

## Bonn Climate Change Conference - April 2018 (SBSTA 48/SBI 48/APA 1.5)

### 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 would like to express its deepest appreciation to the PCCB for recognising subnational and city-level actors as contained in document PCCB/2018/2/5, paragraph 14.<sup>1</sup> ICLEI in its capacity as the focal point of the LGMA constituency is committed to exploring more active engagement opportunities with the PCCB in order to support country-driven capacity building activities that are responsive to local, regional and national needs.

Regarding the 2018 technical progress report of the PCCB to the COP, we would like to highlight an **Action Pledge**<sup>2</sup> submitted on 4 May 2018 by ICLEI to the Nairobi Work Programme (NWP) on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. This **NWP Action Pledge** focuses on tracking progress in cities and climate change science-policy-practice interface in support of NDCs and NAPs. It can be implemented in collaboration with the UNFCCC, IPCC, City of Bonn and members of the CitiesIPCC Global Partnership.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at:

[https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/5\\_PCCB2\\_BN\\_Outcomes%20of%20activities%20undertaken%20by%20working%20groups\\_final.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/5_PCCB2_BN_Outcomes%20of%20activities%20undertaken%20by%20working%20groups_final.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Available at:

<http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/item.aspx?ListItemId=28633&ListUrl=/sites/nwp/Lists/MainDB>.

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Through this **NWP Action Pledge**, an annual one-day conference at the UNFCCC will be held back-to-back with the Resilient Cities Congress series organised by ICLEI. As you are aware, in 2016, the IPCC decided to advance its focus on cities, including a special report on cities to be published during its 7th Assessment Report cycle. This **NWP Action Pledge** will help policymakers and the research community track progress on the implementation of CitiesIPCC<sup>3</sup> outcomes and to provide a platform to discuss them with UNFCCC negotiators regularly in order to support timely engagement of cities and regions for the implementation of NDCs and NAPs. By fostering cross-sectoral dialogues on capacity building needs in relation to urban resilience, water resources, community-based adaptation and disaster risk reduction, we look forward to strengthening capacity building support to for cities and regions.

In addition, this year ICLEI is leading the **Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues**<sup>4</sup> initiative by launching at the ninth World Urban Forum in order to share lessons learned in capacity-building activities for NDC implementation. Already 20+ Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues have been announced at the CitiesIPCC<sup>5</sup> and another 20+ Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues will be announced at the closing plenary of the Talanoa Dialogue on 9 May.<sup>6</sup> In the lead up to COP 24 and beyond, we will fully support the work of the PCCB intersessionally by addressing the capacity **gaps and needs** as well as **cross-cutting issues** at the subnational and national and levels through the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues.

Thank you Madam Co-Chair.

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<sup>3</sup> Available at: <https://citiesipcc.org/>.

<sup>4</sup> Available at: <http://www.cities-and-regions.org/talanoa-partners/>.

<sup>5</sup> Available at: <http://www.cities-and-regions.org/2018-schedule/>.

<sup>6</sup> Available at: [http://www.cities-and-regions.org/cop23/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/talanoa-opening\\_lgma\\_quito\\_20180502\\_final.pdf](http://www.cities-and-regions.org/cop23/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/talanoa-opening_lgma_quito_20180502_final.pdf).

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