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**INTERVENTION OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA)\*  
CONSTITUENCY  
AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PARIS COMMITTEE ON CAPACITY-  
BUILDING**

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Thank you Madam Co-Chair,

My name is Jisun Hwang from ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability. I have the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency.

At the outset, the LGMA constituency takes this opportunity to extend its heartfelt congratulations to you both for your election as Co-Chairs and we express our readiness to fully support the work of the PCCB under your able leadership.

Echoing **COP decision 16/CP.23**, the LGMA constituency would like to reiterate the importance of addressing the capacity **gaps and needs** as well as **cross-cutting issues**, related to implementing capacity-building activities both at the national and subnational levels.

The LGMA would like to take this opportunity to provide you with the latest updates on the progress made in relation to the rolling workplan of the PCCB.

First, the **Urban-Low Emissions Development Strategies (LEDS)** project<sup>1</sup> being implemented jointly by ICLEI and UN-Habitat with the support from the European Commission is benefitting from ICLEI's **GreenClimateCities (GCC)** methodology.<sup>2</sup> This methodology is a step-by-step approach for any local and regional government to act, analyse and accelerate climate action. The Urban-LEDS project, supported by this GreenClimateCities methodology, is currently reaching out to more than 60 cities in 8 developing countries through a North-South-South learning model.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: <http://urbanleds.iclei.org/>.

<sup>2</sup> Available at: <http://www.iclei.org/activities/agendas/low-carbon-city/gcc.html>.

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Second, in order to support resilience building and disaster risk reduction at the local and regional levels, ICLEI and GLISPA (Global Island Partnership) launched the **Front-Line Cities & Islands**<sup>3</sup> initiative during COP 23. This initiative is endorsed by the COP 23 Fijian Presidency and builds a movement of island mayors and leaders, other cities world-wide, regional and international partners. The concrete deliverables of this initiative aim to:

- Highlight the special case of island urban settlements and economies;
- Cultivate city-to-city and island-to-island learning and strategic partnerships;
- Develop priority issues and projects; and
- Test and share solutions.

Third, we would like to highlight the progress achieved through the **100% Renewable Cities and Regions network**.<sup>4</sup> In order to face challenges of climate neutrality targets by mid-century at the subnational level, ICLEI is developing its network on 100% Renewable Cities and Regions with the Global 100% Renewable Platform. Such multi-stakeholder approaches are proving to be vital for catalysing cross sectoral learning and they opened new frontiers of facilitating peer-learning and accelerating progress.

In addition to these projects, **ICLEI** became the **first associate member of the NDC Partnership**<sup>5</sup> during COP 23 in order to mainstream NDC-related policies and plans into local and regional levels. **ICLEI** also strengthens capacity at the local and regional levels by enhancing **technical exchange** on capacity-building through organisation of annual gatherings like **Resilient Cities**,<sup>6</sup> **Local Renewables Conference**,<sup>7</sup> **Procura+ Conference**<sup>8</sup> on sustainable procurement, among others, to provide up-to-date knowledge on the successes and challenges in building capacity effectively in key sectoral areas for NDC implementation for both mitigation and adaptation.

Thank you Madam Co-Chair.

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<sup>3</sup> Available at: <http://www.iclei.org/details/article/official-launch-of-front-line-cities-and-islands-a-way-forward-for-sustainable-urbanization-in-isla.html>.

<sup>4</sup> Available at: <http://www.iclei.org/activities/agendas/low-carbon-city/iclei-100re-cities-regions-network.html>.

<sup>5</sup> Available at: <http://ndcpartnership.org/members>.

<sup>6</sup> Available at: <http://resilient-cities.iclei.org/>.

<sup>7</sup> Available at: <http://www.local-renewables-conference.org/freiburg-and-basel-2018/home/>.

<sup>8</sup> Available at: <http://www.procuraplus.org/events/>.

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