



ALL-CONSTITUENCY BRIEFING

The Next Chapter of Local and Subnational Climate Advocacy: Priorities, Partnership and Engagement

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*Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA)
Constituency to the UNFCCC*



LGMA All-Constituency Briefing

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| 1. Welcome remarks | Ariel Dekovic , LGMA Constituency Focal Point |
| 2. Reflections from the Outgoing Constituency Focal Point | Yunus Arikan , 2009 - 2025 LGMA Constituency Focal Point, LGMA Steering Committee |
| 3. An evolving Constituency for a new era | Ariel Dekovic , Constituency Focal Point Amelia Dearman , GCoM, LGMA Steering Committee |
| 4. COP31 President of Negotiations | Aaron Kirby , Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia |
| 5. COP30 Action Agenda achievements and vision | Bruna Cerqueira , COP30 Presidency |
| 6. Stakeholder engagement and the High Level Climate Champions | Nathan Cooper , Policy and Engagement Department, Climate Champions |



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SPEAKER

7. Question and answer session

8. A new evolution for CHAMP

9. The opportunity of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities

10. NDCs 3.0 and the Urbanization Climate Ministerial put cities at the heart of climate strategy

11. LGMA Brazil National Coordination Group Report

12. Opportunities for engagement with the LGMA

13. Question and answer session

Ambassador Antonio da Costa e Silva, Brazil Ministry of Cities, CHAMP leadership, Brazil

Debra Roberts, Coordinating Lead Author Special Report on Climate Change and Cities: Chapter 5

Bernhard Barth, Climate Change and Urban Environment, UN-Habitat

Rodrigo Perpétuo, ICLEI South America Regional Director

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WELCOME REMARKS

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ICLEI Head of Global Communications & Engagement



Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency to the UNFCCC

The voice of local and other subnational governments in the UNFCCC process since 1995



Create a Unified Advocacy Agenda

Provide a **unified global voice** for subnational governments in international climate policy and negotiation spaces, strengthening subnational diplomacy through collective impact



Integrated Advocacy Approach

Combine coordinated expert opinions and proactive targeted diplomacy with public legitimacy and momentum to achieve collective goals



Collaborate with COP Presidencies

Work with the hosts of COP and UNFCCC to ensure that our Constituency plays a **meaningful role** in each COP



Advance the global movement

Help to **shift global narratives**, showcasing subnational leadership and global political momentum for climate action

REFLECTIONS FROM THE OUTGOING CONSTITUENCY FOCAL POINT

Yunus Arikan

2009 - 2025 LGMA Constituency Focal Point

ICLEI Director of Global Advocacy | LGMA Steering Committee



MULTILEVEL ACTION & URBANIZATION UNDER UNFCCC

| | 2010 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|------|---------------------------------|---|---|------|---|---|---|---|
| Major COP decisions | COP16 Cancun Agreements <i>Decision – para.7 governmental stakeholders</i> | | SB40 - Forum on experiences and best practices of cities and subnational authorities in relation to adaptation and mitigation | COP21 Paris Agreement <i>Decision – preamble – recognizing importance of engaging all levels of governments</i> | | | | | COP26 Glasgow Climate Pact <i>Decision – preamble – need for multilevel action</i> | | COP28 Global Stocktake <i>Decision – para.161 – urging for multilevel action</i> <i>Decision – para.63</i> | | | |
| COP Presidency | | COP19 – Cities Day | | | | | COP23 – Talanoa Dialogue | COP24 – Multilevel Action Dialogue | | | COP27 – SURGE, Sharm El Sheikh Adaptation Agenda, 1st Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change | COP28 – Stocktake - CHAMP - 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change, Urban Nature | COP29 – MAP - 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change | COP30 – 4th Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change |
| Action Agenda | COP16 – Mayors and Parliamentarians Dialogue | | COP20 – Lima-Paris Action Agenda and NAZCA | | COP22 – Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action Human Settlements, Thematic Action Pathway | | | COP25 – Climate Ambition coalition | COP26 – Race-to-Zero, Race-to-Resilience | | | | COP30 – Axis4 - Building Resilience for Cities, Infrastructure and Water | |
| Thematic workstreams | | MITIGATION ADP2.3 Workshop on pre-2020 ambition – urbanization and the role of governments in facilitating climate action in cities | MITIGATION SB40 and ADP Technical Expert Meetings on urban environment | ADAPTATION COP21 Paris Agreement <i>Decision – Art.7.2</i> | | | | FINANCE COP25 Standing Committee of Finance – Report | ACTION FOR CLIMATE EMPOWERMENT (ACE) Glasgow Work Program <i>Preamble – para.12, 19, 26c, 29e</i> | | ADAPTATION COP28 – Global Stocktake <i>Decision – para.63</i> | MITIGATION COP29 – Mitigation Work Programme on cities, buildings and urban systems | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | LOSS & DAMAGE COP28 <i>Decision - Direct subnational access para 20e, 44, 48</i> | | | |

