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LGMA STATEMENT

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Your Excellencies and UN High-Level Climate Action Champions, and leaders in the Global Climate Action Agenda. My name is Frank Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa, in the United States, and President of ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, which serves as the focal organization for the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities constituency to the UNFCCC.

We as the LGMA are happy to know that the action agenda is moving forward in an inclusive process. It is now time for parties to make a bridge in process through partnership with non-state actors. By working with cities and regions, the action agenda can leverage the full power of multilevel action as an accelerating force for the second phase of the Paris Agreement.

In a word, this new phase of Paris is “implementation mode”, and the local level is where implantation occurs. Only by ensuring that all levels of government collaborate, can the action agenda reach its full potential.

Thank you to the GCA for raising the bar.

We now have clear signs of momentum: The first Climate & Urbanization Ministerial brought together the climate community together with the urban community, in support of the SURGe initiative, and showing that each can share one unifying vision.

With this motivation, we go forward from here by opening a Global Stocktake that fully incorporates local level input. ICLEI and the LGMA embark into 2023 under the banner of “Stocktake4ClimateEmergency”, and will seek to engage more than 100 nations to host a stocktaking event in collaboration with their local and regional governments.

This exercise sets a vision for not only where we are, but where we need to go that is equitable and just.

Thank you again to the GCA and let’s maintain our motivation and momentum from here.

** The Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency has been representing local and regional governments at the processes under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) since the first Conference of Parties (COP) in 1995. The LGMA also represents the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments. ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability acts as the Focal Point of LGMA. <https://www.cities-and-regions.org> - lama@iclei.org - <https://www.cities-and-regions.org/cop27/>*

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