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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONSTITUENCY (LGMA) ASKS FOR TEXT INCLUSION IN COP29 NEGOTIATIONS

We, the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency, on behalf of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, would like to remind all Parties that we left Dubai with a huge sense of positive momentum following a successful Global Stocktake and Paragraph 161 of the UAE Consensus that urged all Parties toward multilevel action.

We call on all Parties to the Paris Agreement, current and future Presidencies of UNFCCC COPs, CHAMP endorsers, the UNFCCC Secretariat, along with 193 signatories to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to ensure that this momentum continues and include the following paragraphs in official negotiations outcomes:

Mitigation Work Programme: To recognise the useful outcomes of 2024 Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme focused on “Cities: buildings and urban systems”, we invite UNFCCC Parties to **support the Paragraph 6 - Option 2 by including the following wording highlighted in red to the para:**

Paragraph 6 - Option 2:

(d) The importance of enhancing collaboration between cities, subnational authorities, local communities and national Governments, **including multilevel cooperative mechanisms**, on developing and implementing mitigation actions;

And propose a new subparagraph:

(x) Welcoming the outcomes of 3rd and 4th Dialogues of Sharm El Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Programme (MWP) in 2024 and COP29 Ministerial Meeting on Urbanisation and Climate Change on 20 November, call for joint SBI/SBSTA dialogues to seize opportunities to enhance successful delivery of the Paris Agreement goals through sustainable urbanisation, to be presented and agreed at COP30.

New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance: To guarantee an ambitious, quantified climate finance goal that is just, equitable, well-funded, that can be directly accessed by subnational governments, as reflected in the Loss and Damage Fund principles, and that accelerates the transition across all levels of government, we call on Parties to **support the Paragraph 41 - Option 2 or 3 by including the following wording highlighted in red to the para**

*(b) Provide enhanced readiness support with an aim to strengthen sustained **subnational, national, and regional** capacity for access;*

*(c) Operationalize and prioritise of direct access modalities, in particular to facilitate direct access, **including at subnational levels;***

Implementing the outcomes of the first global stocktake: Building on Paragraph 161 of the COP28 UAE Consensus, as well as the landmark CHAMP (Coalition for High Ambition on Multilevel Partnership) initiative launched by the COP28 Presidency, **we invite Parties to support Option 2 for a strong COP29 mitigation outcome with the following additions:**

Paragraph 16:

Notes the findings of the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, that both adaptation and mitigation financing would need to increase manyfold, and that there is sufficient global capital to close the global investment gap but there are barriers to redirecting capital to climate action **at all levels of governments**, and that Governments through public funding and clear signals to investors are key in reducing these barriers, and investors, central banks and financial regulators can also play their part.

Paragraph 23:

Emphasizes the importance of the role and active engagement of non-Party stakeholders in supporting Parties in addressing climate change and urges Parties and non-Party stakeholders to continue collaborating to enhance **multilevel and gender-responsive** climate action, and accelerate implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement taking into account the outcomes of the first global stocktake

Especially for CHAMP endorser countries:

On Inputs, Para 12(f):

Information arising from the work of the high-level champions for the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, UNFCCC constituencies and other relevant non-Party stakeholders, including subnational transition plans;

Global Goal on Adaptation: To recognize that adaptation is inherently local, requiring tailored responses that address specific environmental, social, and economic conditions, we call on Parties to **support the Paragraphs 13, 20 and 21 by including the following wording highlighted in red:**

Paragraph 13:

13. Also encourages ongoing dialogue among Parties, experts and other stakeholders, **including subnational governments**, to support the mapping, development and refinement of indicators in line with established criteria and guidance, and invites the organization of regular dialogues and workshops, as needed, over the next year to review the progress on indicators work

Paragraph 20:

20. Decides that the final outcome of the United Arab Emirates–Belém work programme on indicators may include a manageable set of no more than 100 indicators, noting the need to avoid placing additional reporting burdens on Parties, that are:

(b) A menu of national-level indicators in order to capture the context specificity of adaptation action, enabling Parties to choose which indicators they will report on in the light of their national circumstances, **while ensuring consultation with subnational governments to ensure local relevance and applicability;**

Paragraph 21:

21. Decides that the final outcome would, where applicable:

(d) Include indicators that capture social inclusion, Indigenous Peoples, participatory **and multilevel** processes, human rights, children and young people, and persons with disabilities;

Just Transition Work Programme: To recognise the whole-of-government approach and the role subnational governments play in just transition pathways ensuring that solutions are localised, responsive to the needs of local communities and workers and to avoid entrenching inequalities at the local level, we invite UNFCCC Parties to **support the Paragraph 18 - Option 3 by including the following wording highlighted in red to the para:**

Paragraph 18 – Option 3

18. *Underscores* that multi-stakeholder, people-centric, bottom-up, whole-of-society approaches are required to achieve just transitions and *acknowledges the importance of a whole-of-government approach and the role subnational governments play in just transition pathways* and *recognizes* the importance of education systems and skills development, including through upskilling and reskilling, labour rights and social protection systems, and of consideration of the informal sector, the care economy, unemployed people and future workers for ensuring a just transition of the workforce;