

Buildings and Climate Global Forum

7 & 8 March 2024

Palais des Congrès, Paris, France

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Buildings and Climate Global Forum?

The Buildings and Climate Global Forum is organised by the Government of France and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP); it will be held on **7-8 March 2024** at the **Palais des Congrès in Paris, France**. The Global Forum will bring together construction ministers and sector leaders from across the value chain. The government of France has invited eighty ministers responsible for overseeing building regulations around the world, alongside key stakeholders across the entire buildings sector value chain, including local authorities, NGOs, and businesses. Over 800 participants will take part in the Forum. Further information is available [here](#).

2. What is the objective of the Global Forum?

The global buildings sector is not on track to achieve the Paris Agreement objectives. The Forum aims to catalyse international collaboration and aggregate momentum across global supply chains and between national governments to provide the foundations for aligning the sector's trajectory with the Paris Agreement.

3. What is the expected outcome of the Global Forum?

Governments will be invited to endorse the "Déclaration de Chaillot". This ministerial declaration aims to establish the common principles and cooperation framework necessary to unlock and align the global efforts towards achieving the Paris Agreement.

Complementing the ministerial declaration, all stakeholders of the building industry will be invited to disclose specific engagements (i.e. commitments and contributions) in support of the Global Forum ambition.

4. What will be in the programme?



The first day of the Forum (7 March) will feature 20 thematic sessions aligned on five tracks: Urban & Skills, Energy, Finance, Methods & Construction, and Materials. These sessions will showcase the commitments, messages and solutions from a range of stakeholders across the Buildings and Construction value chain. These commitments, messages and solutions will support Ministerial Roundtable discussions on 8 March.

The development of the program is in progress - the preliminary agenda can be found [here](#).

5. How can I attend?

This event is **by invitation only** and aims to bring together around 800 invited participants, including ministers, national and sub-national governments, various actors of the value chain (Investors & asset managers, property developers, insurers & reinsurers, product manufacturers, Architecture, engineering and construction actors, property & facility managers, academia, philanthropists, etc.) and international organisations engaged in the decarbonisation and resilience of the buildings sector.

For ministers and government representatives, an official invitation letter was sent by the Government of France.

For the other stakeholders, a “Save the date” was sent inviting them to **express their interest** in participating in the Forum via [this form](#). Expressions of interest do not constitute registrations and will be considered case by case by the organisers.

Selected participants/organizations will receive an official confirmation email including a unique code for registration.

6. Is the Forum in-person, online, or hybrid?

The participation in the Forum is **only in-person**. Some sessions will be recorded and might be livestreamed. More information is forthcoming.

7. Should I pay to attend the Forum?

No. The Forum is free of charge.

8. How can I get involved?

There are multiple opportunities to participate in the Global Forum.



The pre-forum exhibition (5 and 6 March) provides the opportunity to showcase your projects, solutions and initiatives. Submit your projects before 24 January.

Organisations may request a meeting space for closed door events at the pre-forum by sending your request to buildingsclimate2024@developpement-durable.gouv.fr (please include organisation name, date, time, and number of participants.)

If you are interested in contributing content and/or speaker suggestions for the thematic sessions on 7 March, please reach out to global.abc@un.org and maliya.lazli@un.org.

9. The Global Forum and the Buildings Breakthrough?

Launched at COP28 by France and the Kingdom of Morocco, the Buildings Breakthrough saw 28 countries - representing over a third of the global population - join together to accelerate the transformation of the buildings sector. Guided by the goal statement: *"Near-zero emission and resilient buildings are the new normal by 2030"*, this initiative provides a platform to advance international collaboration in the sector focussed around five priority areas (Standards and certifications; Demand Creation; Finance and Investment; Research and Deployment; Knowledge and skills).

The Global Forum and Buildings Breakthrough are discernable and complementary activities. Both are in service of advancing the international collaboration necessary for the decarbonization and resilience of buildings globally.

On the 7 March, the Global Forum will exhibit 20 thematic sessions within the program. Amongst other objectives, these thematic sessions will reflect on the recommended priority areas of the Buildings Breakthrough.

For additional information on the Buildings and Climate Global Forum and the Buildings Breakthrough, click [here](#).

10. In which language will the Forum take place?

English only for all the sessions on 7 March. English-French translation is available for the Ministerial sessions on 8 March.

11. Are there visa requirements to attend the Forum in person?



It is the participants' own responsibility to obtain a visa for entering France. Participants required to be in possession of a visa are advised to obtain one as early as possible. For more information on guidance on eligibility and visa requirements please consult the [visa portal](#).

Once their registration to the Forum has been approved, participants in need of a visa can write to buildingsclimate2024@developpement-durable.gouv.fr to request facilitation for obtaining an **appointment** for the visa application process by providing necessary information. Please note that the organisers are not in a position to guarantee a visa for the participants.

12. I still have other questions. Whom should I contact?

Please write an email to buildingsclimate2024@developpement-durable.gouv.fr or global.abc@un.org