Overview

LGMA Constituency Working Groups: Results of first call for Expressions of Interest

LGMA Working Groups on Adaptation, Climate Finance, Communications, Just Transition and Loss & Damage

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I. Overview

After the expiry of the deadline for expressions of interest to (co-)lead or participate in the five initial Working Groups for 2026 to 2027 (Adaptation, Climate Finance, Communications, Just Transition and Loss & Damage), a total of 65 expressions of interest have been submitted by Constituency members.

This document profiles each Working Groups' expressions of interest in more detail, giving an overview of interested co-leads and analyzing the composition of both the co-leads and participants in terms of the diversity criteria laid out in the LGMA Working Groups Terms of Reference (section IV, 4), as follows:

> *LGMA advocacy should be informed by the perspectives of those most affected by climate change, while also addressing existing participation imbalances and strengthening the legitimacy, inclusivity, and practical relevance of Working Group outputs. Therefore, Working Groups should strive to have diverse and balanced participation, taking into account diverse representation of:*
>
> *a. Networks of local and other subnational governments and other organizations represented within the LGMA. Organizations are encouraged to have no more than 2 representatives per Working Group*
> *b. Geographic regions, especially from the Global South*
> *c. Gender*
> *d. Types of subnational government(s) (networks) represented (e.g. local governments, state or regional governments, devolved administrations)*

II. Outcomes

1. Two of the Working Groups – **Climate Finance and Just Transition** – can be considered fully-formed based on our criteria for composition in the Working Group TOR. Climate Finance is particularly strong, with well-balanced, wide-ranging participation.

2. The remaining three Working Groups – **Adaptation, Communications and Loss & Damage** – will require further action.
    a. For the **Adaptation** Working Group, three people have expressed their interest in (co-)leadership.
        i. The Working Group TOR states: IV.3.e. *Where more than two expressions of interest for leads are received, candidates are encouraged to agree among themselves on proposed co-leads.*
    b. For the Communications Working Group, 3 people from ICLEI have expressed their interest in participating, and one of the co-leads is from ICLEI.
        i. The Working Group TOR states: IV.4.a. *Organizations are encouraged to have no more than 2 representatives per Working Group*
    c. For the **Loss & Damage** Working Group, there has not yet been any expression of interest in (co-)leadership.
        i. The Working Group TOR states: IV.3.f. *Where no expressions of interest for leads are received, the Steering Committee may seek a lead from the Members, appoint a lead or dissolve the Working Group*

3. Overall Working Group co-lead organizational balance has been achieved (no organizations are over-represented in WG leadership):
    a. Adaptation: Regions4, European Committee of the Regions, EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy
    b. Finance: FMDV, Buenos Aires City Government
    c. Communications: ICLEI, Quebec Government, Under2Coalition
    d. Just Transition: C40
    e. Loss & Damage: No co-lead currently

4. Based on the other criteria in the Working Group TOR, from the 65 Expressions of Interest:
    a. 45 are from the Global North, and 20 are from the Global South
    b. 34 identify as female and 31 identify as male
    c. Of the 15 government representatives, 6 represent local governments, 7 represent state or regional governments, and 2 represent devolved administrations

III. Steering Committee Decisions

#	***Decision***	***Recommendation from CFP***
1	***Convene Climate Finance and Just Transition Working Groups:*** *Convene these Working Groups*	*Based on the Criteria in the TOR, these two Working Groups can be convened.*
2	***Adaptation WG Co-Leads:*** *3 Members have*	*The Steering Committee acknowledges the growing level*

