

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA)* CONSTITUENCY Subnationals; Cities, Towns and Regions

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LGMA STATEMENT AT 1ST GLOBAL STOCKTAKE 3RD TECHNICAL DIALOGUE (GST TD1.3) OPENING PLENARY

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Mister Chair, distinguished delegates,

My name is Maryke van Staden, Director of ICLEI's Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting and I am delivering this statement on behalf of LGMA Constituency.

We welcome the continuation of the inclusive and innovative practices, as well as adding a 4th table on holistic approaches at this 3rd round. LGMA representatives will participate in all 4 tables as well as at the poster session.

As the transition from the technical to political phase of the stocktake, this session should start formulation of key recommendations for the second phase of the Paris Agreement.

We would like to encourage participants of all 4 tables to consider how they can seize the opportunities of urbanization and multilevel action in responding climate emergency since they will be the new normal, taking into account all outcomes from COP26 and COP27.

In order to support this, the LGMA Constituency has worked on a Stocktake4ClimateEmergency model as the formulation of local and subnational inputs to global stocktake. This model is also a clear response to the SB56 conclusions in June 2022 to open the global stocktake to the local, national and international level. The Stocktake4ClimateEmergency model focuses on 3 priorities; local and subnational commitments for 2030 and 2050, urban components of NDCs, and addressing climate justice domestically and globally.

We are happy to inform you that the City of Concord in the US was the first city to apply this model and we are confident that numerous additional examples will be available by COP28. Through this model, in practical terms, every city hall will transform into a mini-COP venue, and connect goals and aspirations of the Paris Agreement with communities at large and their realities on the ground.

We invite all UNFCCC Parties and Partners to work with LGMA Constituency in using the Stocktake4ClimateEmergency model as an innovative approach to renew political commitment for ambitious, inclusive and just emergency mode of action, through a bottom-up process in a globally consistent coordinated framework.

I thank you. (336 words)