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**INTERVENTION OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA)\*  
CONSTITUENCY  
AT THE JOINT COP/CMP/CMA HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT**

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Mr. President, Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Bula Vinaka,

My name is Yunus Arikan, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy at ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability and I deliver this statement in my capacity as the focal point of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency.

Last Sunday, on 12 November, co-Hosted by City of Bonn and State of North Rhine-Westphalia, over 330 local and regional leaders from more than 60 countries gathered their Climate Summit, for the first time on the official COP grounds.

The Summit concluded with the Bonn-Fiji Commitment of Local and Regional Leaders to Deliver the Paris Agreement At All Levels.

At this COP23, local and regional leaders reaffirmed their commitment to climate action through their unprecedented number and diversity of representation, along with their holistic statements and innovative initiatives through the Bonn-Fiji Commitment.

We thank to German Ministries BMZ and BMUB, COP23 Presidency and the UNFCCC Secretariat for their warm and strong support.

Excellencies,

At COP23, local and regional leaders demonstrated that they are at the front-line in the Paris Agreement era.

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Local and regional leaders underline that the Paris Agreement will be implemented in an Urban World and encourage national governments to seize this opportunity.

Local and regional climate action will help close the gap between existing national commitments and needed reductions.

National governments can deliver national commitments and raise ambitions globally, if and when, they embed sustainable, integrated urban and territorial development into NDCs and fully engage all levels of governments.

We therefore invite Parties to strengthen the urban, regional and territorial dimensions of their NDCs and implement mechanism for their vertical and horizontal integration.

On the way towards 2018 Facilitative Dialogue, building on the Talanoa Spirit, we call for Parties to set up similar inclusive consultations processes domestically with their local and regional governments.

Excellencies,

As this COP23, we welcome Open Dialogue of the Presidency as the first and unique implementation of SBI47 and encourage upcoming Presidencies to advance this experience further.

We also welcome, the progress achieved in accelerating pre2020 action, Paris Committee for Capacity Building, Nairobi Work Programme Focal Point Forum on Human Settlements, advancing transparency of action, and indigenous peoples platform.

Finally, we invite Parties to benefit from the outcomes of the Marrakesh Partnership for Global Climate Action and to continue to support its work.

I thank you.

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