	expressed interest in co-leading the WG	*of interest and engagement in the Adaptation Working Group, as well as the significant voluntary time and capacity currently being contributed by members.* *To help ensure sustainable leadership and workload distribution, the Committee proposes exploring a rotating co-lead arrangement. Under this approach, the Working Group would maintain two co-leads at any given time, in line with the Working Groups Terms of Reference, while allowing for a rotation mechanism among three designated co-leads over agreed periods.*
3	***Loss & Damage WG (Co-)Lead:*** *No Member has yet volunteered to lead the WG*	*CFP confirms prior co-leads do not wish to express interest and then invites from amongst the 7 participant volunteers if anyone would like to be a (co-)lead.* *Loss & Damage is also made available on the second round expressions of interest for Working Groups, with an expressed intention of seeking a (co-)lead.* *If no lead can be found in these two processes, the Steering Committee will decide at the next SC meeting if the group should be convened.*
4	***Communications Working Group overrepresentation by ICLEI:*** *The Comms WG would have 4 Members from ICLEI, including the co-lead.*	*CFP confirms with ICLEI representatives if they all want to remain on the Committee or if up to 2 would like to withdraw or volunteer for other WGs within 7 days.* *As of 18.5.26 additional ICLEI members have withdrawn.*
5	***Ongoing Expression of Interest option for convened Working Groups****: How to deal with adding members to Working Groups that have already convened*	*WGs remain open for participation unless co-leads notify the CFP that the group has reached capacity. For larger Working Groups, such as finance, it might not be practical to keep the EOI open, as the group could become quite unwieldy to manage, but the co-leads can decide this.* *WG co-leads will receive new EOIs on a monthly basis. LGMA communications will include regular reminders about the option to express interest in Working Group participation.*
6	***Additional Steering Committee organization representation in WGs:*** *Some SC Members would still like to express interest in the WGs*	*As a few SC organizations have not yet been able to make their EOIs, CFP will keep open the option for these organizations to submit their EOIs in a timely fashion.*

IV. Final Outcomes

#	Decision
1	***Convene Climate Finance and Just Transition Working Groups:*** *Convene these Working Groups*
2	***Adaptation WG Co-Leads: Third Member withdrew, co-leaders are:*** *Heloise Chicou, Regions4 and Teresa Garcia Perez, European Committee of the Regions*
3	***Loss & Damage WG (Co-)Lead:*** *C40 and UCLG have volunteered to lead*
4	***Communications Working Group overrepresentation by ICLEI:*** *2 ICLEI members have withdrawn*
5	***Ongoing Expression of Interest option for convened Working Groups****: Form remains open for participants until Working Group leads deem the WG at capacity.*
6	***Additional Steering Committee organization representation in WGs:*** *SC Members expressed interest and were incorporated into the Working Groups*

Adaptation Working Group

Adaptation Working Group

Co-Leads (Expressions of Interest)

Three constituency members have expressed interest in (co-)leading the Adaptation Working Group. While all of them cover different organization types, they are all based in the Global North. Moreover, one interested co-lead is male and two are female.

Heloise Chicou
- Organization: Regions4
- Organization Type: Regional Government
- Gender: Female
- City and Country: Biarritz, France

Teresa Garcia Perez
- Organization: European Committee of the Regions
- Organization Type: EU advisory body
- Gender: Female
- City and Country: Brussels, Belgium

~~Bard Rama~~ (Withdrawn)
- ~~Organization: EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (and ICLEI)~~
- ~~Organization Type: Local and Regional Government Association~~
- ~~Gender: Male~~
- ~~City and Country: Brussels, Belgium~~

Name	Experience in the WG's topic area	Experience working with the LGMA constituency	Interest in Working Group (co-)leadership and capacity to lead it
Heloise Chicou	We lead the RegionsAdapt initiative supporting more than 80 regional governments in their adaptation strategies and reporting to the UN climate champions.	We have co'-led the Working Group with COR since the past 5 years.	We believe we can help connect local practices to global advocacy
Teresa Garcia Perez	For the past years I have served as co-lead for the LGMA WG on Adaptation, together with Regions4. We have followed negotiations on the GGA and steered the work of the LGMA on this topic. At European level, I follow the work of the EU on adaptation and resilience, at both policy and political level.	I have been actively involved in the LGMA Constituency for four years. I have contributed to LGMA technical submissions, position papers and policy messages to the UNFCCC. Currently, I am part of the LGMA Steering Committee.	I have been following in the past years developments within the GGA, contributing to negotiations on behalf of the LGMA, coordinating with the WG participants, feeding back into the wider LGMA and contributing to pre-and post-COP activities.
~~Bard Rama~~	~~My expertise in adaptation spans high-level governance and technical implementation. As the former Director of Operations for the UN IPCC Working Group II (Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability) during the Sixth Assessment cycle, I coordinated the delivery~~	~~Since September 2023, I have been a member of the ICLEI LGMA Team, and last year was invited to be LGMA/COP30 Task Force Member. In my capacity as the International Dimension Coordinator for the EU Covenant of Mayors (CoM), I bridge the~~	~~I am interested in a (co-)leadership role to leverage my unique position at the intersection of climate science (IPCC), municipal implementation (CoM), and global networks (ICLEI). My goal is to help the LGMA transition from broad advocacy to high-level technical~~

