

# LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONSTITUENCY LGMA COP29 JOINT POSITION

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*Building on the initial draft led by the above LGMA partners, a final list of endorsers of this statement will be announced at the LGMA COP29 press conference on 11 November 2024.*

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## INTRODUCTION

COP28 recognized the importance of multilevel action and the role of local and subnational governments in advancing global climate action. References to multilevel action in the UAE Consensus, the Outcomes of the First Global Stocktake, the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience and Global Goal on Adaptation, the decision to enable direct access to loss and damage response funds, launch of the [Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships \(CHAMP\)](#) for climate action and, the organization of the first-ever Local Climate Action Summit, all signal a strong progress for the multilevel agenda.

[We applaud this progress](#) as we now move into the implementation of the UAE Consensus. However, local and subnational governments remain concerned that the world is not on track to achieve the SDGs, risks overshooting the 1.5°C objective of the Paris Agreement, is failing to adapt to the changing climate, and that nature is declining at rates unprecedented in human history. The window of time until COP30 is the most consequential as Parties are working on new National Determined Contributions (NDCs) due in 2025 for defending against climate breakdown and keeping multilateralism alive.

Considering the above, as the Local Government and Municipal Authority (LGMA) Constituency, consisting of the governments of towns, cities, counties, territories, provinces, regions, states, devolved governments and others (hereafter referred to as local and other subnational governments), we see ourselves as implementation partners to the Paris Agreement. As implementation partners, we look forward to supporting development, financing and implementation of ambitious NDCs, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Long-Term Strategies (LTs) and other key strategies ahead of 2025.

## OUR KEY ASKS FOR COP29

We, the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities constituency, on behalf of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, call on the Parties to the Paris Agreement, current and future Presidencies of UNFCCC COPs, CHAMP endorsers, the UNFCCC Secretariat, other UNFCCC Observer Constituencies, along with 193 signatories to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to:

### **ASK 1: ACCELERATE INCLUSIVE, MULTILEVEL, GENDER-RESPONSIVE AND COOPERATIVE ACTION, THROUGH NEW NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS DEVELOPED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL AND OTHER SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS**

1. Deliver UAE Consensus commitments without any backsliding of ambition - including the phase-out of fossil fuels as quick as possible, and multilevel action.
2. As set out in paragraph 161 of the COP28 UAE Consensus, ensure the meaningful inclusion of local and other subnational governments in setting ambitious NDC and NAPs plans, through initiatives such as the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP), Town-Hall-COPs evolving from the global stocktake process and numerous initiatives under the Marrakesh Partnership for Global Climate Action, and welcoming new efforts such as engaging informal sector in urban resilience and climate action, COP29 Presidency MAP Initiative and COP29 Truce Deal.
3. Encourage all Parties to join CHAMP, and demonstrate progress, in line with national contexts, against their commitment to integrate and consult with local and other subnational leaders in the preparation, implementation, and financing of their national climate plans and strategies at key moments such as the Urban Ministerial meeting and the CHAMP High-Level Political Dialogues.



4. Leverage local and other subnational governments' role in climate policy development and implementation through their inclusion in international climate processes and mechanisms such as the implementation of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience and inclusion of local indicators and inclusion in the negotiation of the Loss and Damage Fund Operational Guidelines.
5. Build on the recommendations of co-chairs on the Recognition and Accountability Framework Consultation for the Global Climate Action Portal (GCAP) to increase transparency in target setting, monitoring and reporting while reducing the reporting burden on local and other subnational governments.



*For more information, please refer to our [LGMA Guidance for the Parties on Multilevel Governance](#).*

## **ASK 2: FINANCE SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION AND CLIMATE ACTION AT ALL LEVELS**

1. Deliver an ambitious New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance that enables a just, equitable and a well-funded transition across all levels of government including direct access for local and other subnational governments, in connection with the reform of global finance architecture and Multilateral Development Banks.
2. Ensure that grants, rather than loans, and concessional terms are prioritized so that the debt burden on local and other subnational governments is not exacerbated.
3. Recognize sustainable urbanization as a cross-cutting non-market approach (as outlined in Article 6.8) under the initial focus areas on adaptation, mitigation, and clean energy development as a concrete outcome of COP29.



*For more information, please refer to our [LGMA Guidance for the Parties on Local and other Subnational Government Climate Finance](#).*

## **ASK 3: ALIGN THE CLIMATE, NATURE, POLLUTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDAS**

1. Build on the COP28 Joint Statement on Climate, Nature and People and connect with Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, to foster stronger synergies between mitigation, adaptation, resilience, nature-based solutions, food security, land degradation, biodiversity protection and restoration, and health, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), thereby ensuring that no one is left behind in the global fight against climate change.
2. Formalize local and other subnational voices in the relevant UN Agendas and strengthen their engagement in UN intergovernmental bodies as suggested in the revised version of the Pact for the Future.



*For more information, please refer to our [LGMA Guidance for the Parties on Integrated Outcomes](#).*



## **ENDORISING NETWORKS AND GOVERNMENTS**

Endorsers of this position perceive that local and other subnational governments refer to all levels of governments other than national governments including towns, cities, counties, territories, provinces, regions, states and others.

**(Call for endorsements now open)**