

# **Emirates Green Building Council announces its revised Vision and Mission**

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**The Emirates Green Building Council (EmiratesGBC) announced its revised Vision and Mission at the 2009 Annual General Meeting.**

The Vision and Mission have been refreshed to reflect the progress made by the UAE since the Council's establishment in 2006 and to inspire and focus performance for the next 5 years. The new statements are:

## **EGBC Vision Statement:**

EGBC will actively support the UAE to be one of the 5 global leaders in the reduction of the built environment's ecological footprint by 2015.

## **EGBC Mission Statement:**

The Emirates Green Building Council is an independent non-profit forum that helps shape policies for the built environment and facilitates collaborative solutions to promote sustainable practices in the UAE.

EmiratesGBC's Chairman, Mr Jeff Willis, said:

'These short statements with their focused intent provide a clear mandate and direction for our activities across the UAE. As the new vision and mission were collaboratively developed by our members and endorsed by our Board of Directors we know that they accurately represent our industry's position. The Council has aligned its business plans to deliver on these ambitious goals and take the lead on continually improving the performance of the UAE's built environment.'

Mr Daniel Hajjar, Vice Chairman added; 'The EGBC's mission is succinctly explained so that all our members and stakeholders can engage with us in mainstreaming green building practices. As an industry forum we will be arranging regular events and gatherings across the UAE for professionals to meet and discuss how we can integrate sustainability into the entire building supply chain.'

The EGBC is finalizing its programme for the coming six months which will include a Ramadan Sohur, evening seminars and training workshops on topics covering the full range of green and sustainable building issues. Further information and updates will be published on the EGBC's website.

The Emirates Green Building Council is a non-profit organization affiliated to the World Green Building Council as one of only 14 Established Green Building Councils around the world. Other countries with national Green Building Councils include the UK, India, Japan, Australia, Germany, US and Canada . EmiratesGBC is the only MENA and GCC based Council which is a member of the World Green Building Council.

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