	~~of the world's most comprehensive scientific consensus on climate risks. Professionally, I coordinate the 'International Dimension' for the EU Covenant of Mayors, where I validate and promote Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) that prioritize urban resilience. This is complemented by a PhD in Sustainable Urban Systems (Ecodistricts), focusing on data-driven adaptation pathways for the built environment. Additionally, I coordinated the expert group review of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities (FOD) on behalf of the EU CoM. I have also served as a technical expert supporting municipalities in adapting to extreme pluvial flooding and protecting critical infrastructure.~~	~~gap between European municipal actions and global advocacy. I have consistently followed and supported LGMA actions by aligning the CoM's international outreach with the constituency's joint advocacy efforts. My work focuses on ensuring that local and regional governments have a coordinated voice at major international milestones, including the UNFCCC COPs, by showcasing subnational leadership in climate adaptation and mitigation.~~	~~and policy interventions that reflect the "Interoperability Gap" in adaptation monitoring.~~ ~~Regarding capacity, my current role at ICLEI Europe and the CoM is specifically designed to facilitate international coordination. I have a proven track record of managing complex global stakeholder processes—including the IPCC's review of 91,000+ comments—and presiding over international boards (AIA Continental Europe). I have the institutional support and professional mandate to dedicate the necessary time to convene meetings, synthesize member inputs, and represent the LGMA's adaptation priorities in international negotiations.~~

Participants (Expressions of Interest)

Name	Organization	Job Title
Carlos de Freitas	FMDV - Global Fund for Cities Development	Executive Director
Patricia Miranda Menezes	Barcarena City Government	Consultant
Brian Cantor	City of Marseille	Climate Diplomacy Project Officer
Charles Mabika	CITY OF HARARE	CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
Pia Carrasco	Independent/International consultant UNS	International Consultant
Walter Osigai Etepesit	Pan African Youth Climate Action Organization	Founder
Ernesto Rodriguez	Carbon Consult Group (CCG)	Climate Resilience Senior Consultant
Sarah Fox	Marquette University Law School	Associate Professor
Muna Ismail	Hargeisa Municipality	Focal Point
Merve Agca	Marmara Municipalities Union	Environmental Management Coordinator & Director Sustainability and Climate Change Center

Anina Hartung	ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability	Officer, Resilient Development
Ole Jørgen Grann	The Norwegian Ass. of Local and Regional Authorities, KS	Special advisor
Steffi Schueppel	IFLA International Federation of Landscape Architects	Landscape Architect
Andrew Potts	Climate Heritage Network	Director, Policy and Partnerships
Rachel Levesque	Government of Québec	Senior International Relations advisor
Anne-Sophie Lapointe	Government of Québec	International Affairs Advisor

Composition

A total of 16 constituency members (plus the three co-leads) have declared their interest in participating in the adaptation Working Group. Out of these:

a) No organization will have more than two representatives in the Working Group

b) 10 are based in the Global North and 6 in the Global South (including Türkiye)
Including Co-Leads: 13 are based in the Global North and 6 in the Global South

c) 9 are female and 7 are male
Including Co-Leads: 11 are female and 8 are male

d) 3 are part of local and regional government associations (including co-leads: 5)
4 are part of local governments
4 are part of civil society and NGOs
2 are part of a regional government
1 is part of the UN system
1 is part of the private sector
1 is part of an academic and research institution/think tank
1 co-lead is part of an EU advisory body

Climate Finance Working Group

Climate Finance Working Group

Co-Leads (Expressions of Interest)

Two constituency members have expressed interest in (co-)leading the climate finance Working Group. They cover different organization types and one of them is based in the Global North, the other in the Global South. Both of the interested co-leads are male.

