



LGMA BRIEFING ON THE COALITION FOR HIGH AMBITION MULTILEVEL PARTNERSHIPS (CHAMP)

WHAT IS CHAMP?

The [Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships \(CHAMP\) for Climate Action](#) was launched in December 2023 by the COP28 Presidency in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies, and has since been endorsed by 75 Parties to the UNFCCC. Through CHAMP, nations have pledged to enhance cooperation with subnational governments (e.g. cities, towns, provinces, states, regions), specifically to:

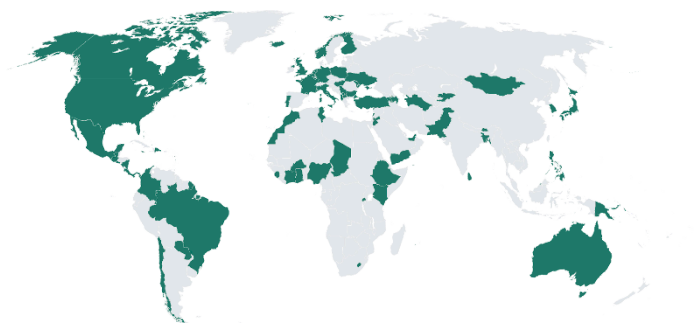
- **Consult and collaborate with subnational governments** over climate strategies (including NDCs, NAPs, NBSAPs, LT-LEDs) with a first major milestone to include contributions in NDC 3.0 due at COP30 in 2025.
- **Include investment needs and priorities from subnational governments** into national investment priorities and help unlock climate finance (public and private funding) to support subnational governments deliver ambitious climate action.
- **Report and share progress** voluntarily, including at the CHAMP High Level Political Dialogue.
(full CHAMP pledge and endorsers can be found [here](#))

75 Countries

34% of the global population

61% of global GDP

36% of global emissions



HOW DOES CHAMP RELATE TO THE LGMA?

CHAMP is a coalition of national governments. The [LGMA \(Local Governments and Municipal Authorities\) Constituency](#), individual cities, regions or their networks are not part of the coalition¹, but we are supportive of it because CHAMP our Constituency can benefit the most from the 75 countries implementing more multi-level climate actions. The LGMA can work together to take actions that hold CHAMP endorsers accountable and help them deliver their pledge, such as:

1. Encourage national governments [in CHAMP](#) to fulfil their pledge by:

- Advocate for CHAMP-aligned NDCs if their NDC has not yet been published [DELIVERING CHAMP-ALIGNED NDC 3.0 - Guidance for Endorsers](#).

¹ C40 and GCoM have been asked by current CHAMP leaders, the UAE and Brazil, to help them coordinate some CHAMP activities, in particular the relationship with subnational governments or CHAMP meeting logistics. Other partners proactively working on CHAMP include: World Resources Institute, GIZ, MDB Cities Group, University of Maryland, Under2 Coalition, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, UCLG, NDC Partnership, America is All In, UNFCCC Secretariat, UN Habitat, UNEP, CDP, supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies.

- Show support for CHAMP and ask national governments to ensure a seat at the table for subnational governments during other climate policy developments.
- Key contact Ula Kasperek - CHAMP Head of National Engagement - ukasperek@c40.org

2. Encourage national governments not in CHAMP to join by:

- Adapting and sharing this [briefing paper](#), or taking a different, domestically relevant approach to encourage them to join.
- Key contact Asif Nawaz Shah - CHAMP Head of Impact and Global Partnerships - ashah@globalcovenantofmayors.org

There is an LGMA Working Group (WG) on Multilevel Action and CHAMP to discuss activities on multilevel action, including CHAMP, across the constituency. If you would like to join, please contact Amelia Dearman - WG Co-Chair GCoM adearman@globalcovenantofmayors.org or Toby Walker - WG Co-Chair Under2 twalker@climategroup.org