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)
The SBE Series in Brief

- The series began in 2000 and now operates on a three-year cycle.
- Year 1 of each cycle is devoted to planning and discussion.
- 2022 is Year 2 of the current cycle, with a focus on regional events.
- We are holding 10 regional SBE conferences in this cycle.
The SBE Series in Brief

- Year 3 of each cycle is limited to a single World SBE event;
- Previous World SBE conferences were held in Maastricht, Trondheim, Tokyo, Melbourne, Helsinki, Barcelona, Hong Kong 2017 and Gothenburg 2020;
- WSBE23 will take place in Montreal in 2023
SBE for 2021-23

- SBE organizers are asked to include an SBE roundtable on climate change and sustainability;
- The series places an emphasis on peer-reviewed papers and regional policy presentations;
- All papers undergo a double-blind peer review process and are being indexed;
The SBE Series in Brief

- Registration policies encourage the attendance of students and delegates from developing countries;
- The conference partners run the series but each conference is separately managed;
- A small number of best papers from each event is given fast-track inclusion into the global event that takes place in year 3.
## SBE for 2021-23

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<td>IBA Parkstad, Uni Zuyd, City of Parkstad</td>
<td>24-25 March 2021</td>
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<td><strong>Sustainable Built Heritage</strong></td>
<td>Bolzano, Italy</td>
<td>14-16 April 2021</td>
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<td><strong>CESB22</strong></td>
<td>Prague, CZ</td>
<td>04-06 July 2022</td>
<td>Central Europe towards Sustainable Building</td>
<td>Includes a broad range of themes and topics An SBE conference has been held in Prague each cycle since 2004. Status: proposal accepted, planning is underway</td>
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<td><strong>Fourth Forum of Young Researchers in SB</strong></td>
<td>Hanyang University</td>
<td>13-15 July 2022</td>
<td>Smart Building and City for Sustainability</td>
<td>...to cover a range of topics relevant to a more sustainable built environment, on global and regional levels, but also on building and product level. Status: proposal accepted, planning is underway</td>
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<td><strong>SBE22 Seoul</strong></td>
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<td>European Regional Conference on the economics of sustainable building delivery This will be a purely virtual event. Status: proposal accepted, planning underway</td>
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<td>Glasgow, Scotland (Virtual)</td>
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<td><strong>SBE22 Berlin-DACH</strong></td>
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<td>19-23 September 2022</td>
<td>Built Environment inside Planetary Boundaries D-A-CH stands for Germany, Austria and Switzerland, whose university representatives are all partners in this event (also took place in 2019) Status: proposal accepted, planning underway</td>
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<td>Delft, the Netherlands</td>
<td>11-13 October 2022</td>
<td>Innovations for the Urban Energy Transition</td>
<td>Preparing for the European Renovation Wave Project manager: Sarah Marchionda Scientific Chair: Dr. ir. Henk Visscher Organizing Chair: Paeter Paul van’t Veen Status: proposal accepted, planning is underway</td>
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<td>Thessaloniki, Greece</td>
<td>22-24 March 2023</td>
<td>Sustainable built environments: paving the way for achieving the targets of 2030 and beyond Status: proposal accepted, planning underway</td>
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<td><strong>Montreal WSBE 2023</strong></td>
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<td>27-29 Sep. 2023</td>
<td>The Building-Environment Nexus The mission is to share, synthesise, and operationalise knowledge across scales, sectors, and disciplines in the global building community to address our collective responsibility and opportunity in the climate change crisis. Status: proposal accepted, planning is underway</td>
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The iiSBE Urban Challenge at WSBE23

• In the past, iiSBE organized 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 WSBE23, with a presentation of main points made within the main agenda;
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.
It is very difficult to directly compare one urban area directly with another, but it is possible to carry out multi-variant performance assessments and to develop future performance targets. The iiSBE SNTool system is designed to facilitate this process.
The iiSBE Urban Challenge and SDGs

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) contain indicators and targets that are relevant to urban sustainability, but SDGs are developed as separate elements and lack an integrating mechanism, which limits practical applications. We are exploring the development of an integrated Urban Sustainability Index (USI) for indicators contained within SDG 11, Sustainable Cities and Communities, and seven other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that are closely related to it. The model will provide urban policy makers and planners with a single integrated metric to establish sustainability targets and to assess progress in urban areas.
Towards 2025-26

- The next cycle of SBE events will take place during 2025-26;
- In January 2023 we will issue a request for Expressions of Interest for the 2026 World event, and selected proponents will be asked to submit detailed proposals by April of 2023;
- The SBE partners will review proposals for WSBE26 during May 2023, and the selected location will be announced at the WSBE23 conference in Montreal in September 2023;
- In January 2024 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.

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Thank you!