Carlos de Freitas

- Organization: FMDV - Global Fund for Cities Development
- Organization Type: Local and Regional Government Association
- Gender: Male
- City and Country: Paris, France

Esteban Tomé Fuentes

- Organization: Buenos Aires City Government
- Organization Type: Local Government
- Gender: Male
- City and Country: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Name	Experience in the WG's topic area	Experience working with the LGMA constituency	Interest in Working Group (co-)leadership and capacity to lead it
Carlos de Freitas	FMDV seeks to serve as (co-)lead of the Climate Finance Working Group in order to strengthen the strategic positioning, coherence, and operational impact of LGMA's advocacy on financing. The current international context requires a decisive shift from high-level commitments to structured implementation pathways. Climate finance remains fragmented, insufficiently accessible to local and regional governments, and inadequately aligned with territorial needs. The Working Group has a critical role to play in addressing these gaps by delivering clear, credible, and actionable proposals that can influence UNFCCC negotiations and related processes. FMDV brings a unique combination of assets to support this mandate: - Proven leadership and continuity: building on previous co-leadership of the Working Group, ensuring stability, institutional memory, and immediate operational readiness. - Technical and strategic expertise: capacity to translate complex financial systems into actionable frameworks aligned with UNFCCC processes and negotiation tracks. - Operational grounding: direct experience in	FMDV's unique core mandate is dedicated to financing sustainable, just and resilient urban development and to advancing the localization of sustainable and green/climate finance. This positioning places the organization at the forefront of global efforts to design, test, and scale financial solutions tailored to the needs of local and regional governments. FMDV has developed a comprehensive approach combining policy advocacy, financial engineering, and operational implementation. This includes lately the design and deployment of Country Platforms for Localizing Finance (Finance Your Cities), which aim to structure national ecosystems that connect international financial flows with territorial investment pipelines. These platforms integrate dedicated subnational financing windows, project preparation facilities, and coordination mechanisms across levels of government. In parallel, FMDV has led the structuring and international recognition of Subnational Development Banks (SDBs) as key financial intermediaries capable of delivering climate finance at the local level. Through the Global Alliance of SDBs (over 90 members across 2 regional branches in LAC and Africa), FMDV has	We believe we can help connect local practices to global advocacy

	implementing financing solutions through urban-inclusive Country Platforms and partnerships with national and subnational stakeholders, particularly in the Global South. - Coordination capacity: ability to convene diverse actors (networks, governments, financial institutions) and to facilitate consensus-building and aligned messaging across the constituency. - Delivery capacity: dedicated team and resources to support drafting of LGMA positions, preparation of submissions, engagement in negotiations, and coordination of Working Group activities throughout the year. FMDV is committed to ensuring that the Working Group delivers timely, high-quality contributions to the LGMA Advocacy Position, supports effective engagement in UNFCCC processes, and strengthens the collective influence of the constituency. In doing so, FMDV will prioritize inclusivity, ensuring strong representation from the Global South, and will actively promote solutions that enable a structural increase of financial flows reaching local and regional governments. Finally, FMDV as host of the Secretariat of the AMUF Alliance of African Ministers for Urbanization Finance seats ideally as a strategic enabler regarding COP32 hosting by Ethiopia.	contributed to positioning these institutions within global climate finance discussions, including COP processes. FMDV also promotes and supports innovative financial instruments and mechanisms, including blended finance structures, pooled financing vehicles, special purpose vehicles (SPVs), social and solidarity economy and finance and local currency financing solutions. These tools are specifically designed to address structural barriers faced by local and regional governments, such as limited access to capital markets and low creditworthiness. This combination of policy influence and operational experience enables FMDV to bring grounded, scalable and actionable solutions to the Climate Finance Working Group as a lead or co-lead.	
Esteban Tomé Fuentes	We consider that, as a city, we have extensive experience in climate finance. Over the years, we have built a strong track record in the planning and implementation of both mitigation and adaptation projects addressing the impacts of climate change, whether through our own resources or by accessing international financing from numerous institutions. In recent years, Buenos Aires has explored options such as the issuance of green bonds and other instruments within the framework of carbon markets. In addition, the City is working on the development of a Climate Budget, a tool that will not only provide greater visibility into the structure of the City's budget and the allocation of funds to climate-related projects, but also enable forward planning and coordination across different government areas to prioritize actions established under the Climate Action Plan. While these initiatives and experiences place us in a strong position to lead the group, we are fully aware that there is still a long way to go. The launch of our fourth Climate Action Plan will continue to advance Buenos Aires' commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral city by 2050—an ambitious goal that requires access to international financing to meet these global challenges, not only by implementing innovative projects but also by ensuring they are inclusive and tailored to local needs.	The City of Buenos Aires has been working on climate finance for many years, not only advancing access to such financing but also building capacities to improve both access opportunities and the quality of related projects. Buenos Aires has extensive experience in the issuance of financial instruments, including bonds in both domestic and international markets, as well as in engaging with multilateral organizations and international climate networks to implement projects aligned with its climate agenda and policies, covering both mitigation and adaptation priorities. Examples of such projects include improvements to public transport in the city, such as the Metrobus system, and hydraulic infrastructure works aimed at preventing flooding. This process has been accompanied by the strengthening of internal technical capacities and the development of strategic frameworks. The City of Buenos Aires was the first jurisdiction in Argentina and one of the first in the region to adopt a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Law. It has also published three Climate Action Plans (with a fourth update currently underway). In addition, it has established a Climate Change Cabinet, which ensures cross-sectoral coordination across different areas of government. These tools enable the prioritization of projects and investments, as well as ensuring the traceability and impact of funds.	I have been following in the past years developments within the GGA, contributing to negotiations on behalf of the LGMA, coordinating with the WG participants, feeding back into the wider LGMA and contributing to pre-and post-COP activities.

