



INPUTS BY ICLEI IN NEXT STEPS OF ADP2.8 TECHNICAL EXAMINATION PROCESS MEETING

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Mr. Facilitator Tosi Mpaau-Mau, Distinguished delegates,

At the outset, I would like to thank very much to ADP Co-Chairs, the UNFCCC Secretariat and to Parties for your kind invitation to contribute in your dialogue today.

It gives me a great pleasure to provide you updates in our work since ADP2.6 in October 2014.

Inspired by Christiana Figueres's wisdom in the morning on introducing slightly different interpretations of the UNFCCC acronyms, let me also start by underlining the fact that from the point of local and subnational governments, the last 3 years under the **ADP** was an **Accelerated Dialogue with Parties**.

We sincerely hope that through this session we can move now to accelerated actions.

Similarly, in our immediate Post-Lima press release, we also underlined that Lima united countries and Paris must bring all actors on board in order to ensure transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient civilization.

With this introductory remarks, let me focus on 3 areas; our interpretation of the next phase of the ADP work, progress in local and subnational climate action and our vision towards and beyond Paris2015.

Meanwhile, from the morning session, we also would like to express our happiness to hear the vision of the "Lima-Paris Action Agenda" by COP20 and COP21 Presidencies which we fully support, commend the GEF in advancing with the Sustainable Cities Integrated Action Programme where we are actively engaged, as well as UNEP and SE4ALL with regards to Energy Accelerator initiatives and excited to hear that Green Climate Fund is also preparing to focus on cities, in particular on buildings and transport. (This paragraph was cut-off from the intervention in order to comply with the 3-minutes limitation.)

1. Proposal on the next phase of the ADP work on pre-2020 ambition

We believe it is time for Parties to focus on the policy options presented in the ADP Technical Paper, where we once again commend the impressive work done by the UNFCCC Secretariat.

Paragraphs 153-164 in this paper are focusing on Urban Environment, including

- para.162 (a UNFCCC platform of practitioners),
- para.163 (recognition of local commitments and creation of further incentives) and
- most importantly para164a (consideration of a formal work programme under the UNFCCC for national governments)

With regards to a formal UNFCCC work programme, we would like to encourage Parties to benefit from the experience of Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf, one of the two new ADP Co-Chairs, as he played a crucial role at the Biodiversity COP in 2010 in Nagoya for the adoption of 10-Year Action Program on Biodiversity for Parties to work with cities and subnational authorities under the Convention

on Biological Diversity which is another convention just like UNFCCC that was launched in Rio in 1992.

We also would like to commend the inclusion of adaptation, health and co-benefits of sustainable development in the work of ADP TEP process as adopted in the Lima Call for Climate Action, as this enables the UNFCCC process getting closer to the overall global efforts on the post2015 development agenda as well. (This paragraph was cut-off from the intervention in order to comply with the 3-minutes limitation.)

2. Progress on action at the local and subnational level since ADP2.6 in October 2014

- i. the carbonn Climate Registry exceeded a historical threshold of 500 local and subnational government reporting more than 5000 mitigation and adaptation actions, hundreds of climate and energy commitments covering around 2.8 GtCO₂e/yr. This progress resulted the carbonn Climate Registry as the world's leading reporting platform of local and subnational climate action and we are proud to be recognized as the primary data partner of NAZCA Platform that was launched in Lima on 11 December under the Peruvian Presidency and the UNFCCC Secretariat
- ii. In Lima ICLEI, C40 and WRI launched the full version of the Global Protocol for Community Scale GHG Emissions Inventories, enabling a more robust and standardized GHG accounting and reporting of city-wide GHG emissions globally.
- iii. Compact of Mayors and Compact of States and Regions are advancing with finalization of their compliance requirements in order to demonstrate the pioneering examples at Paris2015.
- iv. 44 finalists are announced in 18 countries under WWF Earth Hour City Challenge – the global champion to be announced in Seoul at ICLEI World Congress on 8-12 April 2015.
- v. In terms of individual examples, Vermont, USA was announced to be the first US City to provide electricity to their citizens powered by 100% Renewable Energy sources, California, USA announced its goal for 50% renewables by 2030, Recife, Brazil enacted Green Roof legislative based on the inspiration from Copenhagen after the exchange visit to Europe under the Urban-LEDS project supported by the European Commission and implemented in collaboration with ICLEI and UN-Habitat, Seoul, Republic of Korea is well on track to advance with its newly revised goal to ensure 20% electricity independence by 2020.

3. The way toward Paris

While UNFCCC negotiations evolve, we are already advancing with our consultations within our constituency and partners with regards to our plans for Paris2015, which is planned to be branded under the “Transformative Actions Program (TAP)” to tap the potential of local and subnational climate action. TAP aims to bundle ambitious, holistic and inclusive mitigation and adaptation project led by local and subnational governments for both in the pre and post-2020 period. The first pioneering examples will be demonstrated at the Transformative Actions Pavilion at COP21/CMP11 at the Climate Village at Le Bourget in Paris.

We are also intensifying our work on vertical integration of commitments and actions at the national level and we are particularly excited with our experiences in Mexico, S. Africa, Indonesia and in Europe.

Draft Calendar of Events under the Local Government Climate Roadmap Towards Paris2015

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- 11-14 February, Resilient Cities Asia Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand
- 26 March, C40 Latin American Summit, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 25-26 March, European Capitals on Procurement and Climate Paris, France
- 8-12 April ICLEI World Congress, Seoul, Korea
- 3-14 June UNFCCC Bonn Climate Change Conference - SB42/ADP3, Bonn, Germany
- 8-10 Resilient Cities Congress 2015 Bonn, Germany
- 1-2 July, World Summit of Cities and Territories, Lyon, France
- 2x ADP2.9, August-September, tbd
- Sept-Oct, Latin America Summit, Bogota, Colombia
- 25-27 Sept, UN Post2015 Summit, New York, USA
- Mid-October, Local Climate Solutions for Africa (LOCS2015), Durban, S. Africa
- 23-24 October, Global Parliament of Mayors, London/Bristol, UK
- 30 November – 11 December, COP21/CMP11, Paris, France