

Summary of input from ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability for the Talanoa Dialogue submission

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1- Local and regional governments in climate action – extracts from the carbonn Climate Registry

The compilation of information reported at the carbonn Climate Registry by more than 1000+ local and regional governments in 86 countries.

2017 figures of the carbonn Climate Registry by 1000+ local and regional governments in 86 countries representing 800+ million inhabitants reveal that; 57% commit to reduce or avoid GHG emissions, 19% commit to Renewable energy, 17% commit to Energy efficiency, 2 % commit sector specific targets (e.g. improve waste management treatment), 5% report Adaptation target More than 10% of reporting entities have targets towards 2050 or ambitious by committing to 100% Renewables. More than 30% of local and regional governments report climate mitigation targets that are more ambitious than their national governments. The GHG emissions reduction commitment of the reporting entities at the carbonn Climate Registry collectively may reach up to 5.6 GtCO₂e by 2020, that is equal to taking-off over 1 billion cars (i.e. all registered passenger vehicles globally) from traffic for one year. The data compiled at the carbonn Climate Registry demonstrate that local and regional governments have a broad portfolio of focus areas on climate mitigation and adaptation actions, ranging from policies/strategies to technical investments, research, awareness raising, fiscal mechanisms, organizational arrangements and stakeholder engagement. It is reported that more than 70% of these 7000 planned, in progress or completed actions are self-financed by the budgets of local and regional governments, amounting to more than US\$200 billions.

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2- Future climate action - Holistic and multilevel

The future climate action has to be designed holistically and vertically integrated to respond to the challenges, solutions, and global processes.

The future climate action has to be designed holistically and vertically integrated through multilevel collaboration in order to respond to the scale of challenges, the interconnectedness of the potential solutions, and the evolution of global processes. Holistic climate action demands an enhanced coordination between mitigation and

adaptation, as well as close collaboration with other sectoral approaches such as biodiversity, procurement, health. Multilevel collaboration requires more synergy both across different agencies and departments of any specific local or regional government as well as with other levels of governments whose decisions and investments are impacting climate actions with specific jurisdictions or territories. ICLEI Climate Strategy to be revised at World Congress in Montreal in June 2018 will contain a call for commitment to climate-neutrality, with a vision for both place-based and consumption-based emissions before mid-century through fossil-fuel free development powered by 100% Renewables. A failure in the delivery of the Paris Agreement may offset progress in the SDGs, whereas raising the ambition of the Paris Agreement may accelerate to attain all SDGs in a shorter time frame. Supporting green urban economy, improving urban air quality, increased jobs and business opportunity creation are recognized as the top 3 intensively observed co-benefits of more than 7000 climate mitigation and adaptation actions reported at the carbonn Climate Registry.

3- The way forward –engaging local and regional governments in a new climate governance

The implementation of the Paris Agreement has to be supported with an innovative thinking and governance models.

A broader vision on the role of non-party stakeholders, recognition of the importance of the engagement of all levels of governments, universality of the agreement by avoiding any grouping of the national governments and the introduction of the concept “in light with their national circumstances” after the principle of “common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities” are unique features of the Paris Agreement. All these require the implementation of the Paris Agreement to be supported with an innovative thinking for engaging stakeholders, in particular local and regional governments, who were acknowledged as “governmental stakeholders” through para.7 of the Dec.1/COP16 in 2010. ICLEI will be ready to present Parties its capacity building and networking experiences through its GreenClimateCities methodology. The methodology is a step-by-step approach for any local and regional government, regardless of size and geographical location, to act, analyse and accelerate climate action. Friends of Cities, CitiesIPCC, Global Protocol for Community Scale GHG Emissions, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, Cities and Climate Finance Leadership Alliance, Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue, sustainable and integrated urban and territorial development, implementation of biodiversity contains good practices of multilevel collaboration for action.