Possible next step

UNFCCC formal process, such as work programme or mandated dialogue

SCENE-SETTING FOR TODAY'S BRIEFING

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What our community achieved at COP30

COP30 outcomes

LGMA COP30 Position

Direct recognition: Mutirão, Mitigation, adaptation, Action Agenda & Plans to Accelerate Solutions (PAS)

Indirect benefits: Just Transition Mechanism, Gender plan

Committed: COP30 Presidency Roadmaps, Global Implementation Accelerator

4th Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization & Climate Change

Multilevel NDCs

CHAMP: Plan for Accelerating Solutions Activation Group 11 on Multilevel Action

UN-Habitat analysis: Urban content in NDC 3.0 — A global snapshot for COP30

Showcasing bottom-up leadership

Local Leaders Forum & Outcome Statement

Town Hall COPs

Finance Your Cities Country Platforms for Localizing Finance

Subnational Transitions Plans

Cities & Regions Hub

Neighbourhood of the Mutirão for Cities, Water and Infrastructure



Towards COP31 – Who is whom?

COP30 President (LAC)

H.E. Andre Do Lago | *Minister of Foreign Affairs*

COP30 CEO

Ana Toni | *Ministry of Environment*

High-Level Climate Action Champion

Dan Ioschpe

Youth Climate Champion

Marcele Oliveira

COP30 Observers Focal Point

Mário Gustavo Mottin

Subnationals Focal Point

Bruna Andrade
Leonardo Battos



Mutirão Approach

Leadership Circles | Global Ethical Stocktake |
30 Envoys

Petersberg Climate
Dialogue - 21 April

Copenhagen Climate
Ministerial - 20 May

Climate Week-3 - Yeosu -
21 April

SB64 Bonn - 8 Jun

Climate Week- Baku - 4 - 7
Sept

Pre-COP31 - Fiji/Tuvalu
Oct

Global Implementation
Accelerator | Belem 1,5
Roadmap | Deforestation and
Fossil Fuel Transition Roadmaps

COP31 President-Designate (WEOG)

Murat Kurum | *Minister of Environment,
Urbanization and Climate Change, Türkiye*

Host of Leaders Summit

High Level Climate Action Champion

Samed Ağırbaş | *Zero Waste Foundation*

COP31 President of Negotiations

Chris Bowen | *Climate Change and Energy,
Australia*

Youth Climate Action Champion



Hosting Pre-COP31 in Fiji, with a leaders
component in Tuvalu

COP32 President-Designate (Africa)

Ethiopia

(as of 1 March 2026)

How Türkiye and Australia are sharing leadership of COP31

- **Türkiye will hold the COP31 Presidency and host COP31**, including the World Leaders' Summit.
- **Australia will lead the negotiations**, through a special role called “President of Negotiations.”
- The two countries will **work closely together and consult each other** throughout.
- The **Pre-COP will be held in Fiji**, a Pacific island country, with a leader's Forum in Tuvalu, with Australia supporting.
- **Türkiye will handle the overall hosting**, logistics, and official COP communications.
- **Australia and Türkiye will also work together on the Action Agenda**, including stronger attention to Pacific priorities.



AN EVOLVING CONSTITUENCY FOR A NEW ERA

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Our Vision: LGMA Shared Governance

SHARED STRATEGY

SHARED GOVERNANCE

SHARED VOICE



Our Vision: LGMA Shared Governance

SHARED STRATEGY

- Develop and implement the LGMA Constituency's shared multi-year advocacy strategy, including priorities, tactics and individual responsibilities.

SHARED GOVERNANCE

SHARED VOICE



Our Vision: LGMA Shared Governance

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- Serve as the core governance body guiding LGMA Constituency strategy year-round.



Our Vision: LGMA Shared Governance

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SHARED VOICE

- Empower local and other subnational government leaders to be spokespeople for the LGMA Constituency's goals.
- Expand the “face” of the LGMA Constituency.
- Contribute to the LGMA Constituency's global positioning.



