

## 2020-2021 Monthly LGMA Webinars-22

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## #Time4MultilevelAction LGMA post-COP26 Consultation-1



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## **LGMA COP26 Homepage**

https://www.cities-and-regions.org/cop26/

## **Recordings of LGMA COP26 Webinars**

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsgoH3BX-BpSp3ER-6c8uuDNyFWajhU79

## **LGMA Playlist for 5th Anniversary of the Paris Agreement**

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsgoH3BX-BpSn43J-n5PNi z9bfwu-EK

## **ICLEI COP26 Youtube Channel**

https://www.cities-and-regions.org/cop26/









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## LGMA COP26 Roadmap – Implementing multilevel action in the age of climate emergency

The first cycle of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) for achieving the Paris Agreement's climate goals did not go far enough towards attaining key goals such as climate neutrality, limiting global warming increases to 1.5°C or further multilevel action. During COP26, the LGMA pushed for reformulation and ambitious advancement of the NDCs by all nations, with collaboration across governance levels, from local to national.

The LGMA Constituency has always advocated strongly for this collaboration, bringing four outcome-oriented focus areas to COP26, the 'Multilevel Action COP', in its LGMA COP26 Roadmap in November 2021.

ROADMAP: Four outcomeoriented focus areas PRESS RELEASE: Multilevel action the new normal

PRESS CONFERENCE – Launch of Multilevel action









## **Paris Agreement**

a new era on global climate action

- 1. Multilevel, multistakeholder action
- 2. 1.50 Goal
- 3. Climate Neutrality

## **UNIVERSAL COMMITMENT**

## **National Governments**

none of the 1st plans fit for Paris Agreement, therefore new NDCs before COP26 ESSENTIAL

## Local and regional governments

PA preamble para.15; climate action <u>not voluntary anymore</u>, <u>core duty of all levels of governments</u>

## **Other Stakeholders**

Have to step up and ensure benefits of transformation shared by all







## From Glasgow COP26 to African COP27

- 1. The Glasgow Climate Pact, failed to capture the "emergency mode" that the moment called for,
- 2. But the Glasgow Climate Pact incrementally moved forward climate action in several areas. The Pact did succeed in kicking off the second phase of the Paris agreement, including a clear vision for "multilevel and cooperative action" and finally agreeing to all outstanding items in the Paris rulebook.
- 3. Large-scale agreements like those on methane, deforestation, fossil-fuel phase-out, a leveling up of the Marrakesh Partnership, including Race to Zero and Race to Resilience, as well as a net-zero commitment from India, and a climate agreement between the U.S. and China, can now be captured in future iterations of countries' national climate goals (known as the NDCs).
- 4. Additionally, the Pact "requests Parties to revisit and strengthen the 2030 targets... to align with the Paris Agreement temperature goal by the end of 2022," (para. 29) an important quickening of the pace of goal-setting.
- 5. As the host country moves from the Global North to the Global South, we expect to see resilience and adaptation, food, nature, finance, mitigation, culture, loss and damage to be much more highly prioritized as core elements of COP27. We can also expect that multilevel action and urbanization will be important in this rapidly developing continent.







# LGMA Glasgow Time4MultilevelAction Roadmap: Implementing multilevel action in the age of climate emergency

- 1. Multilevel action is the new normal for the next phase Paris Agreement
- 2. Localize national, global and private climate finance to seize the urban opportunity for bold action in cities & regions
- 3. Just climate action for all
- 4. Stepping up subnational engagement in UNFCCC processes

31 October World Cities Day Press Conference: https://unfccc-cop26.streamworld.de/webcast/iclei-local-governments-for-sustainaility

Text: https://www.cities-and-regions.org/wp-content/uploads/lgma\_glasgow\_time4multilevelactionroadmap\_final.pdf







## Introduction to LGMA

#### WHAT:

- Official engagement mechanism of local and regional governments to the UNFCCC Process – since 1995!
- Representing Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments since 2013!

