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COP31: THE RETURN TO 1.5°C IS DELIVERED BY CITIES, REGIONS AND STATES

With the world set to cross 1.5°C, local, regional and subnational governments come to Antalya with the delivery capacity, data and investment pipelines that the next phase of the Paris Agreement depends on.

Eighty networks of local, regional and subnational governments, representing tens of thousands of governments worldwide, have endorsed the COP31 Position of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency.

Bonn, Germany (5 November 2026) – COP31 opens in Antalya, Türkiye on 9 November under new scientific reports that the planet is set to cross 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels within the next few years. The outcomes of COP will determine how high the peak goes, how long it lasts and who delivers the return trajectory to 1.5°C.

Much of that answer sits below the national level. Local, regional and subnational governments decide how buildings are constructed and retrofitted, how land is used, how people move, how waste and water are managed, and how communities are protected from heat, flooding and fire. Forty-five percent of the world's population already lives in cities and a further 36 percent in towns, and around one billion people live in informal settlements, where climate impacts land hardest.

That is the level of government the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency represents in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process. Navigating overshoot requires proactive approaches built on flexible, multilevel governance, particularly for adaptation, and adaptation is implemented at local and regional scales rather than at the global scale where mitigation is measured.

The LGMA is the formally recognized voice of local, regional and subnational governments in the UNFCCC process, bringing together more than 85 networks that represent tens of thousands of towns, cities, counties, provinces, regions, states and devolved governments. Our COP31 Position has been endorsed by 80 networks of local and subnational governments.

The Position sets out six calls to Parties, current and future COP Presidencies, endorsers of the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships for Climate Action (CHAMP), the UNFCCC Secretariat and fellow observer constituencies: an energy transition outcome that accelerates subnational delivery; a just transition outcome with meaningful subnational representation in the Belém-Antalya Mechanism for Global Just Transitions; climate finance architectures that reach the subnational level, through country platforms, public development banks and funded project preparation; continued reliance on independent science, including the forthcoming Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Climate Change and Cities; a single formal space for Parties and subnational governments to address the

barriers to multilevel action; and faster delivery of the Global Goal on Adaptation and National Adaptation Plans through integrated local action. A Guidance for Negotiators accompanies the Position with proposed negotiating text on ten priority topics.

“Overshoot is no longer a risk we can plan around. It is the condition we now have to govern in,” said **Ariel Dekovic**, LGMA Constituency Focal Point to the UNFCCC. “Local and regional governments are already making the hard calls on what to protect, what to rebuild differently and how fast to move off fossil fuels. Many have plans ready but lack the mandate or the finance to deliver them. The LGMA Position asks Parties to close that gap by giving subnational governments the authority and access to finance they need, and by creating one systematic space where all levels of government work through the barriers together. The Paris Agreement already recognizes that implementation needs every level of government, and Antalya is where Parties can make that real.”

HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE: URBAN RESILIENCE, ADAPTATION AND CLIMATE ACTION

UN-Habitat and the COP31 Presidency will host the High-Level Dialogue: Urban Resilience, Adaptation and Climate Action as part of the World Leaders’ Summit on 12 November, the Resilient Cities and Built Environment Thematic Day. The dialogue will bring together Heads of State and Government,and leaders of international organizations and CEOs to discuss how national climate plans can be designed, financed and implemented in partnership with the governments responsible for delivering action on the ground. Building on the legacy of Habitat II, held in Istanbul in 1996, and the four Ministerial Meetings on Urbanization and Climate Change convened since COP27. This dialogue convening world leaders also draws on the Declaration on Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Cities adopted in Hatay in May 2026, Türkiye’s reconstruction experience following the February 2023 earthquakes, the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum in Baku and the urban roadmap towards COP31.

“Countries have made important climate commitments. Now it is time to deliver,” said Anacláudia Rossbach, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Habitat. “A large part of the answer lies in cities, where decisions on housing, transport, land and basic services shape both emissions and people's ability to withstand climate shocks. Prioritizing adequate housing, transforming informal settlements and slums and strengthening urban resilience must be central to climate action if we are to build a more sustainable and inclusive future. The High-Level Dialogue: Urban Resilience, Adaptation and Climate Action at COP31 gives national and local leaders as well as key implementation partners an opportunity to address the gaps together. We need an honest discussion about what has worked, what has blocked progress and what decisions are needed to support climate action in cities.”

