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The mission of GBCM is to facilitate and to promote a sustainable approach to planning, design, construction and utilisation of the built environment, mitigating their overall impact on human health and the environment.

GREEN BUILDING NEWS

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FROM THE BOARD

It has been an exciting few months at the GBCM, from our launch in November of last year and running of the Green Star SA launch to the announcement that the Government of Mauritius will be releasing Energy Efficiency Regulations for all new buildings and major refurbishments in Mauritius.

We urge you to join us in supporting and promoting green buildings by becoming a member, sponsor or by registering your interest for the annual conference or technical working group.

Yours in Green Building,
The GBCM Board



A spirited group at the GBCM Launch and Green Star training course

WHAT IS THE GBCM?

"GBCM"* is a non-profit organisation, launched in November 2010 to promote and facilitate green building in Mauritius.

GBCM is a member of the World Green Building Council. GBCM is a part of the rapidly growing African network of Green Building Councils.

*GBCM is the trading name of Sustainable Green Building (Mauritius),

Become a Member!

The GBCM is currently seeking members to join its ranks.

Benefits include:

➤ Voting rights

Eligibility to nominate an employee to the Board of Directors. Note that approval of this position will be subject to the approval of the board.

➤ Recognition

Use the GBCM member logo on your corporate communication and get a listing on the GBCM website

➤ Corporate responsibility

Opportunities to showcase your organization's commitment to green building and environmental sustainability

➤ Influence

Help shape government policy and industry practice

➤ Access to Information

Access the latest green building news, research, and information about building rating tools on our website.

➤ Platform for networking

- o Collaborate with other Green Building Councils, foreign and international organizations to ensure transfer of knowledge and expertise

- o Participate in international events and conferences to deepen and extend relations with organizations and experts

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Sustainable Green Building (Mauritius) Ltd, trading as "GBCM" is a not-for-profit organization

GBCM LAUNCH AND GREEN STAR TRAINING

In November 2010 the GBCM was launched. The day coincided with the first Green Star SA course held in Mauritius. Manfred Braune, the Technical Executive from the Green Building Council of South Africa ran the proceedings of the day, and ensured that the GBCM was launched with a bang!



The day had 22 attendees who all learnt the fundamentals of Green Star SA, a building rating system which is used to determine a building's environmental performance. Currently Green Star SA exists for office and retail buildings – and a Public Buildings tool is to be launched later this year. The participants learnt about the rating process, the technical aspects of the credits and even got to design their own green building!

The GBCM plans to take the Green Star SA tool (modelled on the Australian version) and modify it to meet the specific needs of Mauritius. To get involved in the creation of this new tool, register your interest with the GBCM at info@gbcm.mu.



Become a Member!

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- **Special discounts for products/services**
Accreditation, project certification, and partner products will all be available to members at a discounted price.
- **Accreditation**
Access to Accreditation Professional programme and gain priority support in the use of rating tools
- **Sponsorship**
Sponsorship is exclusive to members. Demonstrate your green initiatives by sponsoring a GBCM event.

Application forms can be found [here](#)
Costs can be found [here](#).

Become a Founding Sponsor!

The GBCM is currently seeking founding sponsors.

Founding sponsorship presents a unique opportunity to promote a sustainable approach to the built environment in Mauritius

Email info@gbcm.mu and ask for a personalised presentation and sponsorship package

Register your interest!

Register your interest with info@gbcm.mu to participate and volunteer in the following opportunities:

- GBCM Annual Conference
- Technical working group for the development of the next rating tool for Mauritius