

**Welcome Address of Mayor Jürgen Nimptsch
on the occasion of the ICLEI Side Event to the UNFCCC Bonn Climate Conference
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Esteemed delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

COP 13 was a turning point! Bali, for the first time ever, saw the leading city networks united under the Bali Roadmap. Mayor Michael Bloomberg from New York City and my predecessor Bärbel Dieckmann spoke in the Closing Plenary at the time. Seven Years later, the UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit took place in New York City last September and Michael Bloomberg became Special Envoi for Cities and Climate Change. And ICLEI, C40 and UCLG launched the Compact of Mayors together.

COP 20 finally united the parties in Lima. Paris shall now unite actors in a global, inclusive and ambitious process.

So it is about POST-Paris we should talk.

I welcome you here in my capacity as member of the ICLEI Global Executive Committee and Co-Chair of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change. My portfolio in this body includes the low-carbon future as well as the role of special envoi to the UNFCCC. And, as Mayor of Bonn, I represent the host city of UNFCCC and the place where important steps have been taken to enhance bottom-to-top integration and multilevel governance. And here in Bonn, we are proud to host the carbonn Climate Registry which evolved into world's leading reporting platform of climate action of local and subnational governments, enhancing their global transparency and accountability.

Under the Local Government Climate Roadmap, we, as city representatives, have compiled ten essential elements in order to recognize, engage and enable cities all over the world:

Allow me to quickly introduce these ten elements:

1. Local and regional governments should be involved in national strategies and planning – this requires a national mandate for responsible agencies to engage with them.
2. Local and regional governments can render a significant share towards a national contribution – and should be encouraged to do so.
3. Enabling mechanisms for local and regional governments include enhanced cooperation and financial support.

4. A work programme setting a framework for local and subnational action is highly desirable.
5. The Friends of Cities community continues to grow – we strongly advise strengthening this form of dialogue.
6. There are multiple links and synergies within the global agendas which should be taken into consideration – like the SDGs, Financing for Development, Disaster Risk Reduction and Habitat III.
7. Cities all over the world are invited to join the Compact of Mayors and the Compact of States and Regions.
8. Local and regional governments and their partners should engage with the Lima-Paris-Action Agenda.
9. We should use the Carbons Registry to strengthen the NAZCA platform.
10. We invite local and regional governments to be part of the Transformative Action Programme and Pavillion.

These are our 10 essentials. And you may see that the action generated by them will enrich and enhance national strategies.

And at this point I would like to invite you into the Non-State Actor Zone of LOCAL Climate Action. As you will find out, it is packed with motivation, with knowledge and with capacity. And I am particularly happy that the Carbons Climate Registry plays a key role in the success of NAZCA since its launch in Lima. Please seize the opportunity to really include the most transformative power in the world in the UNFCCC process.

Bonn has always been a place to open doors for transformation. I recall Biodiversity in 2008 – preparing the ground for the next COP to adopt an action plan on local and subnational action.

Thank you for considering – and looking forward to the dialogue!