Our Vision: LGMA Shared Governance

SHARED STRATEGY

SHARED GOVERNANCE

SHARED VOICE

- Prioritization
- Pragmatism
- Collective impact

LGMA Steering Committee

- C40 Cities
- The European Committee of the Regions
- FMDV, the Global Fund For Cities Development
- The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
- ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
- Regions 4
- United Cities and Local Governments
- Under2 Coalition



LGMA Working Groups

- Provide **thematic expertise** and coordination to advance LGMA advocacy in UNFCCC and global climate processes
- **Contribute to unified advocacy positions** and technical inputs for LGMA positions/publications
- **Support year-round engagement and submissions** to UNFCCC thematic climate processes
- **Strengthen collaboration** across LGMA organizations and thematic experts
- **Ensure credible, informed, and coordinated inputs** into climate negotiations
- Operate under the **strategic guidance** of the LGMA Steering Committee



Dorah Marema, Head Municipal Sustainability Portfolio, South African Local Government Association (SALGA) delivering an intervention on behalf of the LGMA at COP30 (Photo courtesy of UNFCCC)

Previous areas of thematic work within the LGMA

- Multilevel Action and CHAMP / Multilevel governance and urbanization
- Climate Finance
- Adaptation
- Just Transition
- Loss and Damage
- Food systems
- Action Agenda
- Integrated outcomes (synergies between climate, biodiversity and pollution agendas)
- Communications



Igor Normando, Mayor of Belém, Brazil speaking at the High-Level Segment (HLS) of COP30

COP31 PRESIDENT OF NEGOTIATIONS

Aaron Kirby

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia
*COP31 International Climate Negotiations Division | Stakeholders and
Collaboration*



THE VISION FOR THE ACTION AGENDA, HIGH LEVEL CHAMPION AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT CITIES

Neil Khor

Special Advisor to the Climate High Level Champion Designate
Advisor to the President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly



COP30 ACTION AGENDA ACHIEVEMENTS AND VISION

Bruna Cerqueira

COP30 Action Agenda Coordinator



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND THE HIGH LEVEL CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

Nathan Cooper

Policy and Engagement Department
Climate Champions



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A NEW EVOLUTION FOR CHAMP

Dr. Ulf Jäckel

German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation
and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN)

CHAMP leadership Germany



A NEW EVOLUTION FOR CHAMP

Ambassador Antonio da Costa e Silva

Brazil Ministry of Cities
CHAMP leadership Brazil



THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE IPCC SPECIAL REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND CITIES

Professor Debra Roberts

Coordinating Lead Author Special Report
on Climate Change and Cities: Chapter 5



NDCS 3.0 AND THE URBANIZATION CLIMATE MINISTERIAL PUT CITIES AT THE HEART OF CLIMATE STRATEGY

Bernhard Barth

Climate Change and Urban Environment
UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat's analysis on the urban content of NDCs 3.0



-  **81 per cent** of NDCs have well-developed urban content
-  NDCs 3.0 include record climate responses in urban sectors, with half including **housing and informal settlements**.
-  NDCs are shifting from **plans to implementation** in cities, with three-quarters of NDCs emphasizing multilevel governance.