THE MULTILEVEL ACTION PAVILION AT COP31

Since 2021, ICLEI and its partners have convened a pavilion in the UNFCCC Blue Zone as the gathering place for cities and regions. At COP31 that space is the Multilevel Action Pavilion, open from 11 to 19 November in the Blue Zone in Antalya. It is where local, regional and subnational leaders meet national negotiators, ministers, civil society and experts, and where the connection between local delivery and the negotiations is made in practice.

The Pavilion showcases local and regional government leadership, features solutions and experience from cities and regions worldwide, and convenes the LGMA network and its partners. Media are welcome. Note that events at this year's Pavilion are not livestreamed or recorded.

This year's Pavilion is co-convened by ICLEI, the LGMA Constituency, the Zero Waste Foundation and the Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, with Bloomberg Philanthropies as an organizing partner.

"In Antalya, the Multilevel Action Pavilion puts the local governments that deliver climate action together with the people negotiating it," said Gino Van Begin, Secretary General of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. "That matters because many of the new national climate plans say what a country will do, but not who is responsible for doing it, under what law, on what timeline and with what budget. Local and regional governments hold much of that missing detail, along with the mandates, the assets and the project pipelines. Local governments work through national electoral cycles and geopolitical shifts, which is particularly valuable in this volatile period for multilateralism. Antalya is the moment to build local capacity into the heart of the system rather than simply acknowledge it once more in a text."

QUOTES FROM LGMA MEMBERS

The LGMA Constituency stands as the voice of towns, cities, counties, territories, provinces, regions, states, devolved governments and others in the UNFCCC process, represented by accredited network organizations. Here are comments from members of the LGMA:

"As President of the Nouakchott Region, I bring to discussions with ministers and development partners our ability to take initiative and act with agility, alongside our understanding of our territory, the aspirations of our residents, our youth and our entrepreneurs, and the solutions we develop with them. Our responsibilities complement and reinforce one another; let us pool our resources to enable these solutions to reach their full potential. Our dialogue in Antalya must help us agree on investment priorities, mobilise and secure long-term financing, and commit to a delivery timetable that advances people's safety, the development of our communities and shared prosperity. Every delay between a joint decision and a family better protected comes at an irreversible human and environmental cost." - **Fatimetou Abdel Malik**, President of the Nouakchott Region, Vice-President of FMDV - Global Fund for Cities Development.

"Local and regional governments can provide services that will deliver climate transition if resourced with adequate, predictable financing. As President of UCLG and Special Envoy of the COP31 Presidency for Local and Regional Governments, I confirm our commitment to global climate multilateralism: real transformation begins in our territories, where governments and communities work together to deliver solutions that leave no one and no place behind." - **Uğur İbrahim Altay**, UCLG President and Mayor of Konya, Special Envoy for Local and Regional Governments for COP31

"Delivering the Paris Agreement requires courage and ambition beyond business-as-usual patterns. Worldwide, successful communities thrive because local leaders dare to innovate, iterate, and implement transformational approaches. To achieve lasting impact, the local community—including business and industry—must co-create this long-term vision and remain fully engaged across all stages of implementation. Together, we must empower local action to drive global transformation—because the path to Paris runs through our cities." - **Miriam Badino**, Technical Coordinator for the Urban Transitions Mission of Mission Innovation

"The CoR will be in Antalya as part of both the EU delegation and the LGMA constituency. Our message is clear: COP31 must be the COP of implementation. Commitments are already on the table, now we must turn them into tangible results for citizens. Delivery happens locally: through faster electrification, investment in renewables, and by protecting people from the extreme weather events. To deliver global

goals, subnational governments need the right mandates, better direct access to climate finance and a structured role in shaping global climate decisions, not just a consultation at the very end." - **Kostas Bakoyannis**, Chair of the European Committee of the Regions' ENVE Commission and Member of Athens City Council.

"Local and subnational governments are key drivers of the action needed to deliver the Paris Agreement. Newcastle has repeatedly recognised the climate emergency and taken action in response, including building our own solar farm, strengthening our approach to sustainable development and working with local communities to reduce emissions. Cities and regions are where much of the practical work of the transition happens, and COP31 should recognise the critical role local governments play in turning global climate commitments into action in our communities." - **Declan Clausen**, Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Australia.