#### • WHO:

- 30+ UNFCCC Accredited networks of local and regional governments;
- Broader LRG networks beyond UNFCCC accreditation

#### HOW:

 Interventions, submissions, participation to <u>official UNFCCC Negotiation sessions</u> at annual decision making bodies (i.e.COPs), mid-year technical prep meetings (SBs), workshops/forums – coordinated by ICLEI as the Focal Point

#### MILESTONES:

- 1995; 2nd Global Municipal Summit (1st in 1993)
- 2007: Local Government Climate Roadmap
- 2009: Copenhagen Catalogue and Local Government Climate Lounge .
- **2010:** Mexico City Summit, Mayor/Parliamentarian Roundtable,
  - 1st COP Decision
  - 2011: Durban Adaptation Charter, AWG

- 2013: UNFCCC Friends of Cities, 1st Cities Day, Ministerial/Mayoral Forum, 2nd COP Decision,
- 2014: UN Climate Summit, NAZCA
- 2015: Paris Agreement, Paris City Hall, Cities&Regions Pavilion
- 2017: Bonn-Fiji Commitment, Talanoa Dialogues
- 2018: UN Climate Action Summit, ICCA- UNFCCC Friends of Multilevel Action
- 2019: Towards Multilevel Action Roadmap







## **UNFCCC hybrid ADVOCACY**

#### 1. Under Regular UNFCCC Process

#### 1- UNFCCC Bodies

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Governing and Subsidiary Body activities.pdf

- 2- Mandated events of established mechanisms and programmes (Technology, Adaptation, ACE
- 3- UNFCCC Hubs (Innovation, Capacity Building etc)

#### 2. COP Presidency

#### 1- Presidential Monthly Consultations

https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/bodies/supreme-bodies/conference-of-theparties-cop/presidency-consultations-and-other-presidency-meetings/informalconsultations-by-the-cop-25-presidency-and-the-cop-26-incoming-presidency

#### 2- Presidential Campaigns + Meetings

https://ukcop26.org/uk-presidency/campaigns/

#### Climate and Development Ministerial

https://ukcop26.org/uk-presidency/climate-development-ministerial/

COP26 July Ministerial - 25-26 July

#### 3. By High Level Climate Action Champions

Marrakech Partnership

Climate Action Pathways









#### 4. LGMA-led Initiatives

Side events, Pavilions, Summits, Statements







## #Time4MultilevelAction MULTILEVEL COLLABORATION LEADS TO GREATER AMBITION

60+ countries used *multilevel collaboration to contribute to increase climate ambition* towards COP26, compared to initial national climate plans (NDCs) under Paris Agreement since 2015. This represents 60% of the countries who raised ambition in their second NDCs.

#### **NDCP CAEP**

US Japan UK EU (27) Canada

S.Korea Chile

Chile, Dominican Republic, Gambia, Malawi, Peru, Rwanda, South Africa, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Armenia, Benin, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ethiopia, Georgia, Jamaica, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos, Liberia, Mali, *Morocco\**, Nigeria, Paraguay, Tonga, Vanuatu. China Bangladesh

Global North (33)

UNFCCCAnnex-I (1995)+ OECD (2021)

Global South (29) All other than Global North







## **LGMA COP26 ORIENTATION**

400+ UNFCCC accredited delegation, 200+ events

UNFCCC COP26 BLUE ZONE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY LGMA MULTILEVEL ACTION PAVILION (HYBRID)

#### UNFCCC

Negotiations / Side Events / COP26 Presidency Agenda / Marrakech Partnership Other
COP26 Blue Zone Pavilions

UNFCCC ACCREDITATION NOT REQUIRED

UK COP26 Green Zone Glasgow/Scotland Zone
At Glasgow City Chambers and
other venues in Glasgow, in
Edinburgh or others













## MULTILEVEL ACTION PAVILION at COP26



wwww.cities-and-regions.org/cop26

https://enb.iisd.org/multilevel-action-pavilion-cop-26

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#### **HOST**















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# WELCOME TO THE MULTILEVEL **ACTION PAVILION** THE HOME OF SUBNATIONALS

