

## LGMA STATEMENT AT SB62 JOINT OPENING PLENARY

**Delivered by; Andre Godinho, Extraordinary Secretary for COP30, Belém do Para, Brazil**

Mister Chair, distinguished delegates,

My name is Andre Godinho, Extraordinary Secretary for COP30 for the city of Belém do Pará, Brazil. I deliver this statement on behalf of the LGMA Constituency – the voice of local and regional governments in the UNFCCC process.

With nearly 1.5 million inhabitants, Belém do Pará stands ready to host the global climate community for COP30 in November 2025.

Beyond policies and plans, what truly sets Belém apart is its people. In Belém we may not have the same infrastructure as some other places, but we offer something rare — a deep, heartfelt welcome. The receptiveness of the people of Belém creates a human connection that no facility or building can replace.

It is time for the world to see the reality of urban Amazonia - where more than 70% of our population lives.

However, the success of COP30 in Belém will depend not only on what takes place at the summit itself—but, crucially, on the actions you take at home. It requires your commitment to turn the promises of past COPs into bold, updated national climate plans. That's why Belém is leading by example. With support from ICLEI, we have just launched our Local Climate Action Plan, completed our Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, and finalized our Ecosystem Services Diagnosis—concrete steps to confront the intertwined crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.

The LGMA Constituency warmly welcomes the Mutirão vision of the COP30 Presidency.

Here in Bonn, we are proud to announce our own vision: "Rallying for Local-to-Global: COP30 and Beyond."

This is a call to mobilize — before Belém, in Belém, and beyond Belém.

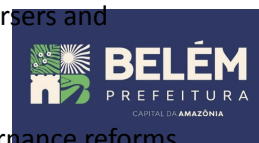
Our vision includes:

- Town Hall COPs to connect action at all levels;
- Elevating ambition through Subnational Transition Plans or similar mechanisms;

\* The Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is active since the first Conference of Parties (COP1) in 1995 and represents the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments at the UNFCCC since 2019. ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability acts as the LGMA Focal Point.

<https://www.cities-and-regions.org> - [lgma@iclei.org](mailto:lgma@iclei.org)

- Multilevel NDCs 3.0, enriched by good practices and supported by CHAMP Endorsers and partners;
- A new generation of Urban and Climate Ministerials;
- And reinforcing inclusive multilateralism through UNFCCC and broader UN governance reforms.



Belém is ready. Not because it is perfect — but because it is real, resilient, and willing.

The Amazonian capital is ready to welcome you with open arms.

Thank you.

\* The Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is active since the first Conference of Parties (COP1) in 1995 and represents the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments at the UNFCCC since 2019. ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability acts as the LGMA Focal Point.