

# LGMA COP29 Joint Position

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## DOCUMENT #1

# POSITION OF LGMA CONSTITUENCY FOR COP29

## 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 (LTSs) 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](#).**

## **Endorsing 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)**

## DOCUMENT #2

# LGMA GUIDANCE FOR THE PARTIES ON MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE

## The Ask

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*Accelerate inclusive, multilevel, gender-responsive and cooperative action, through new Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) developed in partnership with local and other subnational governments.*

This can be achieved through working together with local and other subnational governments in the revision of the NDCs due in 2025 ahead of COP30 and NAPs – by including them in the planning, financing, implementation, and monitoring of NDCs, NAPs and LTS, reflecting their contributions, ambitions, priorities and support needs and by taking into account the distribution of powers and responsibilities in their implementation and according to their competences.

**>>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 accelerate inclusive, multilevel, gender-responsive and cooperative action, through new Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) developed in partnership with local and other subnational governments,** we urge COP28, COP29 and COP30 Presidencies Troika to encourage all Parties to actively engage with local and other subnational governments in order to implement the COP28 UAE Consensus Article 161 and the objectives of the Mission.

To maximize the contribution of local and regional actors in helping collectively develop better quality NDCs, we call on the Parties that have already committed to the CHAMP pledge and those that are yet to join the CHAMP coalition to:

- Include local and other subnational governments, where appropriate and in line with national circumstances, in the development process and content of national climate targets and strategies through institutional and informal processes to enable local and other subnational governments to contribute to further enhancing NDCs and NAPs, integrate local and territorial baseline information, targets and actions for emissions mitigation and adaptation across all sectors and industries, that are clearly reflected in dedicated sections of NDCs 3.0;
- Invest in subnational climate action by helping increase the volume of annual public funding for subnational climate projects and increase subnational governments' access to financing;

- Implement projects in cities, states, towns, and regions that reduce emissions and improve livelihoods, working closely with local leaders and stakeholders to deliver place-based climate action that addresses both climate impacts and social determinants of health.

In support of delivery of CHAMP commitments, national local government associations, starting with the Association of German Cities (DST) in Germany, National Front of Mayors (FNP) in Brazil, and Conference of Mayors (USCOM) in US, are adopting resolutions that commend their national governments, express their readiness to collaborate in the NDCs3.0 and commit to increase their own commitments.

As their contributions to global stocktake, more than 20 local governments across six continents convened their Stocktake4ClimateEmergency sessions. With the outcomes of COP28, these experiences are being transformed into Town-Hall-COPs, so that they can elevate their commitments with enhanced engagement of their communities, connect to the design and implementation of upcoming NDCs3.0 and demonstrate their contribution to global climate action.

Since 2016, the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action has been instrumental in driving numerous multi stakeholder initiatives. The national climate plans and global climate ambitions can be elevated further if such initiatives can be incorporated into new NDCs3.0 as appropriate.

Throughout 2024, LGMA has been connected to new efforts by COP28 and COP29 Presidencies;

- COP28 High Level Champion is proposing to engage the informal sector in urban resilience and climate action can help to advance NDCs and NAPs. Parties should ensure inclusivity and equity under the multi-level governance agenda, and as a prime opportunity under the NDC 3.0 revision process and momentum under CHAMP, by elevating informality in stronger urban content of NDCs and recognition of the role of the informal sector in urban resilience, both in terms of climate action and innovation, lives and livelihoods, and contribution to national progress towards achieving the SDGs, in some of the world's most vulnerable regions; and facilitate investment in partnerships (e.g. entities that can connect formal and informal sectors to foster communication, cooperation and trust) to unlock informality's contributions to urban resilience and equity.
- COP29 Presidency is introducing Multisectoral Actions Pathway (MAP) to Sustainable, Climate Resilient and Healthy Cities as one of the prominent initiatives of COP29 Action Agenda, and proposing COP29 Truce Deal as a unique effort to ensure a global ceasefire during 2 weeks of COP29. LGMA has provided inputs to the COP29 MAP Initiative during its consultation phase. LGMA welcomes COP29 MAP Initiative as an opportunity to ensure synergy and continuity among numerous agendas and processes, to highlight the urgency and importance of urban climate finance and to strengthen the efforts to advance multilevel climate action by COP30. LGMA also expressed its support for a COP29 Truce Deal as a timely and necessary effort, and proposed a strong synergy with the biodiversity COP16 theme on "Peace with Nature" to strengthen such efforts.