## CITIES, TOWNS AND REGIONS IN THE COP26 BLUE ZONE

## All Multilevel Action Pavilion Sessions at

<u>ICLEI Global – YouTube</u> Channel



https://enb.iisd.org/multilevel-action-pavilion-cop-26

1 Nov: <u>Time4MultilevelAction High Level Dialogue plus opening of the Pavilion High</u> Level Segment

2 Nov: Glasgow Women's Leadership on Gender Equality and Climate Change

3 Nov: The City Investment Imperative for Net Zero

4 Nov: <u>Time4MultilevalAction Dialogue: Strengthening Multilevel and Inclusive</u>

Governance for Climate Action

5 Nov: We have agreed. Will you? Citizens' Recommendations for Fair and Effective Action on Climate Change

6 Nov: <u>Hearing the voice of subnational governments: Learning from the Edinburgh</u> Declaration for biodiversity

8 Nov: <u>Under 2+ MoU</u> Signing

9 Nov: Delivering a Just Transition—The Role of Cities, Regions, and Devolved

<u>Governments</u>

10 Nov: <u>Game On: City Ambitions Towards Future-Proof and Equitable Mobility Systems</u>

11 Nov: Local Government and Municipal Authorities COP 26 Multilevel Partnership

12 Nov: EU Green Deal: From Local to Global







## **#Time4MultilevelAction**

## Advancing cities and regions in the global climate action and regime

1992 -1995 COP1 – UNFCCC	1997 COP3 - Kyoto Protocol	2015 COP21 - Paris Agreement*	2021 COP26 - Glasgow Climate Pact
No reference	No reference	Preamble para.15	Preamble para.9
		"recognizing the importance of engagement of all levels of governments"	"highlighting the urgent need for multilevel and cooperative action"
		"cities and other subnational authorities" as part of Non-Party Stakeholders	Numerous references to local and regional governments on "Collaboration", "Implementation" and one on "Adaptation"
		Marrakech Partnership	Welcoming Improved Marrakech Partnership
		* Building on previous COP16 and COP18 decisions and progress in all UNFCCC processes	Recognizing "Constituencies"
			Youth participation in local decision making
			Other references in Capacity Building, ACE, NWP, etc







## **LGMA Official UNFCCC COP26 Interventions**

- 1. 31 October World Cities Day Press Conference <u>UNFCCC COP26 (streamworld.de)</u> <u>https://www.cities-and-regions.org/cop26-cities-regions-and-other-subnaturge-nations-to-embrace-multilevel-collaboration-as-the-new-normal-in-the-upcoming-decade-for-ambitious-climate-action/</u>
- 2. Opening Statement by Nasry Tito Asfura, Mayor, Tegucigalpa, Honduras (31 October) <u>UNFCCC COP26 (streamworld.de)</u> starts at 2:21:
- 3. World Leaders Summit Statement by Eric Garcetti, Mayor, Los Angeles; Chair of C40 <u>UNFCCC COP26 (streamworld.de)</u> starts at 2:41:47
- Presidency's Open Dialogue between Parties and Observers (4 November 2021) Joao Campos, Mayor, Recife, Brazil <u>João Campos, Mayor of Recife UNFCCC COP26 (streamworld.de)</u> starts at 0:23:15
- 5. Constituency Focal Points Dialogue with UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres by Yunus Arikan, ICLEI; LGMA Focal Point https://youtu.be/hF9iAcdPFIM
- 6. Informal Stocktaking Plenary 1 (8 November 2021) <u>Pippa Heylings, member of the national cross-party Climate Change Task Group of Local Government Association</u> starts 1:45:15
- 7. High Level Segment Statement (10 November 2021) <u>Andy Burnham, Mayor, Greater Manchester, UK</u> <u>https://unfccc-cop26.streamworld.de/webcast/resumed-high-level-segment-3</u> starts at 0:47:45
- 8. Informal Stocktaking Plenary-2, Andries Gryffroy, Member of Flemish Parliament and European Committee of the Regions (11 November) <u>UNFCCC - COP26 (streamworld.de)</u> starts at 00:17:35
- 9. Dialogue with UN Secretary General (11 November) Minna Arve, Mayor, Turku, Finland; ICLEI Vice President
- 10. Marrakech Partnership Cities, Regions and Built Environment Day Action Event on 11 November UNFCCC COP26 (streamworld.de)
- 11. Global Climate Action High Level Event on 11 November <u>UNFCCC COP26 (streamworld.de)</u>
- 12. Closing by Ladislas Ngendahimana, RALGA Secretary General (13 November) <u>UNFCCC COP26 (streamworld.de)</u> (starts at 3:19:48)







