

## **SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA) CONSTITUENCY ON FINAL NEGOTIATIONS OF DRAFT PARIS CLIMATE PACKAGE**

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In the next couple days and weeks, hearts, souls, eyes and ears of the world will focus on Paris to see whether national governments can reach a deal that will provide a sustainable future for current and future generations.

National governments have an obligation and mandate to create the necessary conditions for a peaceful and healthy planet, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and vision laid out at the UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015.

It shall not be possible to transform our world towards a sustainable one without a clear commitment and pathway towards low-carbon and high-resilient societies and economies.

Therefore, the UN Paris Climate Conference (COP21/CMP11) is the opportunity for the national governments to demonstrate that they can collectively agree on an inclusive , ambitious and fair Paris Climate Package.

This Paris Climate Package shall provide for a global climate regime encompassing all countries and focusing all issues and sectors related to or impacted by climate change, including mitigation, adaptation, including loss-and-damage, finance, technology, capacity building, with the strong recognition and engagement of all Non-Party Stakeholders, including local and subnational governments as governmental stakeholders and all Non-State Actors.

We are deeply worried that the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions or Commitments (INDCs), are far below the ambitious level to keep the global warming well below 2 °C by the end of this century, as requested by the IPCC to avoid uncontrolled global warming and ensure a climate-safe future for the people.

We are also aware that in the streets, homes, markets, factories of the real world across the borders, there exists an unstoppable, strong and dynamic potential that pushes for a new civilization that is based on 100% renewable energy and a circular economy, and enjoying the innovations of a multi-polar, multi-stakeholder, multi-level world of the twenty-first century.

Paris Climate Package should reflect this reality into legal and global framework.

After years of negotiations, the current draft Agreement provides the necessary options for national governments to agree on.

On a minimum basis, we see 3 most basic essentials to be included in the final outcome of COP21 to be considered as inclusive and ambitious:

1. Committing to a goal of global carbon or climate neutrality or 100% renewable energy by the latest by 2050, so that peaking of global greenhouse gas emissions can be reached much earlier (Art.3 of draft agreement)
2. A global vision on adaptation and a global framework for loss-and-damage that will allow all communities, in particular those in most vulnerable zones, to feel that they will not be left alone when they face an increasing number of climate-related disasters (Art.4. and Art.5 of draft agreement). We need to ensure that these financial flows will be effectively invested in the most vulnerable areas.

3. Acknowledging the importance role of Non-Party stakeholders, including local and subnational governments and Non-State Actors, and ensuring the continuity of their engagement in the consultation, analysis and implementation of global efforts on climate change. We fully endorse the language contained in the preamble paragraph 14 of draft agreement and we look forward to an appropriate outcome in this light on the negotiations Sections E and F of draft decision focusing on Non-Party Stakeholders and High Level Dialogues/events.)

Local and subnational governments throughout the world are coming to Paris with strong ambitions, unity and potential to support, contribute and lead these global efforts, as a culmination point of our global advocacy journey that started in 2007 in Bali through the Local Government Climate Roadmap.

We are building upon our progress over the years and decades, which are particularly strengthened with the outcomes of the 2014 UN Climate Summit, in particular Compact of Mayors, Compact of States and Regions and Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance, under the auspices of the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and our experience through the Lima-Paris Action Agenda.

We are proud to observe that our collaboration with the UNFCCC Parties and the UNFCCC Secretariat have resulted in significant achievements in terms of our **Recognition** (e.g. through COP decisions), **Engagement** (e.g. in ADP Technical Examination Processes, NAZCA Platform, collaboration with Friends of Cities, High Level Dialogues with Ministers, various references to local and subnational in some 50% of INDCs and special UNFCCC accreditations) and **Empowerment** (e.g. with new financing programs.)

The Paris Climate Conference shall confirm this dynamic with the concrete implementation of the governance of the Action Agenda involving effectively all Non-Party Stakeholders. The continuation of the Lima-Paris-Action Agenda, during the decisive period 2015-2020, offers the opportunity of experimenting this multi-stakeholder governance.