"Local and regional governments implement up to 80% of the actions needed to achieve globally set climate goals. To connect local communities to national and international climate processes, CEMR is organising a 'Town Hall COP' during COP31 to bring up the discussion on multilevel governance, adaptation, resilience and science as a key tool to fight against climate change." - **Ronan Dantec**, Senator of Loire-Atlantique and Councillor of Nantes (France), Spokesperson on Climate and Energy of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR).

"The momentum behind CHAMP, launched at COP28, and SURFF, championed by the COP31 Presidency, makes the gap between the role of local and regional governments in international climate action and their inclusion in negotiated climate finance frameworks all the more apparent. In Antalya, we must break through this glass ceiling and make stronger subnational financial architectures a core, lasting priority of climate finance negotiations. By equipping local and regional governments, national and subnational public development banks, and domestic experts to prepare, finance and deliver local investments that connect with broader national transitions, countries expand their own capacity to mobilise resources and achieve their climate ambitions. This COP's legacy will be measured by the rules it helps change and the public financial engineering capacity it helps embed durably within countries to unlock the climate, economic and social potential of their territories." - **Carlos de Freitas**, Executive Director, FMDV - Global Fund for Cities Development

"In line with the high bar of ambition they have set in the past decade, cities and local governments are moving further, faster, and forward. More than 14,000 GCoM signatories are confronting overshoot in real time: setting ambitious emissions reduction targets, boosting adaptive capacity, and charting course for secure, affordable, and sustainable energy. Converting ambition into action requires a multi-level and cross-sector implementation sprint, driven by city needs, informed by science, and optimized for action." - **Andy Deacon**, Co-Managing Director of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM).

"We must lead with landscape, not end with it. Landscape is not an afterthought to climate action; it is the foundation upon which effective, lasting solutions are built. As landscape architects, we bring together the ecological, social, cultural and economic dimensions of place-based interventions at national and sub-national level, translating fragmented ambitions into integrated action on the ground. Through our work across the three Rio Conventions and our initiative for an International Landscape Convention, IFLA is advancing a fundamental shift: placing landscape at the heart of how we plan, govern and invest in our collective future." - **Carey Duncan**, President International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA).

“Climate resilience is built in territories, where communities, ecosystems, institutions and local knowledge come together. Through the Climate Hub Forum, we are advancing climate education, community engagement, nature-based solutions and the recognition of cultural heritage as an integral part of resilience. Our engagement in the LGMA working groups connects these ground-level priorities with the wider climate governance agenda, particularly adaptation, multilevel governance and equitable access to climate finance. We believe the Global South must be recognised not only as a recipient of climate support, but as an active contributor to shaping and delivering resilient, sustainable futures.” - **Erum Khan**, Chairperson, Climate Hub Forum.

“Climate change is already a public health issue in our cities. But knowing where the risks are is only the starting point. Cities need evidence to understand the benefits of action and make the case for investment. In Lagos, the Climate x Health Impact Dashboard quantifies the health burden of heat and air pollution and the potential benefits of low-cost, city-led interventions. Lagos is one of 33 cities across 21 countries working together through Resilient Cities, Reimagining Health, sharing knowledge and experiences to turn evidence into a stronger case for prevention. This is part of a wider challenge we are working with cities to address: moving from identifying resilience priorities to building the pipelines and partnerships needed to finance and scale solutions.” - **Lina Liakou**, Managing Director, Resilient Cities Network (R-Cities).

“In Buenos Aires, resilience and climate adaptation are already part of how we plan and manage our city. From expanding our network of climate shelters to investing in hydraulic infrastructure to reduce flood risks, we are working to better protect our communities from increasingly frequent extreme weather events. These efforts demonstrate how local governments translate climate commitments into concrete action. Strengthening access to climate finance is essential to sustain and scale up these solutions.” - **Jorge Macri**, Head of Government of the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

“As we move towards COP32 on African soil, COP31 must mark a turning point in recognizing local and regional governments as essential partners in delivering climate action. Across Africa, our cities and territories are already facing the impacts of climate change while driving solutions on the ground. What we need now is to translate global commitments into concrete territorial investments, strengthen access to climate finance, and empower local governments to lead sustainable and resilient development. COP32 must be an opportunity to move from ambition to implementation, ensuring that no African territory is left behind.” - **François Nestor Menguelé**, UCLG Africa Secretary General.