# **LGMA COP26 Side Events, Presidency Events, Special Events on Cities, Regions and Built Environment –** to be finalized further

- 1. Presidency Event: Ministers and Mayors on buildings as a critical climate solution <u>UNFCCC COP26 (streamworld.de)</u>
- 2. Presidency Event: Climate leadership of subnational actors in the UK and beyond <u>UNFCCC COP26 (streamworld.de)</u>
- 3. Sustainability and Resilience of Cities in the Climate Crisis and during the COVID Pandemic <u>UNFCCC COP26</u> (streamworld.de)
- 4. Unlocking Net Zero in Cities Through Sustainable Digital Transformation and Innovative Solutions <u>UNFCCC COP26</u> (streamworld.de)
- 5. Presidency Event: Building Back Better: Accelerating deep collaboration for Built Environment climate action <u>UNFCCC COP26</u> (streamworld.de)
- 6. Side event by ICLEI-UCLG-Regions4-CEMR Time4MultilevelAction; 2030 Agenda of cities and regions to enhance ambition & accelerate action <a href="https://youtu.be/JqHeXO3AUo">https://youtu.be/JqHeXO3AUo</a>
- 7. Side Event by C40-GIZ –
- 8. Urban informality & inequality a call for global climate justice | #COP26 YouTube









## **Improved Marrakech Partnership 2021-2025**

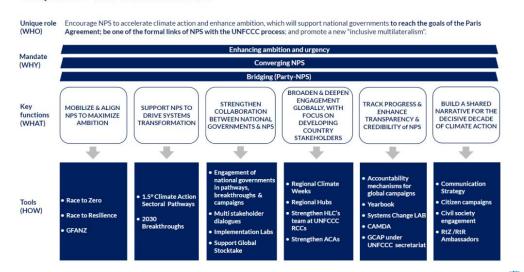
https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Improved%20Marrakech%20Partnership%202021-2025.pdf 202111111206---NPS Statement of Support for Improved Marrakech Partnership Plan Final 11-11-21.pdf (unfccc.int)





Figure 1: Unique role - functions and tools

**UNIQUE ROLE - KEY FUNCTIONS & TOOLS** 









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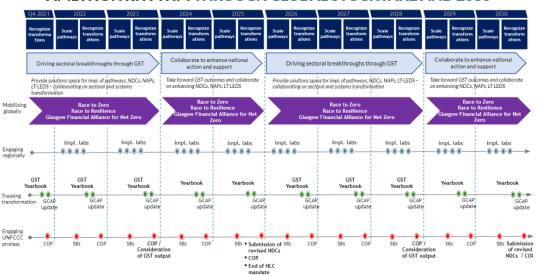
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Figure 2: Ambition rhythm through the global stocktake and 2030

#### AMBITION RHYTHM THROUGH GLOBAL STOCKTAKE AND 2030









## **COP26 Outcomes Relevant for LGMA**

#### 1. Glasgow Climate Pact

- 3 decisions, same name; under UNFCCC/ Kyoto Protocol/ Paris Agreement
- Preamble; ".....highlighting the urgent need for multilevel and cooperative action"

(elevating the Paris Agreement preamble "recognizing the importance of engagement of all levels of governments")

