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SUSTAINABLE FLOORING CHOICES - SPECIFICATION IN A TIME OF CRISIS



1. Globally, the built environment is a major contributor of greenhouse emissions. Could you quantify that? What percentage of emissions is the sector responsible for?
2. When choosing flooring, what are some of the factors that we should consider when choosing products that are sustainable?
3. Carbon offsets can be employed to help achieve net zero emissions in some cases. Is carbon offsetting the best way to achieve a lower carbon footprint?
4. Over the years we have seen a shift towards Material Transparency, what are some tools available to provide a clear view of the environmental and health profiles of the materials used in production?
5. Can you explain to us what an EPD is and some of the things that are included in an EPD?
6. Could you explain why such products can rightly be considered more sustainable than other products?

At the end of this panel, attendees will be able to:

- Quantify the construction sector's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.
- Define the terms 'embodied carbon', 'circular economy', and 'product lifecycle' and explain how they relate to the construction sector, and in particular to flooring products.
- Identify some of the harmful by-products of some flooring manufacturing processes.
- Explain how specifiers can assess the sustainability of various flooring products.

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