

EDGE TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY:

DATE: 17 SEPTEMBER 2025

LOCATION: THE WESTIN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

TIME: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM SAST

EDGE PRE-EVENT GATHERING:

TOAST TO TEN: AN INTIMATE GATHERING AHEAD OF THE 10-YEAR SUMMIT

DATE: 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

LOCATION: CONSTANTIA GLEN WINERY, CONSTANTIA MAIN ROAD, CONSTANTIA,
CAPE TOWN, 7800, SOUTH AFRICA

TIME: 16:00 - 18:00 SOUTH AFRICA TIME (GALA DINNER EVENT TO FOLLOW AT 18:30)

16:00 - 18:00 | INFORMAL GATHERING

Raise a glass with fellow changemakers at a beautiful winery in Cape Town's historic wine country. This invitation-only evening of fine wine, canapés, and conversation welcomes EDGE stakeholders - CXOs, consultants, financiers, and highlevel clients for relaxed networking in an unforgettable setting.

FESTIVE TOAST:

Ommid Saberi

Prashant Kapoor

08:00 – 08:30 | REGISTRATION & NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Kick off the day with a light breakfast and network among green building leaders, EDGE partners, and stakeholders from around the world.

08:30 – 08:50 | OPENING REMARKS

Antony Phillipson, CMG, British High Commissioner

Kushinga Kambarami has been leading the EDGE Green Buildings Africa Regional Team since 2025. He will give context to EDGE's journey in South Africa and across the continent and welcome our distinguished speakers, panelists and attendees to the EDGE 10-year celebration.

Sibusiso Ndlovu - Business Development Manager – Fortress Real Estate Investments

Sibusiso has a background in fund management and property finance, she brings a unique blend of financial acumen and green building expertise to the industry as the 1st place winner of the 2025 Women in Green Building Competition.

Avuyile Kewana - Climate Resilience Specialist - Avuyile works at the intersection of urban planning and climate adaptation and was honored as a winner of the 2025 Women in Green Building Competition for her leadership in municipal resilience and sustainable infrastructure.

08:50 – 09:00 | KEYNOTE - 'A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN: THE IMPACT OF IHS' HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Blake Bowden from International Housing Solutions (IHS) shares how access to safe, affordable, and EDGE-certified housing has transformed lives across South Africa. With IFC support, IHS has cumulatively registered, designed and delivered over 13,000 green homes, reducing utility costs and improving resident wellbeing. This session highlights how climate-smart, circular housing can drive both social impact and investment returns.

PRESENTED BY:

Blake Bowden, Technical Specialist, IHS

09:00 – 09:15 | EDGE VISIONARIES ADDRESS

IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Prashant Kapoor, Chief Industry Specialist, FC, Originator of EDGE

Ommid Saberi, Principal Industry Specialist, IFC, Buildings Global Lead

09:15 – 09:45 | SCALING UP GREEN CONSTRUCTION IN EMERGING MARKETS: A DECADE OF DONOR IMPACT

Switzerland SECO - The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs

- Provided original seed funding to launch EDGE's global program in 2014, establishing the blueprint for blended finance models
- Piloted concessional lending instruments with local financial institutions, creating replicable frameworks in Latin America & Asia
- Highlights SECO's support for technical assistance and market-enabling activities that reduce barriers to green construction

UK Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and IFC forged the UK-IFC MAGC partnership in 2018, unlocking £80 million for blended concessional finance investments in emerging markets.

- Oversees a £36 million advisory window to build market capacity, develop business strategies, and catalyze green construction finance
- Chronicles MAGC's achievements in mobilizing \$800 million & outlines priorities for future concessional funding to scale green buildings

IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Daniel Lauchener, Head of Economic Cooperation and Development, Embassy of Switzerland to South Africa

Michael Mills, Climate Finance Advisor, UK Government Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

Nhan Nguyen, EDGE Operations Lead, Climate Business Department, IFC

09:45 – 10:15 | BUILDING THE ECOSYSTEM – PART 1: INVESTMENT & GREEN FINANCE

How EDGE is Catalyzing Investment in Affordable and Sustainable Housing in Africa

This session highlights IFC's pivotal role in transforming South Africa's housing sector. Through partnerships with Balwin Properties and Nedbank CIB, IFC has driven the adoption of EDGE-certified green buildings at scale. Balwin registered over 39,000 EDGE-certified apartments, while Nedbank, supported by IFC's MAGC program, launched South Africa's first green residential development bond and financed nearly 1,800 EDGE-certified units, including over 1,300 affordable homes. The session concludes with IFC's ZAR 1 billion direct investment in Balwin Properties to develop Mooikloof City, a 16,000-unit affordable housing project near Pretoria. This investment underscores the role of innovative financing and private sector collaboration in addressing South Africa's housing deficit while advancing sustainability and economic growth.

IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Deo Onyango, Senior Industry Specialist, Financial Institutions Group (FIG), IFC

Matthew Whalley, MD, Balwin Properties (South Africa)

Genevieve Naidoo, Property Finance Divisional Executive of Valuations, Project Management and Sustainability

10:15 - 10:45 | BUILDING THE ECOSYSTEM PART 2: CAPACITY BUILDING AND SKILLS TRAINING

Bringing together practitioners from Latin America, Southern Africa, Asia, and East Africa, this session showcases how the global EDGE network is upskilling professionals, creating career pathways, and building robust local capacity for sustainable construction.

IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Sarah Santucci, EDGE Global Marketing Lead, IFC

Wardah Peters, Technical Services Success Manager, Solid Green Consulting (South Africa)

Cesar Granda, Co-Founder, Leaf Global (Peru/Latin America)

Ruchi Gandhi, Principal Analyst, Savvy Greens

Erlyana Anggita, Sari Designing for Greater Efficiency Lead for EAP, IFC

10:45 - 11:15 | COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK

11:15 - 12:00 | BUILDING THE ECOSYSTEM – PART 3: CERTIFICATION & QUALITY ASSURANCE

Ensuring rigor, consistency, and local relevance in EDGE certification globally - certifiers share best practices, digital innovations, and regional adaptations that uphold the integrity of the standard across markets.

OPENING PRESENTATION:

Guillermo Herrera Castaño, President Executive, Camacol (Cámara Colombiana de la Construcción), Colombia
Strengthened the CAMACOL – IFC alliance originally launched in 2016, following the adoption of Colombia's Green Building Code in 2015, to mainstream the EDGE certification across 1,700 affiliates and national networks.

MODERATOR:

Ommid Saberi, IFC EDGE Global Program Lead

PANELISTS:

Guillermo Herrera Castaño, President Executive, Camacol (Cámara Colombiana de la Construcción), Colombia.

Tom Saunders, Co-founder, Sintali, UK

Gopalakrishnan Padmanabhan, Managing Director Southeast Asia & Middle East, GBCI

Lisa Reynolds, CEO, Green Building Council South Africa

Julien Fouillart, Building & Infrastructure Growth Director, Middle East / Caspian / Africa – Bureau Veritas

12:00 - 12:30 | EDGE CHAMPIONS / HUBS / PREFERRED + PREMIER PROVIDERS “SPOTLIGHT”

Each stakeholder will be introduced and have the opportunity to briefly share their perspective, story, and key milestones.

Nedbank

Balwin

IHS

Equites Property Fund

Kasada

ADHI

Essential India

ALF Green Consultants

Kenya Green Building

Society (KGBS)

Kasada

3Lotus

GreenEDGE

Infracredit

Leaf Global

Green Design

Asia Green Real Estate

Savvy Green

Solid Green Consulting

Ecolution Consulting

GEA Consultores

Ambientales

12:30 - 14:30 | NETWORKING LUNCH

14:30 - 14:40 | THE FUTURE OF EDGE IS EVOLVING: EDGE V4 –Upcoming Version Preview
EDGE for Operations – Defining the frontier for performance-based design

IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Adalberto Guerra, Cabrera, EDGE Technical Lead, IFC

14:40 - 14:50 | IFC'S INNOVATIONS FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT: TOOLS FOR THE NEXT DECADE

Short spotlight talks on how EDGE is evolving and integrating with complementary IFC tools like:

Building Resilience Index (BRI) – Measuring safety and climate risk

APEX Green Cities – Scaling action at the municipal level

EIP Eco - Industrial Parks

IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Diep Nguyen-van Houtte, IFC Senior Manager for Climate Business - Innovation and Business Development

14:50 - 15:05 | REPORT LAUNCH - IFC'S NEW "SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS FINANCE REFERENCE GUIDE"

emphasizes the critical need for substantial emissions reduction in the construction sector, which accounts for 37% of global carbon emissions, and highlights the investment gap in sustainable buildings in emerging markets. The guide provides a practical, step-by-step process for creating investment programs focused on sustainable buildings, targeting financial institutions, developers, and construction companies. It uses a case study-driven approach to illustrate the business case for sustainable buildings, drawing on the experience of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and featuring numerous examples from emerging economies. The guide aims to bridge the gap in sustainable finance by offering insights into the benefits of green buildings, including enhanced ESG standing, lower investment risk, and new product offerings, ultimately promoting a triple bottom line benefit: people, planet, and profits.

IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Rusmir Musić, Senior Operations Officer, Global Cooling Lead, IFC

15:05 - 15:15 | CLOSING KEYNOTE - LOOKING FORWARD: EDGE'S STRATEGIC FUTURE

PRESENTED BY:

Diep Nguyen-van Houtte, IFC Senior Manager for Climate Business - Innovation and Business Development

18:30 - | EVENING AWARDS GALA – CELEBRATING A DECADE OF IMPACT

Dress Code: Cocktail

Gala dinner with buffet featuring local cuisine (Braai), and an evening celebration with awards highlighting the EDGE Buildings trailblazers who have made significant contributions towards our shared goal of a green and resilient built environment.