Participants (Expressions of Interest)

Name	Organization	Job Title
Ouinakonhan Comlan Médard	Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations du Bénin (CDC Bénin)	Consultant en financement climatique - volet adaptation
Illeana Tiemann	City of San Antonio	Municipal Sustainability Manager
Jona Haxhialiu	Int. development cooperation	Climate change advisor
Pola Zabuska	ICLEI Europe	Junior Advocacy Expert
Eléonore François-Jacobs	MobiliseYourCity	Deputy coordinator
Fredrick Odhiambo Awuor Nyatado	Poverty Transition Initiative	Director
Jaume Marques Colom	ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability e.V.	Senior Innovative Finance Officer
Rajendra Bahadur Adhikari	Rural Area Development Programme (RADP)	Chairman
Guro Wensaas	KS	Climate adviser
Luis Saenz	C40 Cities	Head of Finance Advocacy and Policy
Claude Côté	Québec Ministry of Environment	Climate Change Advisor
Toby Walker	Under2Coalition	Senior Manager
Luis Henrique Zamarioli Santos	Under2Coalition	Climate Finance Advisor

Composition

A total of 13 constituency members (plus the two co-leads) have declared their interest in participating in the climate finance Working Group. Out of these:

e) No organization has more than two representatives in the Working Group

f) 8 are based in the Global North and 5 in the Global South (including Kosovo)
Including Co-Leads: 9 are based in the Global North and 6 in the Global South

g) 5 are female and 8 are male
Including Co-Leads: 5 are female and 10 are male

h) 5 are part of local and regional government associations (including co-leads: 6)
4 are part of civil society and NGOs
1 is part of a local government (including co-leads: 2)
1 is part of a regional government
1 is part of a financial institution
1 is part of a public agency

Communications Working Group

Communications Working Group

Co-Leads (Expressions of Interest)

Three constituency members have expressed interest in (co-)leading the communications Working Group. They cover different organization types. All three of them are based in the Global North, two of them are female, the other one is male.

Matteo Bizzotto

- Organization: ICLEI
- Organization Type: Local and Regional Government Association
- Gender: Male
- City and Country: Bonn, Germany

Rachel Levesque

- Organization: Government of Québec
- Organization Type: Regional Government
- Gender: Female
- City and Country: Québec (Province), Canada

Vanessa Power

- Organization: Under2Coalition
- Organization Type: Civil Society and NGOs
- Gender: Female
- City and Country: London, UK

Name	Experience in the WG's topic area	Experience working with the LGMA constituency	Interest in Working Group (co-)leadership and capacity to lead it
Matteo Bizzotto	At ICLEI, I have developed and implemented communications strategies across multiple projects, with a focus on climate advocacy campaigns, stakeholder engagement, and multilingual communication for diverse audiences including local governments, negotiators, and the broader public. Simultaneously, engaging with the LGMA work and comms efforts has given me deep familiarity with translating complex UNFCCC processes into accessible, action-oriented communications for constituency members and partners worldwide.	As Senior Communications Officer at ICLEI, I have been embedded in the LGMA Constituency's communications work for approximately five years. I have managed the monthly bulletin from inception to publication, maintained and updated the LGMA website, and led the promotion of key constituency outputs — including joint positions, webinars, and COP-related materials. I am also deeply involved in the LGMA Pavilions at successive COPs, coordinating on-the-ground communications and outreach within the Blue Zone.	With the formalization of the Working Groups, I believe this is the right moment to build a more structured, strategic, and inclusive communications function for the Constituency. I am motivated to help shape this Working Group into a collaborative space where member networks can align on messaging, amplify each other's outputs, and collectively strengthen the LGMA's visibility. I can dedicate several hours per week to this role and, given my institutional position at ICLEI as Focal Point organization, I am well-placed to ensure close coordination between the Working Group and the broader Constituency Secretariat.
Rachel Levesque	I have experience in climate communication and public engagement, including direct collaboration with the UNFCCC Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) team under the	I have actively engaged with the LGMA Constituency through my work with the Government of Québec, contributing to coordinated local and subnational inputs	I am interested in serving as a Working Group co-lead to help strengthen coordination, knowledge-sharing, and strategic communications across the LGMA Constituency.