***Proposed text to negotiators:***

*Calls on Parties to involve local and other subnational governments in the planning, financing, implementation, and monitoring of upcoming Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and*

Long-Term Strategies (LTS), with a view to facilitating inclusive, multilevel, gender-responsive and cooperative action.

**We call on Parties to include local and other subnational governments in the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience.**

Local and other subnational governments have become natural leaders in advancing adaptation actions and resilience, particularly due to their direct connection with their inhabitants, their knowledge of the local context, their capacity to mobilize and engage with all local stakeholders at local-territorial scale, developing their own city and regional adaptation plans and monitoring progress through the UNFCCC Climate Action portal and other mechanisms. For this reason, the LGMA Constituency reminds of the need to include local and other subnational governments in the UAE-Belem work program.

***Proposed text to negotiators:***

**On the UAE-Belem work programme and resulting UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience**

*Calls on Parties* to systematically step up their efforts towards effective multilevel climate governance and ensure effective and long-term coordination mechanisms for defining and implementing the National Adaptation plans (NAPs).

*Calls on Parties* to increase the support and predictability for adaptation finance, allowing for targeted and direct support to local and other subnational adaptation actions.

*Calls on Parties* to measure progress by national, local and other subnational governments towards each of the targets referred to in paragraphs 9–10 of decision 2/CMA5, including a specific target on the amount of local and other subnational governments having adaptation plans, and to support the implementation of the UAE framework for Global Climate Resilience at the subnational and local levels.

*Calls on Parties* to take into account the contributions by local and subnational governments to accelerate adaptation action through the Race to Resilience, and Climate Champion-led [Sharm-el Sheikh Adaptation Agenda](#).

**We call on Parties to include local and other subnational governments in the negotiation of the Loss and Damage Fund Operational Guidelines, and relevant technical bodies, to ensure that local and other subnational governments needs and contributions are duly considered.**

Implicate local and other subnational governments into the development of the fund and its operationalization, from the decision making to the implementation processes, to take benefit of their capacity to leverage local resources, their knowledge of the territories and local realities, as well as their capacity to generate targeted actions and drive effectiveness.

Deliver on the direct access to finances in its mandate in paragraph 20(e) of the main text and 45 and 49(b) of Annex I of Decision 1/CP28 on Direct access via subnational entities to the fund.

Ensure that the L&D Fund explicitly recognizes the urban and rural dimension of L&D, integrating critical urban and rural loss and damage issues – notably climate displacement and health impacts – into the scope of the L&D Fund, as outlined in on its mandate in paragraph 6 of Annex I of Decision 1/CP28 on the Scope of the Fund.

Mandate the local and other subnational governments to structure and organize one of the Consultative Forum as mandated by paragraph 28 of Annex I of Decision 1/CP28, to create a framework that promotes collaboration and ensures that local voices, needs and contributions are duly considered.

***Proposed text to negotiators:***

*Invites* the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency in the negotiations, decision-making and implementation of the Loss and Damage Fund Operational Guidelines, and relevant technical bodies

*Invites* parties to deliver on the mandate of direct access to funds by subnational entities as expressed in paragraph 20(e) of the main text and 45 and 49(b) of Annex I of Decision 1/CP28.

*Invites* parties to mandate local and other subnational governments to organize one of the Consultative Forums as mandated by paragraph 28 of Annex I of Decision 1/CP28.

**To promote greater transparency in target setting, monitoring and reporting while reducing the reporting burden on local and other subnational governments, we ask Parties to build on the recommendations of co-chairs on the Recognition and Accountability Framework Consultation and reset the vision for the Global Climate Action Portal (GCAP).**

To reduce the administrative burden on local and other subnational governments who are already using national, supranational or international monitoring and reporting platforms, we encourage Parties to ensure interoperability between platforms and the UNFCCC Global Climate Action Portal; at a minimum to share information on an annual basis.

