

Seoul Communiqué 2016 for the New Climate Regime

We, the cities and local governments participating in the Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change 2016, support the Paris Agreement which recognizes the significant contribution from cities and local governments in tackling climate change. We commit to actively engage in the implementation of the Paris Agreement which creates a new era of a universal, ambitious and inclusive action on climate change.

Convinced that cities and local governments should have more specified and strengthened role in the global climate discussions in order to raise the level of ambition, we encourage:

- Parties to the Conference of Parties to promote the inclusion of cities and local governments in the process of establishing and achieving Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), through an improved coordination and collaboration between all levels of government;
- the UNFCCC Secretariat to recognize the Compact of Mayors as a key initiative that guides and supports local governments with technical assistance and collecting data which could connect the commitments of cities and local governments to their respective NDCs, and showcase all relevant commitments of local and subnational governments through the NAZCA Platform via the carbonn Climate Registry or other appropriate mechanisms;
- local governments around the world to commit to the Compact of Mayors and join other key thematic initiatives such as the 100% Renewable Energy Cities and Regions Network and the Global Lead City Network on Sustainable Procurement (GLCN) to access available support;
- the global financial institutions to dramatically improve city access to climate finance, and to consider applications submitted under the Transformative Actions Program (TAP) as priority implementation projects, and;
- HABITATIII negotiations to result in options that further enhance the engagement of the cities and local governments in the New Urban Agenda, in particular in the climate change and sustainable procurement and consumption processes.

We welcome the decision of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for a more detailed and holistic approach to urban issues to be addressed in upcoming reports. Therefore, we commit to active leadership from cities and local governments, and look forward to accelerate vertically integrated ambitious climate action.

We welcome further input from cities and local governments around the world to enhance their engagement in the UNFCCC activities through the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency.

We encourage all national governments, in particular those with high emissions from both developed and developing countries, to submit their ratification as early as possible to ensure that the Paris Agreement enters into force.

We aim that this document is discussed in-depth at the Habitat III conference, which will be held in Quito in October 2016, and consequently be shared as a message from cities and local governments at the COP22 to be held in November this year.

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1) The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, as the merger between the Compact of Mayors and the Covenant of Mayors, active as of 1 January 2017.

Cities and Local Governments participating in the Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change 2016

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Ansan, Republic of Korea	Legapzi City, Philippines
Aspen, USA	Makati, Philippines
Bontang, Indonesia	Matale, Sri Lanka
Budapest, Hungary	Montreal, Canada
Cape Town, South Africa	New Taipei City, Chinese Taipei
Catbalogan City, Philippines	Nilphamari, Bangladesh
Fengxi New City, People's Republic of China	Quezon City, Philippines
Galle, Sri Lanka	Quito, Ecuador
Guangyuan City, People's Republic of China	Seoul, Republic of Korea
Gui-an New Area, People's Republic of China	Surabaya, Indonesia
Guiyang City, People's Republic of China	Suwon, Republic of Korea
Gumi, Republic of Korea	Taichung City, Chinese Taipei
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