

LGMA* COP30 Vision Letter - as of 3 June 2025

Rallying for Local-to-Global-COP30 and beyond

In response to [COP30 Presidency Letters](#) and [COP28-29-30 Troika 1.5oC Roadmap](#),
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The Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency represents the voice towns, cities, counties, territories, provinces, regions, states, devolved governments and others (hereafter referred to as local and other subnational governments) in the UNFCCC process. LGMA constituents are key implementation partners of the Paris Agreement and at this critical moment in climate action, a decade after the agreement was signed, LGMA fully supports the Brazilian Presidency's vision to transform COP30 as a space of implementation.

1. Before Belém: Success at COP30 depends on advocacy and mobilization at home now.

We call on all local and other subnational governments, along with their networks, to deepen and expand their engagement with national governments - through initiatives such as Town Hall COPs and the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP) - to ensure that all UNFCCC Parties adopt their new generation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs 3.0) before COP30. These NDCs should serve as the foundation for new national climate plans that also incorporate or align with National Adaptation Plans and respond to the key elements of the Global Stocktake. In line with para.161 of COP28 UAE Consensus, national climate plans should reflect meaningful local and subnational involvement and promote inclusive action. Especially, CHAMP-endorsing countries should lead the way by submitting their NDCs with its local and subnational components well before COP30. To build momentum towards COP30, we also encourage local and other subnational governments to develop, elevate and showcase their own commitments, actions and plans - such as Subnational Transition Plans and Adaptation Plans - to respond to the Presidency's call for a "Mutirão" and help integrate climate action across all levels of governments.

2. In Belém: Multilevel action and urbanization can help COP30 advance commitments from Dubai and Baku through Brazil's "Mutirão Spirit".

Building on Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilions at COP26 to COP29, we will continue to secure our dedicated space at COP30 Blue Zone for connecting cities and regions with the global call for *mutirão*, in close collaboration with the COP30 Presidency and ensuring synergies with all relevant processes throughout the year. In Belém, all stakeholders must embrace opportunities to achieve a just transition through climate action. To make COP30 a success, all levels of governments must deliver on their commitments to transition away from fossil fuels, triple renewable energy capacity, and double the rate of energy efficiency improvements by 2030. All Parties must build trust in Baku-to-Belém roadmap for the operationalisation of annual \$1.3 trillion climate finance, ensuring it aligns with urban and nature-based finance needs, as critical for guiding effective future implementation. Parties must urgently operationalise adaptation indicators that reflect local and territorial priorities and establish a dedicated access fund for local and other subnational actors to address loss and damage impacts.

3. Beyond Belém: Local and other subnational governments must be key partners in building a new era of multilevel climate action governance.

We call all Parties and Constituencies to unite in strengthening multilevel governance within the UNFCCC and other relevant UN fora and to recognize the positive contribution of local and other subnational governments in delivering the Paris Agreement. In a time of fragile multilateralism, this is essential to deliver integrated, holistic, and ambitious climate action as a positive, collective response to the challenges of a fragmented world.

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1. Before Belém: Success at COP30 depends on advocacy and mobilization at home.

- A. We will accelerate our national advocacy for multilevel NDCs 3.0 that includes adaptation and means of implementation considerations, with good practices shared from CHAMP endorsing countries.
- B. We call for first-ever National Urban-Climate Ministerial meetings, mirroring the experiences of Urban and Climate Ministerials at COP27-28-29 at the national level, to be reported as input to the 4th edition at COP30.
- C. We will embrace innovative mechanisms to elevate our commitments, such as Town Hall COPs for a new generation of community-driven, nationally relevant, transformation-oriented climate action, showcase areas of progress through Subnational Transition Plans and Adaptation Plans and others as appropriate.
- D. We will support and engage actively in the COP30 Presidency efforts for Climate Leadership Circles, Global Ethical Stocktaking and Regional and Thematic Envoys.

2. In Belém: Multilevel action and urbanization can help COP30 advance commitments from Dubai and Baku through Brazil's "Mutirão Spirit".

- A. We will build bridges from UNHA2, UNFCCC Conferences in Berlin-Bonn-Copenhagen-Panama-Africa, UN Finance and Ocean Conferences, pre-COP30, Local Leaders Forum, COP30 Leaders Summit to COP30 in Belém and later feed into UNEA7. Building on Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilions at COP26 to COP29, we will continue to secure our dedicated space at COP30 Blue Zone for connecting cities and regions with the global call for *mutirão*, in close collaboration with the innovative approaches of COP30 Presidency. We will support the 4th UNFCCC Urban and Climate Ministerial and call for input from its national editions, Town Hall COPs, Subnational Transition Plans and Adaptation Plans, and other local and subnational sources. We will advocate direct local and other subnational government access in funds responding to loss-and-damage, operationalization of annual \$1,3TN for climate action in synergy with urban and nature finance needs, progress on transitioning from fossil fuels, build on Mitigation Work Programme dialogues on cities, buildings and urban systems and ensure adaptation indicators respond local and subnational needs.
- B. We will embrace new negotiation themes and action agenda opportunities and call for greater ambition on food, nature/biodiversity, health, culture, waste, informality, building/cooling, mobility and land use to deliver a just transition. We will support COP30 Action Agenda approach in connecting COP26-27-28-29 initiatives.

3. Beyond Belém: Building a new multilevel climate action governance

- A. We will position multilevel action and urbanization as key elements in transforming UNFCCC governance to deliver the Paris Agreement through recognition of the positive contribution of local and other subnational governments and increasing synergy between the Action Agenda, Global Stocktake themes, negotiations and outputs including multilevel NDCs 3.0 and NAPs.
- B. We will advocate for local and subnational action and dialogue as an opportunity to defend and elevate multilateralism in a new, enhanced, fair and ambitious global governance. We welcome new engagement models proposed by the Brazilian COP30 Presidency for climate action governance, with appropriate seats for constituency-based representation of local and subnational governments. We will ensure synergies between the UNFCCC governance revisions and UN80 Reforms, in line with the 2024 Pact for the Future, including outcomes of the UN Advisory Group on Local and Regional governments.
- C. We will enhance climate-land-nature nexus to respond to 1,5oC global warming overshoot and rescue Sustainable Development Goals towards and beyond 2030.

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