At the World Summit Climate and Territories in Lyon on 1-2 July 2015, we demonstrated the power and leadership of local and subnational governments to reach out to citizens and all actors of the civil society for a collective transformation on climate action. We will continue this effort on the way towards COP22 by convening the Climate Actors World Summit in Nantes on 26-28 September 2016.

On Friday 4 December 2015 we will all meet at the Paris City Hall at the Climate Summit for Local Leaders as the largest gathering of local and subnational governments in the COP history to demonstrate our collective ambitions and contributions.

Throughout COP21, we will be sharing with you our potential and vision for transformation at the Cities and Regions Pavilion at the Climate Generations Area.

An inclusive and ambitious climate agreement to be reached at COP21 in Paris will be an essential requirement to ensure full implementation of all these progress, achievements and vision at all levels.

We will seek for a synergy of these outcomes with the HABITATIII Conference in October 2016 in Quito.

Through their voluntary commitments, enormous potential, committed networks and innovative partnerships, local and subnational governments are ready to accelerate action and raise ambitions globally.

We invite, encourage and urge all national governments and the global climate community to seize this opportunity in Paris.

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## **ANNEX – 1 About Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency**

[Local Governments and Municipal Authorities \(LGMA\) Constituency](#) gathers networks of local and subnational governments that are accredited to the UNFCCC as observers. Together with business (BINGOs) and environmental NGOs (ENGOS), it was one of the first observer groups following the UNFCCC process since 1995. ICLEI is the focal point of LGMA since 1995.

Within this scope, it also facilitates a broader global coalition (does not require UNFCCC accreditation) of networks of local and subnational governments under the Local Government Climate Roadmap, which started in 2007 at COP13 in Bali advocating for recognition, engagement, and empowerment of local governments in the global climate regime. The LGMA and the Roadmap are the main advocacy channels for inputs of local and subnational governments into UNFCCC negotiations.

[Timeline 1990-2007](#)

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**LGMA Members** (as of May 2015) *(Alphabetical order)*

- [Association Internationale des Maires Francophones \(AIMF\)](#)
- [Association of Overseas Countries and Territories of the European Union \(OCTA\)](#)
- [Climate Alliance \(Klima-Bündnis\)](#)
- [Climate Alliance Austria \(CAA\)](#)
- [Climate Alliance Italy](#)
- [C40 - Cities Climate Leadership Group](#)
- [Energy-Cities](#)
- [European Federation of Regional Energy and Environment Agencies/Fédération Européenne des Agences Régionales de L'Energie et de L'Environnement \(FEDARENE\)](#)
- [EUROCITIES](#)
- [Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(FCM\)](#)
- [Italian Local Agenda 21 Association \(CA21L\)](#)
- [ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability \(ICLEI\)](#)
- [National Association of Clean Air Agencies \(NACAA\)](#)
- [Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas \(METREX\)](#)
- [Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development \(nrg4SD\)](#)
- [Northern Forum \(NF\)](#)
- [R20 - Regions of Climate Action](#)
- [United Cities and Local Governments \(UCLG\)](#)
- [United States Conference of Mayors \(USCM\)](#)

## ANNEX – 2: Local Government Climate Roadmap

Despite the immense potential and power of local and subnational climate action, neither the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) nor its Kyoto Protocol included any reference to local and subnational governments.

As a response, the [Local Government Climate Roadmap](#) was launched as a global advocacy movement at the UN Bali Climate Conference (COP13) in 2007. It is facilitated by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability in its capacity as the focal point of Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency to the UNFCCC. When it was created, the LGMA had only a handful of members. The LGCR was therefore always kept open to networks who were not accredited to the UNFCCC as well.