“Delivering the climate solutions the world urgently needs requires a new generation of local services driven by, adequate financing, and collective and inclusive action. COP31 in Antalya calls on us to act and to advance a new era of multilateralism that recognises the power of the convening of local action and leadership.” - **Emilia Saiz**, UCLG Secretary General

"Cities are already taking action, often with limited resources and little direct access to climate finance. We look forward to COP31 providing further impetus for the finance and decision-making support needed to bolster this action further. That means further recognition of local governments as partners in delivering national climate commitments, and investing in the project preparation that turns local plans into bankable projects. Climate action happens where people live, and local governments must be at the table when the decisions and the money are agreed.” - **Mohamed Sefiani**, Mayor of Municipality of Chefchaouen, Morocco, ICLEI Vice President.

“Climate action and climate adaptation mean that we must fundamentally transform our cities and their infrastructure. This is not just about resilience and protecting people from the impacts of climate change, but also about quality of life and sustainable urban development. Cities are not only confronted with the challenges of climate change; they are also developing innovative solutions of their own, as demonstrated by the examples from Stuttgart on urban heat stress and from Mannheim on the circular economy, which will be presented at COP31. We support the LGMA Position, which makes clear that cities are not just implementers, but also key drivers of change. That is why we call for representatives of municipalities to be included in Germany’s negotiating delegation.” - **Christian Schuchardt**, Chief Executive of the Association of German Cities.

“In Malmö, Sweden, our job is to retrofit buildings, give people real travel choices and protect neighborhoods from flooding. These are long decisions, and each one locks in either vulnerability or resilience for a century. Every flood defense built before the flood protects the budget that pays for the energy transition. Cities and regions design, build and maintain much of the infrastructure that decides whether national targets are met, which makes our access to finance a direct lever for Parties to close their own gaps.” - **Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh**, Mayor of Malmö; President of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.

“As the world faces the prospect of exceeding 1.5°C, investing in adaptation and protecting nature must be central to our response. Coming from Biodiversity COP17 to Climate COP31, we see the critical role of regional governments in connecting climate and nature action across territories, from major cities to remote rural communities, and the watersheds, forests and ecosystems they depend on. Ten years of RegionsAdapt have shown the commitment, experience and solutions that regions bring to building climate resilience. To close the gap between ambition and delivery, we must now unlock climate finance at the subnational level, moving beyond individual projects towards systemic, locally rooted solutions that can transform resilience at scale.” - **Natalia Uribe**, Secretary General, Regions4.

“Whilst many debate the future of climate action, mayors are already getting on with the job, bringing yearly actions to COP31 and demonstrating progress against delivery. Across C40 cities, we’re cutting emissions, creating cleaner, healthier communities and protecting people from the growing threat of extreme weather. Our mayors are making public commitments to what they’ll deliver in the year ahead, and holding themselves accountable for progress. That’s the spirit behind C40’s support for this united LGMA COP31 position: national leaders must embed subnational governments into just transition outcomes, unlock direct access to urban climate finance, and establish an institutionalised dialogue with cities. Cities are ready to do more, and COP31 must give them the backing they need to go further and faster.” - **Mark Watts**, Executive Director, C40 Cities.

“While the COP gathers negotiating Parties to combat climate change, implementation of any key decisions requires collaboration at all levels with those who can implement the solutions, such as renovating buildings, shifting to sustainable transport, planning green spaces and protecting residents with heat action plans. Local, regional and subnational governments stand ready to deliver in partnership, provided there is the mandate and funding to act.” - **Andreas Wolter**, Councillor of Cologne, President of Climate Alliance.

