

**LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA) CONSTITUENCY
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It is an honor to be here, representing local governments and municipal authorities who are in the frontlines implementing climate action. We are here to call on one essential principle: inclusion. We call for the inclusion of local and subnational governments as indispensable for when we shift from negotiation to implementation.

Without subnational involvement, the Paris Agreement cannot be fully implemented. Cities and regions are able to close the gap on both NDCs and Adaptation commitments.

In Brazil, the creation of the *Conselho da Federação* brings together the Union, states, and municipalities, exemplifying multi-level governance in practice and advancing commitments such as climate federalism. Such experiences underline the importance of fostering similar spaces at the global level.

As we near COP30, the LGMA Constituency calls on Parties, the UNFCCC Secretariat, the incoming Presidencies, CHAMP endorsers and all relevant stakeholders to work together in building a dedicated UNFCCC space for multi-level climate governance and the urban agenda.

We understand that subnationals are crucial for the main priorities of the COP30 decision: Adaptation, Just Transition and Finance.

With ninety percent of adaptation measures occurring at the local level, subnational governments are central to climate resilience. In particular, we urge for the operationalization of adaptation indicators that reflect local realities and measure territorial progress towards the Global Goal on Adaptation. For example: indicators enabling tracking and aggregating local progress, ensuring that no local contribution remains invisible. The LGMA Constituency calls for adaptation to be treated with the same urgency and provided with the same appropriate and adequate resources as mitigation, and to be embedded across all levels of governance.

We also call for the formal recognition of local and subnational actors as key partners in achieving a just transition – one that leaves no one behind. As vital socioeconomic hubs, cities and regions govern key sectors such as energy, transport, waste, and construction, and are uniquely positioned to engage workers, unions, businesses, and vulnerable communities. Their engagement is crucial to ensuring social equity and effective delivery of results on the ground.

Furthermore, we highlight that localization of climate finance must become a fundamental pillar of the evolving global financial architecture. Resources must reach the territories where change happens. Cities and regions are finance mobilizers, essential for leveraging the private capital needed to meet the \$1.3 trillion funding goal for developing countries, as outlined in the forthcoming Baku to Belém Roadmap. For this, countries must ensure that reforms include concrete mechanisms for localising climate finance, supported by a national framework of access, that aligns with local and regional mandates, needs, visions, institutions, and capacities.

Through these steps, COP30 can begin a new era for multi-level cooperation; one that embeds local action and subnational leadership at the heart of global climate governance.

That is because climate action is local, and inclusion is the only way forward.

Thank you.