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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	Ministry of the Environment, Energy and the Sea, Government of France
City and country where organization is based	France
Title of Urban Library event	Building for a sustainable future: the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GABC) supporting partners to deliver against multiple Sustainable Development Goals
Date of Urban Library event	10/19/2016
Name of partner organizations with information on city, and country where organization is based	United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi, Kenya
Number of participants	100
Percentage of women participants at the event	50%
Background information on Urban Library event (themes, issues, context).	Theme: Building for a sustainable future, the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GABC) supporting partners to deliver against multiple Sustainable Development Goals. This networking event highlighted the importance of the Buildings and Construction sector in achieving multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Partners of the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GABC) showcased experiences and activities that the Alliance members have been taking in this direction so far. This event provided an important peer-to-peer learning opportunity, and emphasized the importance of the GABC in facilitating such exchange and helping to scale-up initiatives.
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.	After a concise introduction and a presentation of the GABC, major stakes and opportunities were presented. During a first session successful experiences and best practices were showcased. The key points raised during the discussions are listed below: - Mr. Jean-François Gagné, from the IEA highlighted the scale of the issue: the expected doubling of buildings requires us to find efficient ways of supplying the needed services. Tools exist and further capacity support is needed to help countries analyse the trade offs between different solutions. - Mr. Jorge Wolpert, the representative of the Mexican government, presented Mexico's approach to address the housing deficit and come to a new urban paradigm. Investments made to date pay off, proven by GHG mitigation data, but also financial savings by the government and individual families alike. - The Nubian Vault highlighted the many-fold benefits of using local building materials, building techniques and engaging workers, summarised in the slogan "A Roof-A Skill-A Market". - Mr. Emani Kumar, ICLEI's regional director, provided concrete examples of its activities in India, carried out together with the Swiss cooperation CAPACITIES programme, involving a variety of solutions from solar roofs to district cooling as well as citizen's engagement and training to architects and workers. Then, during a second session, the question of how to scale-up action was addressed. - Mr. Christian Fris-Bach, from the UN Economic Commission for Europe, highlighted the importance of standards and indicators. - Ms. Dominika Czerwinski (WGBC) emphasized the role of the private sector. Finally, some final remarks and next steps were provided (See Section "recommendations that emerged from these discussions" below).



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Concise summary of the publication launched or promoted at the event.	Two upcoming publications: The Global Status Report available at: http://globalabc.org/bundles/app/pdf/20161114_GABC-GSR-Report_Updated_Web-version.pdf The Global Roadmap available at : http://globalabc.org/bundles/app/pdf/20161104%20Global%20Roadmap%20final%20version.pdf
Name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker	Mr. Jean-François Gagné, IEA
Name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker	Mr. Jorge Wolpert, SEDATU, Mexico
Name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker	The Nubian Vault Association (AVN)
Name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker	Mr. Emani Kumar, ICLEI, Regional Director
Name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker	Mr. Christian Fris-Bach, UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)
Name, title, and organization of the 6th speaker	Ms. Dominika Czerwinski, World Green Building Council (WGBC)