To enhance transparency of implementation of the Recognition and Accountability Framework Consultation Recommendations, we invite the establishing of an advisory committee that includes representatives of all relevant constituencies to UNFCCC as well as UN Secretary General's Team leading on implementation of High Level Expert Group Recommendation Report "Integrity Matters" affected by the reform.

Provide appropriate resources to local and other subnational governments to collect and report appropriate data via mandatory and voluntary systems.

***Proposed text to negotiators:***

*Invites* UNFCCC Secretariat to convene an advisory committee that includes representatives of all relevant constituencies to support implementation of the Recognition and Accountability Framework Consultation Recommendations.

*Encourages* Parties and Philanthropic organizations to support data collection, interoperability of data and reporting to ensure greater transparency to the highest possible standard.

## DOCUMENT #3

# LGMA GUIDANCE FOR THE PARTIES ON LOCAL AND OTHER SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE FINANCE

## 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:

*Finance sustainable urbanization and climate action at all levels*

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## Guidance for negotiators

**In order to deliver a new ambitious collective quantified goal on climate finance that enables just and equitable and well-funded transition across all levels of government, through guaranteeing direct access of subnational governments to the funds,** we urge Parties to agree on an ambitious New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance (NCQG) from a floor of USD 100 billion per year to USD trillions yearly by 2030, taking into account the needs and priorities of developing countries, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and acknowledging the finance gap for biodiversity, adaptation, and other subnational and local action [estimated at USD 4.5 – 5.4 trillion per annum from 2015-2030](#).

It is key to create a robust framework within the NCQG for access to finance to local and other subnational governments while defining the scope and enabling innovative approaches to raising finance bottom up to support the goal for both mitigation and adaptation.

Within the NCQG framework, it is essential to create solid climate financial mechanisms and dedicated initiatives to enable local and other subnational governments to directly and rapidly access climate finance opportunities (including private finance) and technical assistance. The establishment of such integrated climate program financing will ensure that investments align with local needs and priorities, support science-based climate action, help close the green jobs skills gap, foster a just transition, and target support to the most vulnerable.

To further accelerate action on the ground and to enable the financing to reach the poorest and most vulnerable, public finance to local and other subnational governments, especially in the most vulnerable regions and countries, should prioritize grant and concessional terms. Climate finance should not be a burden and not add to countries and governments debt burdens, and grants are vital to ensure that climate finance is not facilitated in a sustainable manner.

We urge Parties to recognize the need to accelerate efforts to enhance access to adaptation finance specifically as part of the NCQG, including for local and other subnational actors and the private sector, and with a focus on facilitating direct access by harmonizing and simplifying access procedures for local and other subnational governments.

We urge Parties to recognize that some local and other subnational governments are major economies and could be part of the contributor base for the NCQG and some are already playing a role to contribute directly.

We call on Parties to phase out fossil fuel and environmentally harmful subsidies to fully implement the outcome of the First Global Stocktake and direct these revenues to the NCQG, especially to the sectors that lack climate finance such as adaptation and loss and damage.

We call on Parties to increase transparency of reporting on contributions to NCQG, which should include, but not be limited to, clear differentiation for fund contributions by local and other subnational governments.

***Proposed text to negotiators:***

**On qualitative elements of the goal:**

*Calls for Parties to continue to enhance the predictability and access to climate finance, including by making efforts to, where feasible, simplify the climate finance architectures and enhance country ownership through supporting modalities such as direct access at the subnational and local levels, readiness and project preparation facilities.*

**On sources, instruments and contributors:**

*Allows for new and innovative sources of finance such as public-private partnerships, payment for environmental services, blended finance, guarantees, de-risking investments, green labeling, disclosure schemes, development of local green bond markets, guarantees, debt swaps etc., to be explored and considered as a complement to public and grant-based finance.*

*Calls for Parties to ensure any instruments should not be a burden and not add to countries and governments debt burdens.*

**We call on Parties to include local and other subnational government action in considerations of wider financial reform, including but not limited to the reform of Multilateral Development Banks.**

Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) to include local and other subnational climate action and finance in their corporate and climate strategies, integrate local and other subnational climate action in their country and sector assistance strategies, develop

specific local and other subnational climate action programs providing: technical assistance for project preparation and implementation; increased multilevel cooperation with national governments; scaled-up concessional MDB finance through appropriate finance instruments; and enhanced support for private finance mobilization.

