



TOWARDS “THE MULTILEVEL ACTION COP”

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**CITIES & REGIONS
IN THE UNFCCC PROCESS**



**COP25
CHILE
MADRID 2019**







OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS AND AFTER THE PARIS AGREEMENT

The Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency has represented local and regional governments at the processes under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) since the first Conference of Parties (COP) in 1995.

Mirroring the UNFCCC Bali Climate Roadmap, the LGMA kicked-off the Local Government Climate Roadmap in 2007 as the first globally coordinated advocacy campaign with a view to ensure recognition, engagement and empowerment of local and regional governments in the new climate regime to be agreed at the COP15 in Copenhagen in 2009. COP16 in Cancun in 2010 and COP19 in Warsaw in 2013 concluded with the first UNFCCC decisions related to local and regional governments.

Building on the active engagement at the UNFCCC (ADP) negotiations, outcomes of the 2014 UN Climate Summit and the Lima-Paris Action Agenda, the LGMA Constituency succeeded in embedding recognition of the importance of engagement of all levels of governments in the Paris Agreement adopted in 2015.

Starting from 2016, the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action accelerated engagement of local and regional governments in the global climate efforts. Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues throughout 2018 resulted in a global dialogue to bridge sustainable urban development with climate action and engage all levels of governments in the Paris Agreement. Building on the adoption of the Katowice Rulebook, the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit presented a wide range of action portfolios that can raise global ambition if appropriately reflected into the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

SHIFTING GEARS AT COP25 CHILE-MADRID TO BOOST MULTILEVEL CLIMATE ACTION

COP26, to be held in Glasgow in November 2020, is our critical moment to accelerate global climate action in the next decade. This coming decade is the most vital period to reach the climate neutrality and 1.5oC targets of the Paris Agreement. The second NDCs to be presented in Glasgow must reflect the urgency of ambitious action to respond climate emergency and seize the opportunities of the transformative power of the urban world.

The success of COP26 in Glasgow in 2020 depends on the full engagement of local and regional governments in the preparation of the 2nd NDCs at home throughout the year. Therefore, COP25 must conclude with a clear guidance and a powerful momentum in order to ensure that multilevel and collaborative climate action as the new normal at every community and in every country in the era of the Paris Agreement.



PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONSTITUENCY

1. RAISE AMBITION:

Increase climate emergency declarations, climate neutrality targets and transition to 100% renewables, divesting from fossil fuels with additional mechanisms for synergy and implementation; including aligning commitments with the global carbon budget and long-term strategies such as 2050 Pathways; addressing implementation problems caused by additionality criteria such as corresponding adjustments; and improving local legislation and policy frameworks to increase climate neutrality targets and transition to zero emissions.

2. NDC VERTICAL INTEGRATION AND TRANSPARENCY:

Invite Parties to the Paris Agreement to establish multi-level collaboration and engagement mechanisms at the national level throughout 2020 in order present at COP26 in Glasgow new and revised NDCs with higher ambitions, supported with adequate monitoring, reporting and verification to ensure transparency.

3. LOCALIZE CLIMATE FINANCE:

Foster domestic action-oriented strategies and instruments accelerating the localization of Climate Finance; ensure full operationalization, enhance effectiveness and increase budget shares of global and national climate funds that support investments of local and regional governments; unlock market mechanisms such as further commitment periods of the Kyoto Protocol and Article 6 of the Paris Agreement; advance in the Loss and Damage implementation.

