



Story of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

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Question 3: How do we get there?

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Seizing the potential of the Urban World

Paris Agreement recognizes the importance of engagement of all levels of governments. This comes at a time when majority of the world's population, economic growth, technological innovation and vulnerable communities will be concentrated in urban centers and their hinterlands. Addressing the transformative power of sustainable integrated urban and territorial development and engaging all levels of governments can offer national governments vast opportunities to fix-and-lift Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and make them fit for Paris Agreement. Since 1991 through its network, and since 1995 as LGMA Focal Point to the UNFCCC, ICLEI has been offering its tools and programs on capacity building, networking and advocacy as a service to more than 1500 local and regional governments in more than 100 countries as well as to the UNFCCC Secretariat and Parties. Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues is the time for ICLEI and all networks to kick-off good practices of multilevel climate action. (150 words)

“Talanoa Dialogue is an opportunity fix-and-lift Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and make-them-fit for Paris Agreement by bridging sustainable urban development with climate action and engaging all levels of governments. ICLEI is happy to facilitate Talanoa Dialogues in more than 50 cities and regions worldwide to ensure bottom-up, innovative and proactive leadership of local and regional governments in this process.”

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