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#MultilevelActionDelivers: City and Regional Leaders Call for Multilevel Action and Financing to Respond to the Climate Emergency at UNFCCC COP27

(Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt) Representatives from Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA), the recognized voice of cities and regions into the UNFCCC climate negotiation process, gathered to advocate and illustrate how multilevel action is critical to achieving climate goals set out in the Paris Agreement. [Click here](#) to view the recording.



(Left to Right: Marta Suplicy, Yunus Arikan, Kobie Brand, Veronica Arias. Photo ©ICLEI)

"LGMA calls on UNFCCC Parties to acknowledge that multilevel action delivers the Paris Agreement, building on the recognition of the multilevel and cooperative action in the Glasgow Climate Pact and the transformative power of sustainable urbanization to respond to climate emergency." said Yunus Arikan, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and Focal Point for LGMA.

Key asks from Parties at COP27 include;

Endorse the Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation (SURGe) Initiative; a multilevel climate governance initiative sponsored by the COP27 Presidency and endorsed by 70+ organizations, focused on five tracks: buildings and housing, urban energy, urban waste/consumption, urban mobility, and urban water.

To learn more about the SURGe initiative, [click here](#). Leaders from national, subnational, financial, private, academic, NGO sectors are encouraged to endorse the SURGe initiative by completing [this form](#).

"I commend the COP27 Presidency for their focus on implementation at the local level through initiatives like SURGe and the first Ministerial on Urbanization. I invite you to

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support these initiatives and me in my mission to give multi-level action a central position during COP27. If successful, this will be the last COP where cities are not formally recognized voices on the agenda,” said Sharon Dijksma, Mayor of Utrecht, The Netherlands, and LGMA Special Envoy to Ministerials at COP27.

In her capacity as the ICLEI/LGMA Special Envoy for COP27 Ministerials, Mayor Dijksma launched [Call to Action: Making multilevel action during COP27 a success](#) at the end of the Daring Cities Forum 2022. As of 3 November 2022, The Call-To-Action was signed by more than 30 Mayors, other local and subnational leaders and non-state actors. The Call-To-Action will be open until 14 November 2022, and final list of signatories will be merged with those who signed up to the Global SURGe Alliance to be announced at the COP27 Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change on 17 November 2022.

Signatories as of Current endorsers include:

- Frank Cownie, Mayor, Des Moines, USA; ICLEI President
- Minna Arve, Mayor, Turku, Finland
- Katja Dörner, Mayor, Bonn, Germany
- Abi Binay, Mayor, Makati City, The Philippines
- Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor, Chefchaouen, Morocco
- Manuel Araujo, Mayor Quelimane, Mozambique
- Ricardo Nunes, Mayor, City of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Anwar Abuzarifa, Mayor, Abasan Al-Kabira, State of Palestine
- Rafał Trzaskowski, Mayor; Chair of Environment Commission of European Committee of the Regions, Warsaw, Poland
- Ahmed Aboutaleb, Mayor, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- Fatimetou Abdel , Malick, President of Regional Council, Chair of UCLG Africa, Regional Council of Nouakchott, Mauritania
- Ada Colau, Mayor; UCLG Co-President, Barcelona, Spain
- Anne Hidalgo, Mayor, Paris, France
- Kate Gallego, Mayor, Phoenix, Arizona, USA
- London Breed, Mayor, San Francisco, California, USA
- Honey Lacuna, Mayor, Manila, The Philippines
- Ald Tania Campbell, Mayor, Ekurhuleni, South Africa
- Claudia Nayibe López Hernández, Mayor, Bogota, Columbia
- Sophie Hæstorp Andersen, Mayor Copenhagen, Denmark
- Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami Dade, Florida, USA
- Kostas Bakoyannis, Mayor, Athens, Greece

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- Marvin Rees, Mayor, Bristol, UK
- Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council, Scotland
- YOUNGO Constituency to the UNFCCC
- WWF International
- FMDV-Global Fund for Cities Development
- Eastern Regional Organisation for Planning and Housing (EAROPH)
- Rockwool Group
- National Park City London
- University of Oxford Earth Sciences
- Sons and Daughters of Africa, Uganda
- Association Nigérienne des Scouts de l'environnement
- Benin Jeunesse Elite
- Eziodu Initiative for Sustainable Environmental Development, Nigeria
- Munansi Green Initiative, Uganda
- Shanghai Yangtze Delta Human Eco-Tech Development Center
- Aprodea, DRC
- Cassava Industry, Portugal
- Custom Built, Ghana

Welcome the first-ever UNFCCC COP27 Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change

“São Paulo is one of the biggest metropolises in the world, especially in the global south, and its commitment with climate actions has become a true “city commitment”, where everyone has a role to play: enterprises, communities, organizations, academia and the local government. We’ve created a municipal council on climate change with concrete funding and tasks in order to review and follow up on the implementation of the climate commitments in our public policies” said Marta Suplicy, Head of International Affairs of the City of São Paulo.

Ms. Suplicy was pleased to share “Brazil is back! President Da Silva is a very special kind of leader. He understands the connection between climate and poverty. We have many people around the world who are ready to take this on; the recent election of Biden in the United States, Macron in France, Petro in Columbia and now Da Silva in Brazil. São Paulo is a rich city but other cities in Brazil and Latin America need help, not words. Grants, not loans.”

City of São Paulo has always played a key role in connecting Brazil to the global climate community, now that role will be even stronger with the recent election of Lula Da Silva, whom the LGMA Multilevel Action Pavilion will be happy to welcome during COP27.

“No single country or company or coalition can solve this problem alone. All of us must work together. We strongly believe that multilateralism and multilevel action is an

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opportunity to engage powerful politicians and urge ambitious and effective decisions on the climate threat," said Veronica Arias, CC35 Director.

Mobilize Climate Emergency Finance to accelerate implementation of the Paris Agreement; including recognition of sustainable urbanization as a non-market mechanism under the Art6.8, engaging subnational development banks, addressing loss-and-damage and supporting project pipeline facilities.

"Our local governments are already acting boldly to combat climate change, sometimes with extremely limited means and resources, but these actions need to be scaled via significantly increased and urgent access to finance. Africa needs \$7 to \$15 billion per year to mitigate impacts of climate change," said Kobi Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI, and Regional Director, ICLEI Africa Secretariat.

The Urban Africa in Action at COP27 series of daily sessions at the LGMA Multilevel Action Pavilion in the Blue Zone will address a range of challenges faced by our African cities and showcase context-specific solutions. The session topics will correspond with the COP27 thematic days and be complemented by sessions in our pavilion we share with UCLG Africa. Topics in these sessions include a focus on climate financing, multilevel governance, adaptation, low carbon solutions, food systems, nature, implementation and action.

The LGMA Multilevel Action Pavilion, the home for local and regional governments in the UNFCCC COP27 Blue Zone, has announced over 70 sessions of rich programming and meaningful dialogues showcasing that #MultilevelActionDelivers with support from over 45 organizations. To view the schedule, [click here](#). To register for events, [click here](#).