Increase funding from climate donors for local and other subnational governments to implement actions addressing climate-related challenges, including better reception and integration conditions for climate induced migrants and displaced persons, and reducing climate risks associated with population displacement in urban areas, as well as the high risk in the guarantee of water supply and competition between all types of uses.

Support sustainable project pipelines and accommodate smaller project sizes, set up vehicles for financing in local currency and facilitating access to finance for subnational banks, and develop risk-mitigation strategies or guarantees to attract private finance.

Promote an enabling national framework and policy environment to increase subnational governments' access to finance, including ensuring stable and predictable intergovernmental fiscal transfers and national equalization mechanisms or encouraging innovative ways for local and other subnational governments to raise own-source revenues. By improving fiscal health, creditworthiness, and the capacity of local and other subnational governments to generate revenues, mobilize and attract public and private funds, Parties can tackle the local and other subnational territory investment gap.

***Proposed text to negotiators:***

**On access features and reform of Multilateral Development Banks:**

*Calls on Parties* for the harmonization of procedures, including through simplified access modalities, accreditation of national agencies, allowing readiness resources for project preparation, increasing resources for project implementation (i.e. implementation of NAPs, NDCs), improving the articulation of the needs to the fiduciary standards as well as the speed and cost for accessing the funds. It also should facilitate access for diverse stakeholders, including local and other subnational actors, local communities, indigenous peoples, youth, vulnerable people and women.

*Calls on Parties* to allow for access features of the NCQG should establish minimum floors for certain types of recipients (such as least developed countries, small island developing States, local and other subnational governments and local non-governmental organizations).

**We ask Parties to recognize sustainable urbanization as a cross-cutting non-market approach (as outlined in art 6.8) under the initial focus areas on adaptation, mitigation, and clean energy development as a concrete outcome of COP29.**

Welcome the introduction of non-market approaches (NMAs) as a climate finance instrument working beyond current climate budgets and leveraging policy makers and private sector climate finance.

For sustainable urbanization to be recognized as a cross-cutting NMA under the initial focus areas on adaptation, mitigation, and clean energy development as a concrete outcome of COP29. Sustainable urbanization is a global phenomenon that is important for all countries, particularly the global South, and that financial and sustainability impacts go beyond adaptation. It provides an opportunity to all developing countries,

serving a major share of the global population and covering both climate mitigation and adaptation action.

If such an approach is undertaken, sustainable urbanization can be a holistic solution and a major catalyst to finance future mega-scale urban developments in developing countries through low carbon, sustainable, and resilient pathways in a more cost effective and high impact manner. Such a holistic approach can also enable integration under Art6.8 other specific focused initiatives, such as LoCAL, led by the UN Capital Development Fund.

Under existing approaches, local and other subnational governments also support the Transformative Actions Program (TAP) as one of the initiatives supporting sustainable urbanization as NMA. TAP serves as a one-stop interface for subnational governments and local businesses to submit their sustainable infrastructure projects, which are then connected to financiers and supported by the various Project Preparation Facilities backing TAP. Through capacity-building, knowledge sharing, and access to financing, TAP supports sustainable urbanization projects of all sizes and stages, providing guidance and exploring funding options tailored to their needs and circumstances.

Integration of sustainable urbanization into non-market approaches under Art6.8 can also be considered as one of the outcomes of Urbanization Day to be hosted by COP29 Presidency on 20 November 2024.

***Proposed text to negotiators:***

*Recognizes* sustainable urbanization as a cross-cutting non-market approach under Art6.8 of the Paris Agreement.

## DOCUMENT #4

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## The Ask

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*Align the climate, biodiversity and pollution agendas*

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## 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.

***Proposed text to negotiators:***

*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 local and regional just transition processes.

***Proposed text to negotiators:***

*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.*