	Glasgow Work Programme. My work has focused on advancing effective climate communication strategies and supporting stakeholder mobilisation. In November 2025, we also co-organized with Under2 a workshop on climate change communication on the margins of the Local Leaders Forum in Rio, bringing together subnational actors to share best practices and strengthen collective approaches. I am closely working with our engagement and communication technical team from the ministry of Environment on that topic.	into UNFCCC processes and participating in LGMA-led consultations and advocacy efforts. My role has involved collaborating with key networks and partners to help elevate the voice of subnational governments in international climate discussions. I have been part of different Working Group for the elaboration of the LGMA position for COP30, and have been supporting negotiations for the constituency at SB62. Prior to my current role, I have helped the coordination of the Local and Subnational Governments Major Group under the CBD, and created the Local and Subnational Governments Coalition to End Plastic Pollution for the INC process.	I bring experience in facilitating collaborative processes, drafting joint inputs, and engaging diverse stakeholders. I have the capacity to actively contribute to meetings, support the development of key deliverables, and ensure consistent follow-up in line with the Working Group's Terms of Reference. I'll also be participating in person at SB64 and COP31.
Vanessa Power	12+ years experience as media and communications professional, 8 spent in third sector and 5 in climate space. Currently lead comms and media for the Under2 Coalition	Ad hoc during events but would like to be more synced up throughout the year.	I feel that I can add value to the group, I understand the media landscape and keep abreast of communication trends. I can bring this knowledge to the group and also utilise the skills of others to ensure our joint efforts are aligned and impactful. I am fully committed to its success and supporting the wider steering group

Participants (Expressions of Interest)

Name	Organization	Job Title
Sangrou Dong	FMDV-Global Fund for Cities Development	Program Officer
S. M. Faisal	Bangladesh agricultural research institute (BARI)	Chief scientific officer
Soraia Ribeiro	Regions4	Communications Manager
Brenda Tenório de Figueirêdo	Regions4	Junior Communications Officer
Jarita Kassen	ICLEI Africa	Senior Communications Officer: Climate, Energy, Resilience
Sangrou Dong	FMDV	Project officer
Jessica Jones-Langley	UN-Habitat	Communications & Events
Katie Miller	Scottish Government	Team Lead - Sub national Engagement, International Climate

		Change
Melanija Tacconi	Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy	Head of Communications

Composition

A total of 11 constituency members (plus the three co-leads) have declared their interest in participating in the communications work group. Out of these:

i) No organization has more than two representatives in the Working Group.

j) 8 are based in the Global North and 3 in the Global South
Including Co-Leads: 9 are based in the Global North and 3 in the Global South

k) 9 are female and 2 are male
Including Co-Leads: 10 are female and 2 are male

l) 1 are part of local and regional government associations (including co-leads: 4)
2 are part of regional governments (including co-leads: 3)
2 are part of civil society and NGOs (including co-leads: 3)
2 are part of intergovernmental organizations
1 is part of a transnational network of regional governments
1 is part of an academic and research institution/think tank

Just Transition Working Group

Just Transition Working Group

Co-Leads (Expressions of Interest)

One constituency member has expressed interest in leading the just transition Working Group. The interested person is part of a local and regional government association, based in the Global North and female.

