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International Code Council Launches Global Capacity Building Initiative

Code Council initiative recognizes the importance of improving building resilience against extreme weather events and helps communities achieve their building emission goals

Washington, D.C. – In response to the continued demand for new solutions, the International Code Council has introduced the *Building Capacity for Resilient and Sustainable Buildings* initiative. This initiative emphasizes the importance of effective building regulatory systems to ensure that the intended benefits of building regulations are achieved.

Through this effort, the Code Council aims to help global communities reach their resilience and decarbonization goals by providing resources and tools to support the effective implementation and enforcement of building codes. It calls on governments, corporations and organizations to assist countries in developing, adopting and implementing energy and hazard-resistant codes.

Building Capacity for Resilient and Sustainable Buildings is a recognized initiative of the Buildings Breakthrough, launched and co-led by France (Ministry of Ecological Transition) and the Kingdom of Morocco (Ministry of National Territory Planning, Land Planning, Housing and City Policy), and coordinated under the umbrella of the UNEP-hosted <u>Global Alliance for</u> <u>Buildings and Construction</u> (GlobalABC). The Buildings Breakthrough is a call to all countries to help accelerate the transition to near-zero emission and resilient buildings by 2030.

Initial partner organizations of the initiative include <u>Architecture2030</u>, the <u>American Society of</u> <u>Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers</u> (ASHRAE), GlobalABC, <u>HOK</u>, the <u>International Building Quality Centre</u>, <u>ResALLience</u>, <u>+LAB Architects</u>, and <u>Saint-Gobain North</u> <u>America</u>.

The importance placed on capacity building will be a major focus of the Code Council's participation at the upcoming <u>UN Climate Change Conference</u>, COP28, in Dubai, from November 30-December 12. Learn more about the Code Council's participation at COP <u>here</u>.

The Building Capacity for Sustainable and Resilient Buildings Program is seeking further signatories from organizations, governments and corporations. To sign on as a partner organization, please contact Joe Sollod, Code Council Sustainability, Resilience and Innovation Associate, at <u>isollod@iccsafe.org</u>.

View the Building Capacity for Resilient and Sustainable Buildings webpage, here.

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About the International Code Council

The <u>International Code Council</u> 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.