

INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF LGMA AT ADP2-2OPENING PLENARY

Dear m:r. Co-chair

My name is yunus arikan, i am representing ICLEI -Local Governments for Sustainability whereby acting as the focal point of LGMA.

ICLEI welcomes the significant increase of the interest by national governments, in particular through ADP Workstream-2 in raising level of ambition, towards a more active engagement of local and subnational governments in the global climate regime.

We sincerely feel that participation of local government networks as panelist or discussants in the ADP workshops in May 2012 and May 2013 enabled to advance our interaction with parties and global climate community. Therefore we look forward to finding additional opportunities in this manner.

We are also happy to see a number of city and local government related initiatives being listed in Secretariat documents and homepage as compilation under international cooperative initiatives, including carbonn Cities Climate Registry. As the focal point of LGMA, ICLEI expresses its support to Secretariat and Parties to expand this list by reflecting more updates on ongoing efforts.

Mr. Co-Chair, 2013 Bonn Declaration of Mayors, adopted on 2 June in Bonn, announces Durban Adaptation Charter as a global mechanism to enhance urban adaptation, and underlines the need to integrate local and subnational governments in the loss and damage and as well as technical guidelines for national adaptation plans.

Bonn Declaration further announces that local and subnational governments will convene in Nantes, France at the World Mayors Summit on Climate Change on 27-28 September to come up with a renewed global climate advocacy towards Paris Climate Conference 2015. This renewed advocacy will aim to end up with a global action plan to support local climate action, preferably adopted under ADP Workstream2.

Finally, Bonn Declaration underlines the clear and strong interlinkage between the climate agenda and post2015 development agenda, in particular through Hyogo Framework on disaster risk reduction and HABITAT-III. Thus we also recommend Parties in their negotiations under ADP Workstream-2 to pay particular attention to the negotiations on sustainable development goals in January 2014 which will focus on climate, sustainable cities and transport.

I thank you