

**INTERVENTION OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONSTITUENCY  
(LGMA)  
AT THE JOINT HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT of COP 16 / CMP 6**

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Mme President, distinguished delegates,

We, the leaders of cities and local governments around the world, have been seeking your partnership to support and recognize our local climate actions for almost twenty years now.

Whilst the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol were designed without recognition of our role and actions, we nonetheless demonstrated leadership and have implemented numerous innovative actions to combat climate change at the local level worldwide.

To further enhance our commitments since Copenhagen, the Mayors from 143 cities, representing 167 million people, launched 3 weeks ago the Mexico City Pact. In doing so, these cities not only commit to set mitigation and adaptation goals, but also agree to report through carbonn Cities Climate Registry on the progress that is achieved in implementing these goals.

Through this first official global reporting mechanism for cities, we seek to ensure transparency, accountability and comparability of our local climate actions, performance and commitments at the global level.

In terms of the Cancun negotiations, we welcome the important decision of the SBI on intergovernmental arrangements where the role and value of governmental stakeholders is addressed.

We welcome that local and subnational government as governmental stakeholders are included in the operative paragraphs of the proposal of the Chair of the LCA working group.

We also welcome further guidance to CDM which recognize subnational circumstances in the use of standardized baselines and possibility of city-wide programmes .

If appropriately enabled and supported by you, the Parties, we, the local and subnational governments, can undertake even more actions to achieve a low-carbon, climate resilient future.

To this end, we would welcome a Plan of Action for cities on climate similar to your decision in Nagoya at the Biodiversity COP, where you endorsed a plan of action for subnational governments, cities and other local authorities on biodiversity up to 2020.

Finally, we in particular thank the COP 16 Presidency for having entered into a high level dialogue with us as "Governmental Stakeholders" here in Cancun. We look forward to continue this dialogue as we move to COP17.

In Durban we look forward to welcoming the global community to a city that offers the hope of achieving a new, climate resilient future -with all peoples and all spheres of government working together in the South African spirit of Ubuntu towards a common and equitable goal.

Thank you for your attention!