4. BALANCED APPROACH IN MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION:

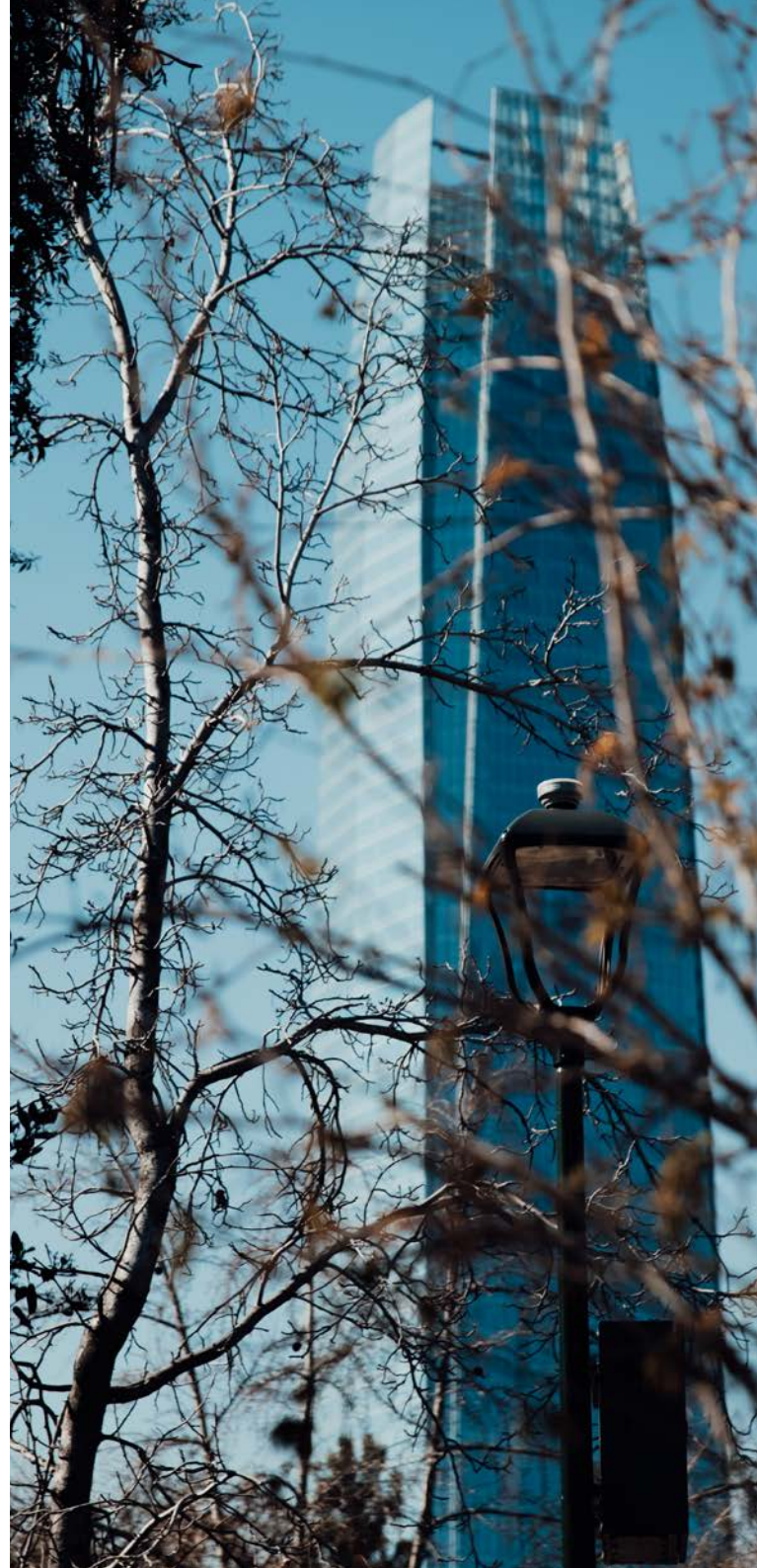
Address the risks of climate change through adaptation planning and adaptation in coordination and collaboration with subnational and local governments alongside ambitious mitigation efforts.

5. LINK CLIMATE TO CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND NATURE:

Enhance the effectiveness of the revised NDCs by creating appropriate synergies with co-benefits, including equitable access to basic services, a circular economy and the new deal for nature to be adopted at the Biodiversity COP15 in Kunming, in October 2020, inspired by the outcomes of the UN Nature Summit in NYC in September 2020 and including land degradation neutrality targets.

6. AMPLIFY GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION:

Advance the Global Climate Action as well as NAZCA in the post2020 phase with appropriate support and facilitation mechanisms and expand the existing collaboration to the stakeholders and ministries such as those responsible for Urbanization, Infrastructure, Public Works, Culture, Education, Family, Youth, Arts, and Music through effective Ministerial engagement towards and at PreCOP26 and COP26.



KEY MILESTONES IN 2020:

- 10th World Urban Forum, Abu Dhabi, February
- European Covenant of Mayors, Brussels, 4 March
- Summit of the Americas, March
- UN CBD Workshop for Sub-National Governments on their role in the delivery of the CBD Post-2020 framework; 1-3 April, Edinburgh, UK
- Regional Climate Weeks - Dates TBC
- Earth Day 50, global, 22 April
- Rise Africa, 25-26 May, Cape Town
- UNFCCC Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB52), Bonn, June
- World Environment Day and Beethoven Pastoral Day, global, 5 June
- Beyond 2020, World Built Environment Conference, Gothenburg, June
- IUCN World Conservation Congress, Marseilles, June
- UN Nature Summit, New York City, September
- European Sustainable Cities and Towns Conference, Mannheim, October
- Biodiversity COP15, Kunming, October
- PreCOP26, Milan, October
- COP26, Glasgow, November

KEY PRESIDENCIES IN 2020:

- G7 - USA
- G20 - Saudi Arabia
- EU - Germany

ENDORISING ORGANIZATIONS

As of December 10, 2019, you can find the list of endorsing networks and partners of local and regional governments [here](#).

