



Provide leadership, lead by example and gain competitive advantage

Network with leaders and professionals, influence and shape green building products & services

Share similar goals in advancing green building practices and contribute to productive sustainable activity and the environment

Gain access to information and resources, including education tools, LEED training workshops and LEED Professional Accreditation, and other AGBC publications

Obtain significant discounts in products, services and conferences of Argentina GBC and LEED®

Participate in legislative outreach programs and influence policy and technical debates on topics such as energy conservation, air quality, and livable communities

Help build consumer awareness.

Acquire knowledge of governmental programs of sustainable construction

The mission of the ArgentinaGBC is to facilitate and promote the design and construction of sustainable buildings, raising awareness about climate change and environmental concerns, and offering support to policymakers and professionals by providing guidance and assistance for the development of green practices for both new and existing architectural and urban undertakings.



Carlos Grinberg
President

The Argentina Green Building Council was founded in Buenos Aires on December 4th, 2007. Since then, it has established and grown the list of Founding Members, with the incorporation of a number of very successful partners. It has secured financial resources for the correct functioning of the Council. It has created and developed the Council's website and has started informing the general public of the creation of the Council through gatherings, informational sessions, and publications. It has started planning future activities in order to become a renowned member of the building community.

The Argentina Green Building Council is operating under the umbrella of the World Green Building Council and generating working relationships with other International Green Building Councils, creating a support network to implement green building initiatives both on the local and global stages.

The organization is based off of Buenos Aires. Like most urban centers especially in developing countries, Buenos Aires faces significant air quality issues stemming from its rapid economic growth. This results in increased emissions into the atmosphere, which is harmful locally and globally.

There is a significant strain on infrastructure, and services: delivery of power is inconsistent especially during hot months; delivery of natural

gas for heating use is also inconsistent, especially during cold months. Construction and urban planning has facilitated growth; however, it has not been a controlled growth and has not taken into account its effect on the environment. Policies, benchmarking guidelines, and green certification standards need to be implemented in order to redirect the growth process towards a more sustainable development.

The City of Buenos Aires has signed on to the Clinton Climate Initiative's C40 Large Cities Climate Group, an association of large cities committed to dealing with climate change, by taking a number of actions to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, the Federal Government has put together a National Energy Plan in order to start provoking changes that can positively affect our environmental outlook.

Much more can be done. The ArgentinaGBC is looking to become the organization that leads future change, facilitating green design, implementing green initiatives and cost-effective solutions to address urban and suburban environmental issues originating from the built environment, creating a local independent certifying body, and educating public and private sectors on green issues.

