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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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THE ASK

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:



Align the climate, biodiversity and pollution agendas



For more information on the overall position for COP29 for the LGMA Constituency, please refer to the [LGMA Position on COP29](#).

GUIDANCE FOR NEGOTIATORS

In order to build on the COP28 Joint Statement on Climate, Nature and People and connecting with Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, we call on Parties to continue fostering stronger synergies between mitigation, adaptation, nature-based solutions, food security, land degradation, biodiversity protection and restoration, culture-based climate action as well as the SDGs, thereby ensuring that no one is left behind in the global fight against climate change.

In 2024, all the 3 Rio Conventions (climate-UNFCCC, biodiversity-CBD, desertification-UNCCD) will or have already convened their Conference of Parties along with the 6th UN Environment Assembly, SDGs High-Level Political Forum and UN Summit of the Future, which provides an opportunity to connect climate action and NDCs3.0 to nature, land degradation and pollution ahead of COP30 in 2025.

We remind Parties of the holistic and cross-cutting solutions provided by local and other subnational governments in order to achieve climate, biodiversity and SDG objectives and ask for a simplified and holistic climate finance tracking structures for the local level where multiple local impacts could be easily shown.



Proposed text to negotiators

Invites Parties to recognize the unique role that local and other subnational governments play in providing effective, on-the-ground solutions to interlinked crises of climate change, air and plastic pollution and biodiversity loss, land degradation.

Calls on Parties and climate finance institutions to support Locally and Regionally led nature-based solutions and connections with the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity implementation framework as key for accelerating action for mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage.



In order to formalize the local and other subnational voices in the UN agendas, we invite parties to support institutionalization of the ministerial meeting on urbanization and climate change as a regular mandated event at UNFCCC COPs, building on its success at COP27 and COP28.

Leverage partnerships and collaboration with the LGMA Constituency, as the crucial platform bringing together local and other subnational voices globally and promoting vertical alignment between national and local resilience governance. Incorporate the practice of Townhall COPs convened worldwide into the standard practice of Global Stocktake processes along with COP29 and COP30 outcomes.

Through the Pact for the Future, call for strengthening the engagement of local and other subnational authorities in United Nations intergovernmental bodies and processes and request the Secretary-General to consider establishment a separate, special, formal status for the organized constituency of LRGs within UN policy-making bodies in line with the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Group on LRGs recommendations.

Support local and other subnational government active involvement within and beyond UN processes as they are essential for driving societal change and ensuring that local communities - and especially indigenous people, women, children, youth, elderly, informal workers, vulnerable and marginalized groups - are fully informed, meaningfully engaged across all institutional levels at an early stage of the processes and equitably benefit from climate action. Our vision for the conclusion of the decade of Paris Agreement is to celebrate visible inclusion at COP30.

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Invites Parties to develop a structured, coordinated, systematic and harmonized approach for the inclusion, direct financing, monitoring, reporting and capacity building of local and other subnational governments across the Rio Conventions and the 2030 Agenda in order to ensure and support implementation at local level.

Welcomes the work being done by the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Group on LRGs in proposing "modalities and means to enhance institutional mechanisms to strengthen engagement of LRGs in intergovernmental processes" and encourages Parties to stand ready to cooperate to further explore the different options on the table, with a view to creating a stable single-entry point for the permanent engagement of cities and regions; welcomes the preparatory work done around the Summit of the Future and its main outcome, the Pact of the Future tackling global challenges such as climate change.

To recognize local and other subnational governments as key partners and implementers of just and clean transition policies and programs, we invite Parties to include them in multilevel dialogues to shape policy, NDCs 3.0, NAPs speed up climate action and redress inequalities.

We welcome the emphasis of the vital role of local and other subnational governments in designing just and clean transition programs, including NDCs 3.0 and NAPs, and the need for strengthened collaboration across government levels for an effective just transition, that works for people and the planet, as highlighted during the First Dialogue under the UAE's Just Transition Work Programme, in June 2024.

We invite Parties to engage subnational governments in the work of UAE Just Transition Work Programme to ensure that important local and regional contexts are accurately reflected in the program's outputs and recommendations.



Establish national just transition mechanisms and bodies with a multilevel mandate to engage subnational governments and other key stakeholders and apply a “whole-of-economy” approach. These bodies should coordinate and facilitate social dialogue, advise on just transition design and implementation, and integrate it into NDCs 3.0 in turn leading to more equitable outcomes and prevent the entrenchment of inequalities.

Supporting the scale-up of subnational efforts aimed at working collaboratively with unions and employers in social dialogue to create green jobs and build inclusive green workforces in which career-track, decent jobs and training are widely accessible for workers in the fossil fuel industry, informal workers, women, youth, people experiencing poverty and marginalized communities.

Where appropriate devolving powers over skills development and social protection to subnational governments enabling them to shape local green workforces, safeguard and support workers and communities in the transition.

Examining and facilitating upfront financing for green jobs, workforce development, good labor conditions, social protection and

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Invites Parties to acknowledge the important role of cities and other subnational governments, in the design and implementation of just transition pathways while effectively encouraging “whole-of-society”, “whole-of-government” and “whole-of-economy” approaches and facilitating powers devolution, upfront financial and capacity-building support for local just transition implementation, in line with the ILO Just Transition Guidelines.