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**Center for Green Buildings and Cities (CGBC) Marks One-Year Anniversary**

The CGBC at the Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD) presents a two-day event featuring its inaugural lecture by Lord Norman Foster and a conference integrating sustainability and best practices in Scandinavia

Cambridge, MA — The Center for Green Buildings and Cities (CGBC) at Harvard's Graduate School of Design (GSD) marks its one-year anniversary with two extraordinary public events: The CGBC Inaugural Lecture by award-winning British architect Norman Foster, Lord Foster of Thames Bank, on November 5, and a conference entitled *Sustainability in Scandinavia* on November 6.

Foster's practice, Foster + Partners, has pioneered an integrated design approach driven by sustainability, winning hundreds of awards and international competitions. From airports, urban masterplans to cultural buildings and workplaces, the practice is renowned for its deftness at integrating advanced technology with cultural and environmental concerns. The first of what is intended to be an annual event, the lecture will be presented by the CGBC as part of the GSD's famed lecture series.

"It's our great honor to host Lord Foster at the GSD," said Professor Ali Malkawi, Director of the CGBC and Professor of Architectural Technology. "Our goal for the Center is to bridge the many interests that inform sustainable design strategies—from infrastructure to building systems, engineering to design—so it is fitting that Foster is the first speaker in our participation in the GSD's excellent lecture series."

The CGBC is also pleased to announce its fall conference entitled *Sustainability in Scandinavia* (Piper Auditorium, open to the public). The CGBC has invited leading scholars and practitioners from Norway, Denmark, and Sweden to present concepts and case studies

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to enrich the ongoing research at the Center and to engage the Harvard and local building community in a conversation about best global practices. The half-day event will feature principal architects from firms Snohetta, Helen & Hard, Element Architects, Christensen & Co., Mikkelsen Group, Vandkunsten, White Arkitekter, and City Architects of Stockholm, and introductions from leading academicians Marius Nygaard (Norway), Anne Beim (Denmark), and Erik Stenberg (Sweden) who will offer perspective and ground the projects in a larger discussion. "Scandinavia has a unique regional practice that integrates technology, culture, and design," says Professor Ali Malkawi. "I hope that this event will highlight how they've pushed the limits of this approach to define and pioneer the cutting edge."

In establishing the CGBC last year, Harvard University created a unique independent research center devoted to exploring innovative design strategies that address our most pressing environmental challenges. The Center currently employs full-time researchers who are engaged in long-term multidisciplinary research—from the micro scale of materials technology to the macro scale of urban planning—with the goal of driving the development of new design strategies for a more sustainable built environment.

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