- Numerous references to local and regional governments on "Collaboration", "Implementation" and one on "Adaptation"
- Welcoming Improved Marrakech Partnership
- Recognition of "Constituencies"
- Youth participation in local decision making

## 2. Art6.8 (Non-Market Approaches)

- A new element for climate finance
- Ultimate LGMA goal; inserting "sustainable, integrated urban and territorial development" as a Non-Martket Approach, especially in developing countries
- Opens a process to refine details further
- References to "public" stakeholders
- References to "local, subnational, national and global context/level"

#### 3. Action for Climate Empowerment

- UNFCCC Art.6 and Paris Agreement Art.12 "education, training, public awareness/Participation/access to information, international cooperation"
- Instrumental in implementing climate action and short/long –term community engagement
- Numerous references on to local and regional governments in preamble and Annex

#### 4. LGMA-led or LGMA-relevant Initiatives

- LGMA Glasgow Time4MultilevelAction Roadmap
- Finance: Global Subnational Fund and Global Alliance of Subnational Development Banks
- 1000+ cities and regions in Race-To-Zero and Race-To-Resilience
- Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration
- Edinburgh Biodiversity Process/Declaration, CitiesWithNature, RegionsWithNature
- Scotland and Wallonia voluntary financial commitments for a potential Loss and Damage Facility
- Mission Innovation Cities
- US-Japan Subnational Partnership, subnationals in US-China Partnership
- Linkage to World leaders Summit and other COP26 announcement









# LGMA Glasgow Time4MultilevelAction Roadmap and COP26 Outcomes

- 1. Multilevel action is the new normal for the next phase Paris Agreement
  - 1. Glasgow Climate Pact preamble, other references
  - 2. US-Japan Global Subnational Zero Carbon Promotion Initiative, US-China, other announcements
  - Recognition of Constituencies, Improved Marrakech Partnership and Global Stocktake
  - 4. Annual revision of NDCs
- 2. Localize national, global and private climate finance to seize the urban opportunity for bold action in cities & regions
  - 1. Article.6.8 public stakeholders, local and subnational context, submissions
  - 2. Global Subnational Fund, Global Alliance of Subnational Development Banks
- Just climate action for all
  - 1. Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration Edinbiurgh Biodiversity Process/Declaration, CitiesWithNature/RegionsWithNature
  - 2. Scotland and Wallonia voluntary contributions for a future Loss and Damage Facility
- 4. Stepping up subnational engagement in UNFCCC processes
  - 1. Reinvigoration of LGMA spirit in the UNFCCC negotiations
  - 2. Stepping stone to enhance LGMA capacity for Regional and Thematic work under the UNFCCC









## **LGMA Roadmap Towards African COP27 -1**

1. Regular UNFCCC Business	2. COP Presidencies	3. Marrakech Partnership	4. LGMA + UNFCCC Friends of Multilevel Action
<ol> <li>Year Round         engagement         through workshops,         in-session meetings         of various Bodies</li> <li>Bonn-SB56 -         June2022         (in-person /virtual/         hybrid?)</li> <li>Regional Climate         Weeks</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>COP26 Presidency legacy</li> <li>COP27 Presidency priorities, possibly including;         <ul> <li>Food</li> <li>Resilience and Adaptation</li> <li>Nature and Biodiversity</li> <li>Finance</li> <li>Loss and Damage</li> <li>Culture</li> <li>Migration</li> <li>Urbanization</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ul> <li>1. Engagement in</li> <li>Race-To-Zero</li> <li>Race-To-Resilience</li> <li>Sectoral Pathways</li> <li>Breakthroughs</li> <li>NAZCA</li> <li>Global Stocktake</li> <li>2. New COP27 High Level Champion</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>LGMA COP27 Working Group?</li> <li>Resourcing LGMA COP27 Multilevel Action Pavilion?</li> <li>Synergy through; UN SG Our Common Agenda, Quito+6, WUF11 3 Rio Conventions COPs</li> <li>LGMA COP26 Legacies; including Glasgow Food Declaration, Edinburgh Biodiversity Process, Subnational Leadership for Lossand-Damage</li> <li>Multilevel NDCs</li> <li>Public Stakeholders (Legislative-GLOBE/Executive-LGMA/Judicial-?) Coalition for Multilevel Action?</li> <li>G20/U20, G7/U7</li> </ol>









