

**INTERVENTION OF ICLEI – LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR
SUSTAINABILITY
ON BEHALF OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES
CONSTITUENCY (LGMA)
AT THE MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE ON ADP
AT UN BONN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE JUNE 2014**

David Cadman, President

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Mr. President,

In Warsaw, local and subnational leaders enjoyed the first-ever Ministerial-Mayoral roundtable under the COP Presidency Cities and Subnational Dialogue during the historic “Cities Day”.

We warmly welcome the will of the Troika of COP Presidencies, and the support of Friends of Cities to ensure advancement of this process.

Next week, we will start implementing Warsaw Outcomes through the second “Cities Day” on 10 June.

What we need today is your political affirmation to ensure that the power, ambition and potential of local and subnational action are firmly cemented in the new global climate regime now, up to and beyond 2020.

We propose a 10-year action plan that will turn 2016-2026 as the global decade of low-carbon and climate-resilient urban development.

You adopted a similar action plan for the Convention on Biodiversity in 2010. You can do it for the UNFCCC as well.

And since Warsaw many actions are being taken outside the UNFCCC.

Appointment of Michael Bloomberg by Ban Ki-moon as the UN Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change introduced a new momentum. Supported by a broad coalition of networks of local and subnational governments, we are preparing to announce with him an ambitious commitment on 23 September at UN Climate Summit in New York.

Together with UNEP, we launched the global Sustainable Public Procurement Programme, the first under 10YFP.

In Medellin, the World Urban Forum convened with 25,000 participants, a record number in the history of the UN.

Sustainable cities and human settlements are considered among core priorities of a set of universal Sustainable Development Goals in the post2015 period.

We have no time to waste and a huge potential to scale-up. It is your task to seize this power and mobilize the necessary support.

I thank you.