



**INTERVENTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA)
CONSTITUENCY AT COP21/CMP11 HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT**

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Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu in the Pacific is increasingly vulnerable due to impacts of global warming impacts. On the 13th March 2015, Vanuatu was struck by Cyclone Pam, a category 5 cyclone with devastating results.

In rebuilding our city, collaborations at all levels, in particular cross-border city-to-city partnerships provided the most valuable support.

Therefore, I lead the voice of our region in the global networks like ICLEI. On 4 December at the Paris City Hall, I united with hundreds of my fellow Mayors and Governors all around the world to demonstrate our commitments for action.

However, just 3 days before the end of COP21, I am deeply worried to see the limited progress in the design a new climate regime, which you have been negotiating since 2007.

Here in Paris, we urge you to agree on an inclusive, ambitious and fair Outcome. This includes;

- effective engagement of all levels of governments and all Non-State actors,
- committing to global climate neutrality or 100% renewable energy by the latest by 2050,
- adopting a vision for adaptation and a framework for loss-and-damage
- and mobilizing new and additional technical and financial resources.

When I go back home, I want to ensure fellow citizens of my city and group of islands that there is still hope for a more sustainable future. We as local and subnational governments are ready to go ahead, because we do not have another option. I hope you, Ministers and the global climate community, can join us as well.