



Declaration " EU Green Deal: from local to global"

This declaration aims to contribute to the LGMA COP28 Roadmap

We, local and regional authorities from the all over the world, following the works of the UNFCCC COP27, acknowledge the efforts of the Parties to reach an agreement to align the climate ambition and to support a just transition that includes energy security. However, without the full engagement of their subnational governments the path to climate neutrality and a resilient future will take longer.

We therefore call on UNFCCC to:

- Reinforce the formal recognition of the role of subnational governments in the fight against climate change, starting from a formal inclusion of Regionally and Locally Determined Contributions (RLDCs) as a complement to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and to include a section on climate commitments, actions and achievements undertaken by subnational governments in the national inventory reports of the Paris Climate Agreement transparency framework.
- Propose Parties to systematically step up their effort towards an effective multilevel climate governance, and allow for effective and long-term coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the Paris Agreement at regional and local levels, with national governments.
- Consider that vulnerable groups suffer the most from the negative impacts of the climate-related crisis and that a just transition needs to fully accommodate the social effects through designated support and direct climate funding to the regional and local level.
- Work in partnership with UNCBD and UNDP towards a consistent framework for climate neutrality and resilience, biodiversity protection and sustainable development. We welcome the Edinburgh Declaration on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, example of an inclusive "whole of government" approach and encourage links between the Biodiversity COP and climate COP.
- Call for regional and local governments progress on mitigation and adaptation to be included and shared through the Global Stocktake (Stocktake4ClimateEmergency), and Global Goal on Adaptation negotiations, so that their commitments and needs for support (institutional and financial), be taken into account in the implementation of the goal, or review of progress. In this, finding a common framework of analysis for evaluation of the impact of the adaptation goal is key, and local and regional governments can share their expertise, and benefit from an adapted framework at their level to assess progress.
- Welcome the SURGe Initiative and make the necessary steps to assure its continuity, including a Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate at COP28.

We recall that the Paris Climate Agreement and the Glasgow Climate Pact recognize the important role played by multilevel governance in climate policies, with a view to help cities and regions deliver their climate commitments.

We, local and regional authorities from the all over the world, stand ready to:

- Setup an Annual Subnational Climate Forum for dialogue between Parties and local and regional authorities to support efforts at national and international level towards COP28.
- Cooperate with city networks and partners through the Global Covenant of Mayors in collective effort to setup a Common Reporting Framework allowing to feed into the work on RLDCs.
- Report progress to the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience, and implement our commitments
- Foster subnational cooperation towards a holistic approach to climate action, and the creation of a GLocal Green Deal (building upon the EU Green Deal approach).