The SBE Series in Brief

The Sustainable Built Environment (SBE) series of conferences began in 2000, operates on a three-year cycle and is operated by a small number of international organizations:

- **International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction** (CIB, [www.cibworld.nl](http://www.cibworld.nl))
- **International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment** (iiSBE, [www.iisbe.org](http://www.iisbe.org))
- **International Federation of Consulting Engineers**, [www.fidic.org](http://www.fidic.org)
- **UN Environment**, [www.unenvironment.org](http://www.unenvironment.org)
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- The series began in 2000 and now operates on a three-year cycle;
- Year 1 of each cycle is devoted to planning and discussion;
- Year 2 of the cycle focuses on regional or national events;
- Finally, year 3 of each cycle is limited to a single World SBE event;
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- SBE conference cycles usually include 8 to 12 regional or national events;
- 11 regional SBE conferences were planned for this cycle but 2 of these events were held in 2021 and one other was cancelled.
- Most Regional events are planned for 200-400 delegates over 2 days, but we have also included one-day focused events, as in Sousse (Tunisia) in 2022;
The WSBE global events

- Previous World SBE conferences were held in Maastricht, Trondheim, Tokyo, Melbourne, Helsinki, Barcelona, Hong Kong (2017) and Gothenburg (2020);
- The global event for this cycle was scheduled to be WSBE23 in Montreal in September 2023, but the pandemic resulted in a delay;
- WSBE24 will therefore take place in Montreal in April 30 to May 03, 2024.
Organisational Features

- The SBE partners manage the series, but all conferences are initiated and managed by individual organisers;
- All events are asked to include an SBE roundtable on climate change and sustainability;
- All papers undergo a double-blind peer review process and are indexed;
- Presentations focusing on policies and programs are also welcomed in plenary sessions.
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- Registration policies encourage the attendance of students and delegates from developing countries;
- We anticipate that a small number of summaries of best papers from each Regional event will be presented and discussed in the global event that will take place in 2026.
SBE for 2021-24

Status of SBE 2021-23 Conferences

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Each conference in the series has been asked to include a roundtable in the agenda that will provide a focused view of high-level climate change and sustainability-related issues that may be relevant to the built environment in the region(s). Themes covered should include anticipated climate change impacts in the region and possible counter-actions, Nationally-Determined Contributions (NDCs) offered by the region or country and sustainability-related issues in the regional built environment.

We recommend that specific topics covered should be organized according to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that have been identified by the organizers of WSBE20 as the most relevant for the SBE series.

We anticipate that the Roundtable session in the WSBE26 global event will draw together positions and conclusions from the Regional roundtables, possibly through virtual participation.
The iiSBE Urban Challenge

- In the past, iiSBE organised a *Buildings Challenge* for each World SBE event;
- This has now evolved to become an *Urban Challenge*, with an emphasis on the performance assessment of small urban areas;
- An *Urban Challenge* event will be held as a side event for WSBE24 and WSBE26, with a presentation of key points brought forward to a plenary session.
Towards 2025-26

- The next cycle of SBE events will take place during 2025-26;

- In May 2023 we plan to issue a request for Expression of Interest for the 2026 World event, and selected proponents will be asked to submit detailed proposals by October 2023;

- The SBE partners will review proposals for WSBE26 in late 2023, and the selected location will be announced at the WSBE23 conference in Montreal in April-May 2024;

- In September 2023 we will issue a request for Expressions of Interest for 2025 regional events, and selected proponents will be asked to submit detailed proposals for these during 2024.
Thank you!