

Net Zero Commitment Forum: Terms of Reference (2021)

Purpose

To bring together signatories of the Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment to share challenges and solutions on how they and the wider industry can accelerate the transition towards net zero carbon buildings.

Membership

The Net Zero Commitment Forum ('the forum') is open to all UKGBC members that are signatories to WorldGBC's Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment (current list available [here](#)). This group is unique in that it represents businesses from across the building value chain – representing the end-to-end delivery of buildings – and some cities/states, enabling net zero solutions to be developed through genuine industry-wide collaboration.

Each forum member will have one representative who will act as the UKGBC contact to receive invitations and further information on the forum. Each member can have one representative attend each forum meeting, with any further attendees by prior agreement with UKGBC.

Principles

The forum is founded on the following broad principles:

- **Solutions focused:** the forum should actively create, promote and share solutions to delivering net zero carbon buildings at scale.
- **Peer-to-peer learning:** the forum should encourage the sharing of strategies to help deliver net zero, including organisational net zero commitments.
- **Advocate:** the forum should use its collective strength to demonstrate leadership on net zero in the construction and property sector, including in the lead up to COP26.

Ways of working

The forum will meet on a bi-monthly basis following April 2021. Each session will address one relevant challenge which will be chosen by vote prior to each session.

If the forum decides that follow up work is needed on the challenge topics, smaller working groups of forum members will be convened to make further progress. Participation in these working groups is voluntary and they would be strictly time limited with a specific output, for example a discussion paper or short guidance document.

Forum members are welcome to propose and lead additional forum discussions on relevant topics in between the bi-monthly sessions. This should be done in coordination with UKGBC.

UKGBC will provide secretariat for the bi-monthly meetings, including organising meeting times, physical/online venues, agendas, meeting notes and chairing the meetings.

UKGBC, in consultation with forum members, will reassess membership and format if there is a significant increase in Commitment signatories. Additionally, these Terms of Reference and effectiveness of the forum will be assessed by UKGBC and the forum members on an annual basis.

Further information

If you have any questions or would like any further information on the forum, please contact [Anna Biggs](#).