## LGMA 2022 Roadmap Towards African COP27 -2

- 1. February; UNEA5.2 and Stockholm+50
- 2. March; RCW MENA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zero Carbon Cities and Subnationals Forum by US-Japan
- 3. April; UN-PGA Quito+6 / CBD-Biodiversity-COP15-Kunming
- 4. May; UNCCD-Desertification-COP15-Abidjan / ICLEI Malmö World Congress
- 5. June; UNFCCC-SB56-Bonn / WUF11-Katowice
- 6. July; HLPF
- 7. August-Sept; Regional Climate Weeks Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin America and Caribbean, UNGA
- 8. October; Urban October/Daring Cities 2022 / UCLG Daejeon World Congress
- 9. November; UNFCCC-COP27-Climate-Sharm El-Sheikh
- 10. G20/U20, G7/U7







## **COP26 Links:**

#### **LGMA**

- COP26 Homepage <a href="https://www.cities-and-regions.org/cop26/">https://www.cities-and-regions.org/news/</a> Outcomes
   https://www.cities-and-regions.org/outcomes/
- Multilevel Action Pavilion Sessions at ICLEI Global YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsgoH3BX-BpQfXaiADKwoWeQMYD\_Dvhy\_
- IISD/ENB Multilevel Action Pavilion Coverage https://enb.iisd.org/multilevel-action-pavilion-cop-26

#### **UNFCCC**

- Decisions <a href="https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-of-the-glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021/outcomes-october-november-november-2021/outcomes-october-november-2021/outcomes-o
- Webcasts <a href="https://unfccc.int/conference/glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021#media">https://unfccc.int/conference/glasgow-climate-change-conference-october-november-2021#media</a>

## **COP26 Presidency**

- <u>UK COP26 outcomes Summary</u> <u>COP26 Announcements</u>
- COP26 UK Green Zone youtube channel









# LGMA Glasgow Time4MultilevelAction Roadmap: Implementing multilevel action in the age of climate emergency

- 1. Multilevel action is the new normal for the next phase Paris Agreement
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## Implementing multilevel action in the age of climate emergency

Global climate action will succeed only when all levels of government are engaged.

Our four-point path for subnational advocacy can get us there.

## 1. Multilevel action is the new normal for the next phase Paris Agreement

In a historic first, the Paris Agreement recognized the importance of engaging all levels of government in its preamble. To build on this understanding—that cities, towns and regions are essential actors for meeting national climate goals—the next phase of global efforts must center around multilevel collaboration. More than 60 countries from both Global North and Global South that have presented more ambitious national climate plans ahead COP26 refer to multilevel collaboration. This positive indication that collaboration across levels of government accelerates climate action should be embraced by all Parties.

- 1. Bridging nationally determined contributions (NDCs) with local and regional climate action plans, commitments and contributions
- 2. Mobilizing legal, technical and financial resources to support local and regional governments in the Race-to-Zero and Race-to-Resilience, as well as those that have declared a climate emergency through their legislative bodies.
- 3. Replicating examples of multilevel collaboration in national commitments and plans, including those from the Dominican Republic, Japan, South Korea, Rwanda, Chile, EU, UK, and the United States
- 4. Demanding that post-COVID recovery plans are aligned with NDCs
- 5. Inviting Parties who raised their ambition through multilevel collaboration to engage more actively in the UNFCCC Friends of Multilevel Action, a group of national governments that play an instrumental role to ensure acknowledgement of local and regional governments in the Paris Agreement.







