



Summary of input from ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability made on behalf of the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues

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Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues –platforms for multilevel action to deliver and raise NDCs

Talanoa Dialogue can help to seize the potential of urbanization and enhance the engagement of local and regional governments in climate action.

The Paris Agreement, together with relevant provisions in the previous COP decisions in 2010 and 2013, as well as the recognition of the national circumstances in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, lays out the necessary legal foundation to build globally a new phase of vertically integrated multilevel climate action at every country. The concept of the Talanoa Dialogue comes at a perfect timing for an inclusive discussion to seize the potential of sustainable integrated urban and territorial development and enhance the engagement of local and regional governments in climate action at the national, supra-national and global levels. Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues are developed as a bottom-up, pro-active and immediate response of the local and regional governments to the COP23 decision on Talanoa Dialogues. Launched at the 9th World Urban Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in February 2018, this initiative aims to gather local and regional governments or their networks for interactions with ministries of climate and urbanization to deliver and raise the NDCs. Within the scope of Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues more than 20 events are announced as of March 2018. The process is facilitated by ICLEI in its capacity focal point of Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency and on behalf of Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments, where UN-Habitat and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy acting as special partners.

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