



**Statement by the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) at the Global Climate Action High-Level Event on December 4th 2018 at 10:00-11:30 during COP24 in Katowice, Poland**

The United Cities and Local Governments of Africa is the umbrella organization representing the voice of over 16,000 local and subnational governments of the African continent. UCLG Africa as many other key stakeholders do participate to the collective effort to combat climate change through the implementation of the NDCs.

UCLG Africa is aware of the renewed alert by IPCC Experts that the implementation of NDCs as currently defined, direct us towards a global warming of about 3 degrees Celsius, above the 2 degrees defined as the limit to avoid climate chaos.

UCLG Africa also shares the warning of the UN Secretary General that we only have two years left to act before the climate trajectory becomes irreversible.

UCLG Africa members therefore pledge to participate in this ambition to limit the global warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius notably by promoting the implementation of Locally Determined Contributions (LDCs) extending and complementing the NDCs.

UCLG Africa members encourage public and private actors involved in climate finance, and specifically the Green Climate Fund, to direct significant financial flows to local and subnational governments.

To this end UCLG Africa hopes to see a “Readiness 2.0” program being defined and implemented with a view to supporting cities and local/subnational governments to prepare and submit funding proposals eligible for the Green Climate Fund and the other instruments of Climate Finance.