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## FIHO joins the United Nations' Global Alliance for Building and Construction ([Global ABC](#))

Founded at COP21, hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme and with 280 members, including 39 countries, the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC) is the leading global platform for all buildings stakeholders committed to a common vision: A zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector. The GlobalABC is a global advocate and a catalyst to action: GlobalABC advocates for market transformation and focuses on catalysing action by defining a carbon neutrality strategy for the built environment. GlobalABC advocates the sector's importance for

global climate action through international high-level events, including COPs.

GlobalABC tracks progress in its annual Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction, and its Global Building Climate Tracker, a new index to track progress in decarbonization in the sector. The GlobalABC co-leads the Human Settlements Pathway under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, which outlines the 2030 and 2050 decarbonization goals. GlobalABC develops policy guidance and global and regional buildings and construction roadmaps outlining aspirational targets, timelines, and key actions for essential policies and technologies, and, offering a model for national and city-level buildings and construction roadmaps to support and raise the ambition of NDCs.

Beside being a natural product produced with low gas emissions, HEMP is known for sequestering carbon, according to scientists one hectare of hemp sequesters 9 to 15 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, similar to amounts sequestered by a young forests<sup>1</sup>. When used for hempcrete, it becomes a carbon stock.

By joining the Global ABC, the Federation of International Hemp Organizations (FIHO) aims to position HEMP as a sustainable solution for construction and isolation materials. More and more companies in the world are developing Hempcrete and other biomaterials for new buildings as well as refitting existing buildings at a reasonable price and with locally developed products.

***"Being accepted into the coalition is a recognition of FIHO's dedication to developing HEMP as a carbon sink for international building industries." Declares Ted Haney, Board Chair of FIHO "Global ABC will allow Hempcrete producers to showcase their products, develop contacts with other stakeholders including farmers, processors, architects, building companies and urbanists to share research findings and more."***

In order to ensure a good participation to the coalition, FIHO invites all interested parties to join its dedicated committees and working groups.

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<sup>1</sup> European Union [Common Agriculture Policy](#)