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THE EVIDENCE

Supporting figures for journalists, all included in the UNEP report "Limiting Overshoot" and hyperlinked here to the original source:

- Returns on resilient infrastructure: In low- and middle-income countries, each dollar invested in climate-resilient infrastructure yields around four dollars in avoided losses.
- Closing the NDC gap: In countries that have endorsed CHAMP, analysis of city commitments finds that if cities meet them they could close 37 percent of the gap between current NDCs and the Paris Agreement goal in 2030, 15 percent in 2040 and 22 percent in 2050.
- Missing delivery detail in national plans: Of the first 18 updated climate plans submitted by non-Annex I countries by mid-2025, all included a general implementation plan, but only two set out implementing bodies, legal frameworks, timelines, budgets and expected outcomes.
- Where people live: Forty-five percent of the world's population lives in cities and a further 36 percent in towns. Around one billion people live in informal settlements.
- Institutions and survival: Effective national and subnational institutions can substantially reduce mortality from extreme events, independent of a country's income level.

NOTE TO EDITORS

About the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency

Since the Earth Summit in 1992, when nine stakeholder groups including local authorities were designated as essential partners in implementing the global sustainability agenda, the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency has represented networks of local, regional and subnational governments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The LGMA has served as the voice of cities and regions since the first Conference of the Parties (COP) in 1995 and continues to achieve advocacy success for multilevel action in the climate, nature and desertification processes. The LGMA has grown to more than 85 networks of local, regional and subnational governments. The LGMA coordinates inputs to the global climate negotiations all year, influencing and informing outcomes toward meeting the Paris Agreement. For more information, please visit: www.cities-and-regions.org

About the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments

The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments is a coordination and consultation mechanism that brings together the major international networks of local governments to undertake joint advocacy work relating to global policy processes. It was set up in 2013 to bring the perspectives of local and regional governments to the SDGs, climate change agenda and New Urban Agenda in particular. The Global Taskforce convenes elected local and regional leaders from around the world in the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments, whose role in the follow-up of the New Urban Agenda is recognized in the Quito Outcome Document. For more information, please visit: https://www.global-taskforce.org/about-us

About ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (known as "ICLEI") is a global network of more than 2,500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development. Our Members and team of experts work together through peer exchange, partnerships and capacity building to create systemic change for urban sustainability. For more information, please visit: www.iclei.org

About the Association of German Cities

The Association of German Cities is the voice of cities. The Association represents the interests of all autonomous cities and most county-affiliated cities. As a community of solidarity of cities it represents the idea of local self-government to Federal Government, Federal States (Bundesländer), European Union, governmental and non-governmental organisations. The work and services of the Association of German Cities are primarily geared to the needs and interests of the member cities and their citizens. https://www.staedtetag.de/english

About C40 Cities

C40 Cities is a network of nearly 100 mayors of the world's leading cities working to deliver the urgent action needed right now to confront the climate crisis and create a future where everyone, everywhere can thrive. Mayors of C40 cities are committed to using a science-based and people-focused approach to limit global heating in line with the Paris Agreement and build healthy, equitable and resilient communities. We work alongside a broad coalition of representatives from labour, business, the youth climate movement and civil society to support mayors to halve emissions by 2030 and help phase out fossil fuel use while increasing urban climate resilience and equity. c40.org

About Climate Alliance

For over 35 years, Climate Alliance member municipalities have been acting in partnership with indigenous rainforest peoples for the benefit of the global climate. With some 2,000 members spread across more than 25 countries, Climate Alliance is Europe's largest city network dedicated to comprehensive and equitable climate action. Recognising the impact our lifestyles can have on the world's most vulnerable people and places, Climate Alliance pairs local action with global responsibility. climatealliance.org

About the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) is the first and broadest European association of Local and Regional Governments. Since 1951, we empower big cities, small municipalities, and remote rural areas, ensuring their local leaders are fully equipped to drive the sustainable transition of their territories and work hand in hand with their communities to address global challenges. For more information, please visit: ccre-cemr.org

About FMDV - Global Fund for Cities Development

FMDV is a global network of local and regional governments dedicated to financing sustainable, inclusive and resilient urban and territorial development. Through international advocacy, technical assistance and financial engineering, it works with governments, public development banks and investors to strengthen subnational financial systems, diversify resources and build lasting domestic expertise. Its approach connects institutional reform with investment in infrastructure, public services and local economic opportunities. FMDV serves as Secretariat of the Global Alliance of Subnational Development Banks (SDBs), with regional chapters in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, and of the AMUF Alliance of African

Ministers for Urbanization Financing. It is a member of the Executive Committee of the Finance in Common System (FiCS) and co-leads the LGMA Climate Finance Working Group alongside the City of Buenos Aires. For more information, please visit: financeyourcities.org

