

**LGMA STATEMENT**  
**AT 1<sup>ST</sup> GLOBAL STOCKTAKE 3<sup>RD</sup> TECHNICAL DIALOGUE (GST TD1.3)**  
**CLOSING PLENARY**

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We would like to extend our gratitude to the co-facilitators and the secretariat and to Party and Non Party Stakeholders for recognizing the value of subnational voices and welcoming our participation in this innovative and open global discussion.

In preparing summaries from this Technical Dialogue process, it is imperative that we acknowledge the paramount role that local governments and municipalities play in helping national governments achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement. The LGMA constituency stands ready to offer our collective strength to Parties in accelerating progress in key sectors, including on buildings, transport, waste and water, to bridge efforts taking place at the national level with action on the ground across the areas addressed in each of the four roundtables leading into this closing plenary.

As Parties and others have noted during this process, engagement outside of this chamber will be critical if our collective effort is to succeed. Cities are the essential catalysts, sparking climate action at the local level to the national and global level. They are the first to be impacted by climate change, but also the first to implement action. To unleash the full potential of local governments in driving implementation, and a just sustainable urban transition, barriers to climate finance and capacity building must be removed. Formal pathways that link local action to national commitments and form strong multilevel partnerships must also be established within the UNFCCC. This unified approach will drive our collective efforts forward, enabling us to effectively combat climate change on an unprecedented scale.

In the opening plenary, we noted that a Resolution was under discussion at UN-Habitat's assembly in Nairobi last week. I am happy to report that a resolution on Enhancing the Linkage between Urbanization and Climate Change was adopted there, paving the way both for a Ministerial meeting on Urbanisation and climate change at COP28 and beyond and operationalisation of the Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation (SURGe) Initiative established by the COP27 Presidency in collaboration with UN-Habitat and ICLEI last year. This aims to strengthen climate governance at the local level, unlock urban climate finance, build capacity, and ensure equity.

We encourage all Parties, observers and stakeholders to support these initiatives and call on Parties to share their thoughts and ideas on how to further link national commitments with local implementation and offer a more formal pathway for multilevel partnerships within the UNFCCC space. We believe that by integrating regional and local contributions into national policy processes such as NDCs, we establish a robust value proposition for national-local implementation financing streams.

To deliver on the highest ambitions of the Paris Agreement, we look forward to engaging with Parties, cities, states, regions, public and private sector partners, and civil society leaders to bring together our collective efforts for implementation.