment:
- Social and societal impact:
- Adaptability and resilience:
- Other:

**Category of application** (please cross out any categories you are not applying for):
- Project
- Solution
- Initiative (human approach)

- **Type of participation** (please indicate your order of preference - e.g. 1 then 2):
  - Exhibition
  - Pitch

- **If you are applying for the exhibition, please indicate which format you intend to present on the day of the event***: models, prototypes, samples, films, etc.

- **If you are applying for the pitch session, please indicate which project/solution you will be presenting on the day of the event***: project in progress, project delivered, materials under development, materials on the market...

*The format you indicate here for the exhibition or the type of content for the pitch session will be that which the organisation expects on the day of the event on 7 and 8 March 2024. If the format changes, please inform the organisation as soon as possible. If the new format is not suitable, the organisation reserves the right to refuse your participation in the event.

- **Pictures / Illustrations of the project (if the files are too large, don't hesitate to send us a transfer link with the elements)**: all the visual elements available concerning the project: photos, reports, videos, etc. Don't forget to send us the credits for each element sent.

If you have any problems filling in this form, please contact a member of the team.

On behalf of the entire organising team, we would like to thank you for your participation and wish you good luck!

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