Marta Stencel

- Organization: C40 Cities
- Organization Type: Local and regional government association
- Gender: Female
- City and Country: Horsham, UK

Name	Experience in the WG's topic area	Experience working with the LGMA constituency	Interest in Working Group (co-)leadership and capacity to lead it
Marta Stencel	For over six years, I have focused on equity and inclusivity work at C40, with an emphasis on urban just transitions. My work involved close collaboration with cities on just transition implementation, and utilising the insights gained to shape advocacy priorities and identify key platforms to showcase mayoral and city achievements. Since late 2022, I have been leading on C40's just transition advocacy strategy creation and execution including the engagement with the Just Transition Work Programme (on behalf of LGMA). I serve as the point of contact for the JTWP UNFCCC team and for other constituencies involved in this process, including unions, business, and civil society. I also developed relationships with JTWP negotiators through participation in the JTWP Dialogues.	Informally leading on the LGMA engagement in the UNFCCC Just Transition Work Programme since 2022 and collaborating with the LGMA members in the development of JTWP submissions or the LGMA COP position.	(Co-)Leading the Just Transition Working Group presents a valuable opportunity to enhance coordination and strengthen the coalition of subnational actors involved with the JTWP. This would also be a logical progression from the informal and ad hoc engagement within LGMA I have been leading on as part of my JTWP work to-date. Crucially, it will provide me with the opportunity to further refine our key just transition advocacy messages and position, ensuring they remain relevant and timely and are widely supported by the LGMA constituency. Ultimately, I believe this will contribute to a more robust, unified LGMA message, leading to a stronger collective voice and better JTWP engagement outcomes. From a professional development perspective, it is a valuable opportunity to continue building bridges between diverse stakeholders, often navigating opposing views or priorities to reach joint consensus, helping me further develop my leadership and cross-organisational collaboration skills. I confirm that I have the capacity to fulfil the responsibilities of a (co-)lead as defined in the ToR.

Participants (Expressions of Interest)

Name	Organization	Job Title
Carlos de Freitas	FMDV - Global Fund for Cities development	Executive Director
El Hadji Amadou SOW	MS-PROJECTS	Analyst
Rebecca Wessinghage	ICLEI World Secretariat	Senior Officer, Equity and Social Inclusion
Ginette Walls	World Resources Institute	Research Associate
Silke Lunnebach	Climate Alliance	Project Manager
Guilherme de Lima Souza	Centro Brasil no Clima - CBC [Brazil Climate Center]	Climate Governance Analyst
Giovanni Pagani	C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group	Head, Policy & Strategic Foresight
Éric Martin	Québec Ministry of Environment	Climate Change Advisor

Composition

A total of 8 constituency members (plus the lead) have declared their interest in participating in the just transition Working Group. Out of these:

m) No organization is going to have more than two representatives in the Working Group

n) 6 are based in the Global North and 2 in the Global South
Including the Lead: 7 are based in the Global North and 2 in the Global South

o) 3 are female and 5 are male
Including the Lead: 4 are female and 5 are male

p) 4 are part of local and regional government associations (including the lead: 5)
1 is part of a regional government
1 is part of civil society and NGOs
1 is part of the private sector

1 is part of an academic and research institution/think tank

Loss & Damage Working Group

Loss & Damage Working Group

Co-Leads (Expressions of Interest)

~~So far, no Constituency member has expressed interest in (co-)leading the Loss & Damage Working Group.~~
After consultation, UCLG and C40 Cities express interest in co-leading this Working Group

Participants (Expressions of Interest)

Name	Organization	Job Title
Carlos de Freitas	FMDV - Global Fund for Cities Development	Executive Director
Lamis Elkhatieb	International Society of City and Regional Planners + Loss and Damage Youth Coalition	Resilience Planning Expert + Research Coordinator and Project Lead
Wilson Lechón	Consortium of Autonomous Provincial Governments of Ecuador	Biologist
Qamar Iqbal	Climate Alliance Pakistan	Co-Founder & CEO
Keith Mackey	Scottish Government	Loss and Damage Policy Advisor
Giovanni Pagani	C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group	Head, Policy & Strategic Foresight
Claudia Huerta	C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group	Senior Advisor, Political Strategy & Advocacy
Dulari Parmar	Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA)	Project Lead- Climate Justice

Composition

A total of 8 constituency members have declared their interest in participating in the loss and damage Working Group. Out of these:

q) No organization is going to have more than two representatives in the Working Group

r) 5 are based in the Global North and 3 in the Global South

s) 3 are female and 5 are male

t) 4 are part of local and regional government associations
3 are part of civil society and NGOs (two of them are youth organizations)
1 is part of a regional government