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International Code Council Advances Global Dialogue on Sustainable and Resilient Buildings at GlobalABC Annual Assembly

Governments and organizations from around the world convened in Dresden, Germany to elevate the role of right-sized building codes, standards and capacity building in achieving shared goals

Dresden, Germany – The International Code Council (ICC) joined governmental and private sector representatives at the 2025 Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC) Annual Assembly, from April 7-8 in Dresden, Germany. The event highlighted the importance of building codes and their impact on the efficiency and resiliency of new and existing buildings.

During the two-day event, ICC facilitated multiple sessions focused on implementation of the [Buildings Breakthrough](#) priority actions, the work of the GlobalABC Adaptation Hub, and led a training on disaster planning for building departments and ministries. ICC also hosted a building codes meet up to support collaboration across building and energy code initiatives including research, training, resource development and code implementation.

The International Code Council's Chief Executive Officer, John Belcik, provided a welcome address focused on the importance of a robust regulatory framework that supports the implementation of building codes.

"We commend GlobalABC for fostering effective collaboration across various work groups, ensuring that countries are provided with a truly holistic approach to addressing building challenges," said Belcik. "We are looking forward to continuing our work with GlobalABC, particularly in supporting the Intergovernmental Council for Buildings and Climate and the Buildings Breakthrough."

ICC is the lead organization for the Buildings Breakthrough Priority Action 5 on Capacity Building. Two years ago, the Buildings Breakthrough was launched at COP28 in Dubai, United

Arab Emirates, with the support of 27 signatory countries. The initiative calls for global cooperation to achieve near-zero emission and resilient buildings by 2030.

Learn more about the GlobalABC Annual Assembly [here](#).

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About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.