FEEDBACKS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA) CONSTITUENCY TO COP22 PRESIDENCY ON THE WAY FORWARD AFTER MARRAKECH – 30 January 2017*

1- We commend the COP22 Presidency for the successful, smooth and fruitful organization of the Marrakech Conference.

2- We express our gratitude to the COP22 Presidency for their political, technical, institutional and financial support to ensure a high visibility and engagement of the LGMA Community in the Blue Zone, Green Zone and the Marrakech Climate Summit of Local and Regional Leaders.

3- LGMA considers Marrakech Conference particularly a unique and successful experience in terms of;
   a. demonstration of the value of engaging High Level Climate Champions in supporting the work of COP Presidency;
   b. establishing regular, open and direct dialogues with the COP22 Civil Society Team helping mobilization of the constituency both at the national and global level;
   c. engaging actively other governmental agencies such as Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Housing which happened for the first time in the history of the UNFCCC.

4- Below are the list of issues that would LGMA Constituency wishes to be considered in the work of the COP22 Presidency throughout 2017:
   a. Inside the UNFCCC: We commend that COP22 Decisions welcomes the work of High Level Climate Champions and the launch of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action. The Marrakech Partnership concluded with an innovative set of vision for thematic action areas and stakeholder engagement vision. It would be helpful if this experience can be used as an input to the SBI46 workshop on stakeholder engagement in May 2017.
   b. Outside the UNFCCC: The leadership of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the COP22 Presidency could be an opportunity to share the achievements in the UNFCCC with other UN fora. LGMA Constituency would be happy if COP22 Presidency can share its dialogue and collaboration experience with LGMA Constituency, including the Marrakech Roadmap for Action of Cities and Regions to Localize Climate Finance, at specific activities of the UN Secretary General and the UN General Assembly regarding the follow-up and review of the New Urban Agenda, as well as Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and 3rd UN Environment Assembly.
   c. Climate Action in Morocco: During COP22, fruitful dialogues have been developed with Moroccan cities, regions and territories. Upon further guidance from COP22 Presidency, LGMA would be happy to develop concrete partnerships with their Moroccan counterparts in particular engaging them in global initiatives on mitigation and adaptation action like the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, Under2Coalition, the Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance – CCFLA, Regions Adapt as well as other initiatives launched at COP22 like on 100% Renewable Energies for 1.5°C and 2050 Pathways Platform or projects that LGMA members may offer.
   d. Linking to COP23: In 2017, UNFCCC will experience a unique model of COP technically and logistically hosted in Bonn, Germany, at the seat of the UNFCCC and Government of Fiji as the Presidency. We would be grateful if COP22 Presidency can help LGMA constituency to continue the momentum in Marrakech under the Fiji Presidency. Through this opportunity, we would like to extend our invitation for both Morocco and Fiji Government to have their endorsement and support for the 2017 Bonn Climate Dialogues of Local and Regional Governments the COP23/CMP13/CMA1-2, including Leaders’ Summit on 12 November 2017. The relevant information is attached to this message as an Annex.

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