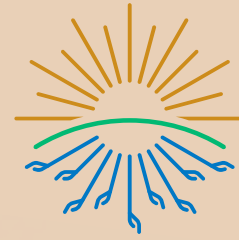




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“ We have been pledging for decades to protect our climate, and still we are far away from climate neutrality, which is the only way to ensure a sustainable and livable planet for all. We urgently need to move from commitments to achievements, learning also from what local and regional authorities are already doing, and listening to what they need to be able to do more. Cities and regions must be empowered to shape climate policies at all levels, as they are the ones having to deliver climate action and implement the Paris agreement on the ground. This role needs to be recognised and enforced at the UN level, with new mechanisms to engage with subnational authorities along with financial and technical support. ”

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As the European Union’s political assembly of local and regional governments representing more than one million elected politicians in the 27 Member States, and as part of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency to the United Nations, the European Committee of the Regions:

- Recalls that the Paris Climate Agreement recognises the important role played by multilevel governance in climate policies and the need to engage with cities and regions and therefore urges that this principle be put fully into practice, driven by the **COP26 Glasgow Climate Pact** which highlights the urgent need for multilevel and cooperative action and recognises the important role of local communities in addressing and responding to climate change.
- Is deeply concerned about the **latest IPCC report**, which confirms that the total net GHG emissions have continued to rise during the period 2010–2019, and that the rise in weather and climate extremes has led to some irreversible impacts as natural and human systems are pushed beyond their ability to adapt.
- Calls on the Egyptian Presidency and the Parties to involve local and regional authorities both in the in the revision of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and in the global stock take (GST) of the Paris Agreement. Invites the UNFCCC to organize an Annual Subnational Climate Forum for dialogue between Parties and local and regional authorities in the EU, based on the experience of the Regional Climate Weeks.
- Stands ready to serve as the main coordinating institution for subnational climate diplomacy in the EU and its neighboring countries ahead and beyond the next UNFCCC Conferences of the Parties.
- Reiterates the need for a global system to collect and monitor cities’ and regions’ carbon emission reductions and calls for the formal inclusion of Regionally and Locally Determined Contributions (RLDCs), to complement the NDCs globally.
- Calls for direct access to funds for subnational governments, as well as technical assistance to facilitate city- and region-driven processes and boost public-private investments on targeted climate and energy projects ensuring support for the most vulnerable as to deliver a just transition leaving no one behind, also in the framework of implementing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Highlights that subnational governments are the most suitable actors to define climate adaptation goals and therefore calls for subnational progress and commitments on adaptation to be included and shared through the Paris Global Stock take and in the Global Goal on Adaptation negotiations.
- Calls for a formal recognition in the UNFCCC regulatory framework of the pivotal role of subnational governments in accelerating a just climate transition and in the design and implementation of climate actions contributing to achieving the goals of the Paris agreement.
- Calls on the UNFCCC to work in partnership with the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) towards a consistent framework for climate neutrality and resilience, biodiversity protection and sustainable development and welcomes the Edinburgh Declaration on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its inclusive “whole of government” approach.
- Commits to contribute to the acceleration of the transition towards climate-neutrality by 2050 at the latest, via its communications and political engagement campaign **Green Deal Going Local** and to support local and regional authorities to deliver climate action, in partnership with all institutions and global networks of local and regional governments.



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“Created in 1994, after the entry into force of the Maastricht Treaty, the European Committee of the Regions is the EU’s assembly of 329 regional and local representatives from all 27 Member States, representing over 447 million Europeans. Its main objectives are to involve regional and local authorities and the communities they represent in the EU’s decision-making process and to inform them about EU policies. The European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council have to consult the Committee in policy areas affecting regions and cities. It can appeal to the Court of Justice of the European Union as a means of upholding EU law where there are breaches to the subsidiarity principle or failures to respect regional or local authorities.”

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