- At COP15 in Copenhagen in **2009**, the Local Government Climate Lounge was hosted in the Blue Zone with more than 1,200 representatives of cities and regions. The Copenhagen World Catalogue of Local Commitments capturing more than 3,000 voluntary targets worldwide was released.
- In **2010**, the Mexico City Pact introduced global transparency and accountability of local commitments via voluntary reporting at the carbonn Cities Climate Registry. At COP16 in Cancun, this resulted in the first dialogue of mayors with the COP Presidency, as well as the adoption of the first COP decision that recognized local and subnational governments as governmental stakeholders.
- At COP17 in Durban in **2011**, the concept of adaptation was cemented in the scope of local climate action thanks to the adoption of the Durban Adaptation Charter.
- In Nantes in **2013**, the strategy towards Paris 2015 was revised, including the creation of Friends of Cities, a group of supportive national governments at the UNFCCC, pushing for the adoption of a 10 Year Action Plan, conducting thematic technical studies and convening Ministerial-Mayoral dialogues.
- At COP19 in Warsaw in **2013**, the ADP convened a workshop on urbanization and the COP Presidency hosted the first Cities and Subnationals Dialogue, gathering mayors and ministers from all geographies and scopes at a roundtable. These interactions resulted in the second COP decision recognizing the role of cities and subnational authorities in raising the global level of ambition in the pre-2020 period.
- In **2014**, the ADP Cities and Subnational Forum and ADP Technical Expert Meeting on Urban Environment were held in June in Bonn. Numerous initiatives were announced at the 2014 UN Climate Summit. The NAZCA Platform was launched at the COP20 in Lima.

After eight years of immense mobilization at all levels, the Local Government Climate Roadmap managed to reach its overarching goals on **Recognition** (e.g. through COP decisions), **Engagement** (e.g. in ADP Technical Examination Processes, NAZCA Platform, High Level Dialogues and special accreditations) and **Empowerment** (e.g. with new financing programs).



Local Government Climate Roadmap is endorsed by:



In collaboration with:



### ANNEX – 3: Climate Summit for Local Leaders, 4 December 2015, Paris City Hall

On December 4, 2015 Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of the City of Paris and Michael R. Bloomberg, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change – in partnership with the global networks of cities and local governments for climate action – will co-host the [Climate Summit for Local Leaders](#).

The Summit is recognized as the largest global mobilization of local and subnational governments, leaders and their networks since their first climate summit in 1993.

The Summit will include a Grand Opening and Thematic Sessions with High Level Dialogues. Paris City Hall Declaration and 21 Solutions: Adapt-Curb-Engage will be the key deliverables of the Summit. Updates on Compact of Mayors and Compact of States and Regions and specific initiatives will also be announced.



#### Partners



## ANNEX – 4: Transformative Actions Programme (TAP) and Cities and Regions Pavilion

The [Transformative Action Program \(TAP\)](#), a 10-year initiative that aims to identify the most ambitious, cross-cutting and inclusive projects with the potential to transform the lives of their citizens. It is the result of an inclusive and cooperative effort by networks of local and subnational to accelerate implementations of climate action. In its first cycle in 2015, TAP received 125 applications from more than 80 cities in 40 countries. TAP will aim to scale-up these efforts by engaged effectively in national and global process on finance, capacity building and technology. TAP is launched and managed by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability with the active engagement of a broad diversity of partners.

# TAP

## Transformative Actions Program



As the international climate change negotiations unfold at COP21 in Paris from 30 November – 11 December 2015, local and regional climate action will be front and center at the [Cities & Regions Pavilion – TAP 2015](#). The Pavilion will feature more than 120 local and regional projects from the Transformative Actions Program (TAP) with the potential to immediately accelerate climate action. At the Pavilion, more than 120 local and regional governments will unveil their climate actions, having undergone a rigorous review of the robust data required to enter this arena. Presentations by these representatives lie at the heart of a two-week program that builds a complete picture of global sustainability and the role of all actors in delivering this vision through intersectoral partnerships and multilevel governance.



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