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## 2. Localize national, global and private climate finance to seize the urban opportunity for bold action in cities & regions

We live in a continuously urbanizing world. Yet, climate finance has not realized the full opportunity presented by urban expansion: less than 10% of available global climate finance is focused on local investments as of today. Sustainable urbanization needs to be top of the agenda for climate action and finance, especially for the Global South, the most rapidly urbanizing part of the world, through investment to lower emissions while safeguarding our cities and regions from climate-related disasters.

- 1. Calling for the Article 6 negotiators to recognize sustainable, integrated, urban and territorial development as one of the *non-market mechanisms* and incorporate urban and regional emissions-trading as well as enhance engagement of local and regional governments in the *market mechanisms* of the Paris Agreement
- Supporting all levels of government to divest from fossil fuels to reduce financial risk
- 3. Supporting the transformative policies and instruments to unlock subnational climate finance promoted in the Human Settlements and Climate Finance Pathways endorsed by the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action: financial intermediation through Subnational Development Banks, National programs on financial engineering to support cities and regions' climate transition and project preparation and financing, subnational-specific vehicles for blended finance allowing to unlock private investment based on public incentives.
- 4. Enabling national climate finance and development finance to be provided directly to local and regional governments and the communities they support. National COVID-19 recovery finance needs to include local-level support.
- 5. Directing private finance to effectively, directly, and rapidly contribute to the redesign of urban spaces that are accessible, resilient, inclusive and safe
- 6. Harnessing the procurement power of local and regional governments for rapid, cost-effective, and accessible deployment of climate-friendly and sustainable products, tools, equipment, and technologies in support of climate commitments.





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#### 3. Just climate action for all

A new era of climate action views cities and regions holistically to address not only reducing emissions, but also social justice, gender, food, nature and health. Integrated approaches provide ample opportunities for multilevel collaboration and can accelerate Sustainable Development Goal progress by leveraging the 2030 Agenda's core tenets to foster whole-of-government approaches that leave no one behind. The European Green Deal could constitute a blueprint for this broad and just approach to climate action.

- 1. Stepping up our canvassing for all levels of government to adopt holistic approaches.
- 2. Implementing further research, interpret, and communicate how climate-related issues interrelate, including socially just and nature-based approaches.
- 3. Supporting climate plans at all levels to address food, biodiversity, housing, mobility, sustainable consumption, circular economy, culture, intergenerational equity, skills, informal settlements, climate-induced migration, social justice and health.
- 4. Proposing models and best practices for comprehensive climate action, tackling the different social, environmental and economic aspects, building upon the idea of a Glocal Green Deal.









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#### 4. Stepping up subnational engagement in the UNFCCC processes

Networks of local and regional governments must step up their participation in the UNFCCC processes going forward—not only during the annual COP, but throughout the year. Since the first COP in 1995, the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) has represented the voices of cities, towns and regions at international climate negotiations. As the Multilevel Action COP, COP26 calls on the LGMA to step up our role as an essential implementation partner, able to: 1) bring clarity around local-level needs and replicable successes to negotiations, 2) translate national-level commitments into action on the ground and 3) veil on the fair implementation of climate action, ensuring that no citizen, business or small local authority is left behind. Within the European region, the unique institutional nature of the European Committee of the Regions may be a source of inspiration for other UN regions aiming at having a mandatory consultation in topics affecting the subnational level.

- 1. Engaging as the LGMA Constituency representatives across UNFCCC processes, including in the Katowice Rulebook, to ensure that the outcomes from Glasgow are relevant to the regional and local levels and can be successfully turned into on-the-ground action locally.
- 2. Participating in enhanced engagement with the Marrakech Partnership and the work of High-Level Action Champions, and pushing for greater cooperation with UNFCCC bodies on finance, capacity building, public awareness and participation, loss and damage, mitigation and adaptation.
- 3. Enhancing understanding around how we support essential procedures and mechanisms to operationalize the Paris Agreement.
- 4. Participating in future LGMA Regional and Thematic Expert Groups to follow these processes effectively throughout the year between COPs.









































































