About the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)
GCoM is the largest global alliance for city climate leadership, uniting a global coalition of over 14,000 cities and local governments and 100+ supporting partners. The cities and partners of GCoM share a long-term vision of supporting voluntary action to combat climate change and towards a resilient and low-emission society. GCoM serves cities and local governments by mobilizing and supporting ambitious, measurable, planned climate and energy action in their communities by working with city/regional networks, national governments, and other partners to achieve our vision. Led today by UN Special Envoy for Climate Ambition and Solutions Michael R. Bloomberg and European Commission Executive Vice-President Teresa Ribera, the coalition comprises cities across 6 continents and 150 countries, representing over 1 billion people or more than 13 percent of the global population. https://www.globalcovenantofmayors.org/

About the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)
Founded in 1948, the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) is the global voice of the landscape architecture profession, representing 83 member associations and over 100,000 landscape architects across five regions: IFLA Africa, IFLA Americas, IFLA Asia-Pacific, IFLA Europe and IFLA Middle East. IFLA promotes excellence in education, research and professional practice while championing the fundamental role of landscape in shaping a sustainable future. Recognising landscape as the living foundation of our environments, communities and economies, IFLA advocates leading with landscape—integrating ecological, cultural, social and economic priorities into policy, planning and design. Through global partnerships and professional leadership, IFLA advances climate resilience, biodiversity and equitable development, while promoting the design of meaningful, inclusive spaces and places that enrich people's lives. https://www.iflaworld.com/

About Regions4
Regions4 is a global network of subnational governments driving action in climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable development. We were born in 2002 to represent states, regions and provinces at UN negotiations, European Union initiatives and global discussions on biodiversity, climate change and sustainable development. Today, Regions4 brings together 59 members across 25 countries, collectively representing 173 subnational governments reaching over 430 million people. For more visit: www.regions4.org

About the Resilient Cities Network (R-Cities)
Cities are already developing solutions to the risks their communities face. R-Cities helps those solutions travel. R-Cities mobilizes a global network of Chief Resilience Officers (CROs) and city teams embedded inside government. Through this network, R-Cities connects more than 100 cities across 46 countries and six continents, reaching approximately 337 million people. When cities learn from one another, the next city can move further, faster. R-Cities makes that possible by scaling proven solutions across cities, connecting city priorities to funding, so resilience projects move from plans to delivery, and bringing CROs' voices to the global stage. Cities solve. R-Cities scales. For more information, please visit: www.resilientcitiesnetwork.org

About the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) is the world's largest organization of local and regional governments and their associations, representing and advocating for their interests on the global stage. Headquartered in Barcelona and present across all world regions, UCLG brings together cities, metropolitan and regional governments, and national and subnational associations to promote democratic local self-government, strengthen cooperation among territories and amplify the collective voice of local and regional governments in international decision-making. Through advocacy, policy dialogue, knowledge-sharing and decentralized cooperation, UCLG works to ensure that local and regional governments are recognized as essential partners in addressing global challenges and advancing sustainable development that leaves no one and no place behind. https://uclg.org/

About United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa)

United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) is the umbrella organization representing local and regional governments and their associations, covering a total constituency of nearly 0,5 billion citizens across the African continent. Headquartered in Rabat, Morocco, UCLG Africa works to strengthen local governance, promote decentralization and empower African cities and territories as key drivers of sustainable development. Through advocacy, capacity building, strategic partnerships for the upscaling of territorial innovations, UCLG Africa supports local and regional governments in addressing major development challenges, including climate change, urbanization, resilience and access to sustainable financing. The organization advocates for the territorialization of global agendas, ensuring that African local governments play a central role in shaping and implementing climate and development policies.

About the Urban Transitions Mission (UTM)

The Urban Transitions Mission (UTM) provides a vital framework to scale ambitious efforts. Serving as an implementation ground for Mission Innovation initiatives, UTM enables leaders to exchange experiences, take bold risks, and test solutions that address global gaps. Through a diverse cohort of ambitious cities and a thriving Global Innovation Alliance of partners, UTM delivers proven, scalable models to the 14,000+ Global Covenant of Mayors signatories, bridging local action with our global climate targets.
https://urbantransitionsmission.org/