Upcoming spinoff reports from CCUE



Global Flagship report

Regional and sub-regional deep-dives

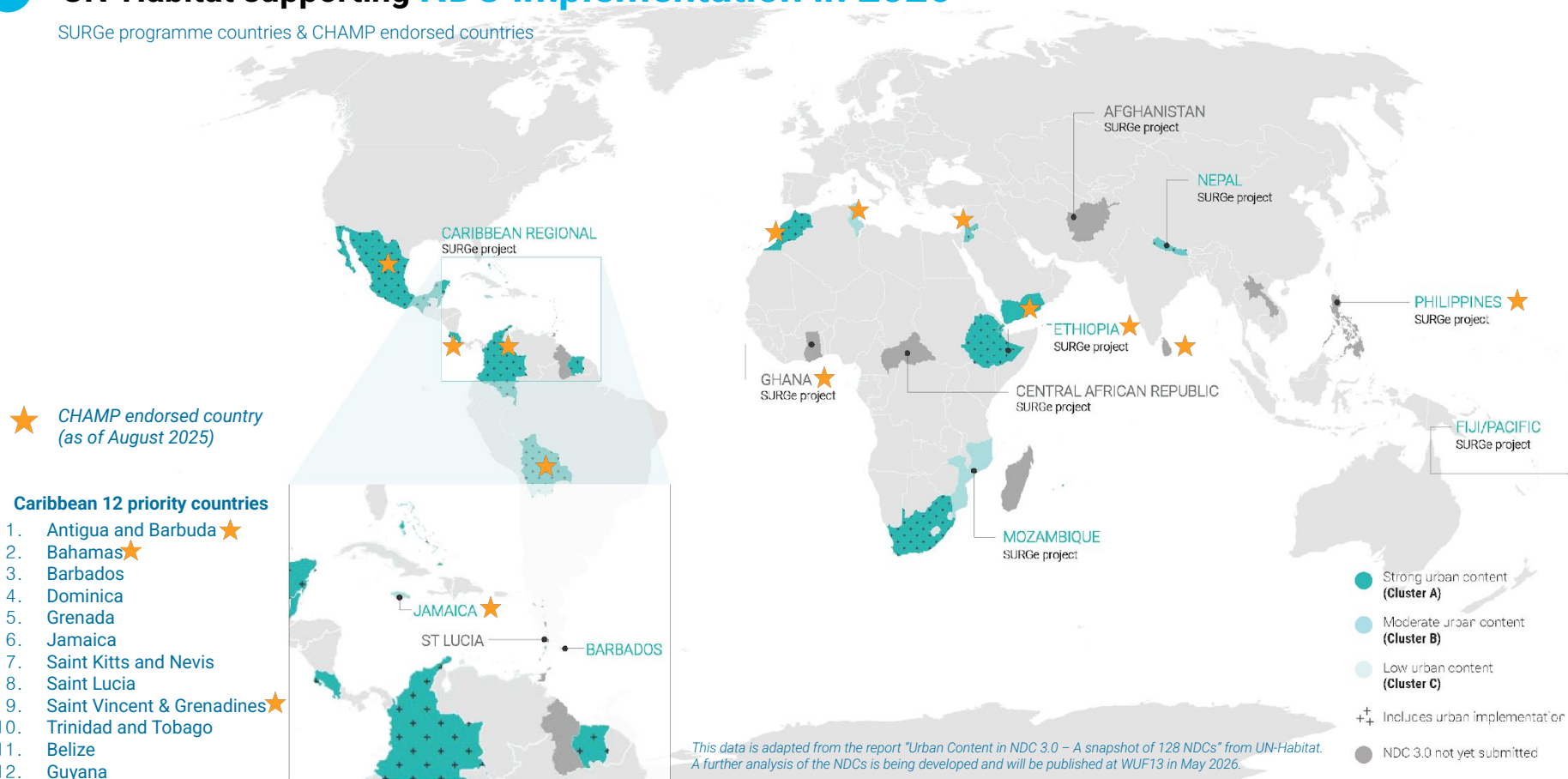
Country dashboards

Sectoral Deep-dives (energy, housing, finance, etc.)

Urban NDC implementation report/ global urban stocktake

UN-Habitat supporting NDC implementation in 2026

SURGe programme countries & CHAMP endorsed countries



Join us at **WUF** and **Innovate4Cities**



**WORLD
URBAN
FORUM**



THIRTEENTH SESSION

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN | 17-22 MAY 2026



**INNOVATE
CITIES**



NAIROBI, KENYA | 21-24 JUNE 2026



CLIMATE CHANGE & URBAN ENVIRONMENT

LGMA NATIONAL COORDINATION GROUP REPORT

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LGMA COP 30

The **LGMA National Coordination Group for COP 30 in Brazil** was launched in March 2025, with contributions from all three levels of government.

Main Objectives:

- Convene regular dialogues with the COP 30 Presidency to present and exchange ideas on the Convention's negotiating agenda, from the perspective of subnational governments and the LGMA Constituency.
- Develop ideas for building the legacy of climate federalism at COP 30.
- Exchange opinions and experiences with the LGMA Constituency at a global level on the role of multi-level collaboration and urbanization in climate action, creating synergies and opportunities for exchange and collaboration between national associations from various countries, networks, and other interested actors.

MEMBERS



CITIES & REGIONS
IN THE UNFCCC PROCESS



- **+30 organizations** from national municipal and regional associations, civil society, international institutions, think tanks
- **+50 representatives**
- **3 levels** of government represented (federal, regional and local)

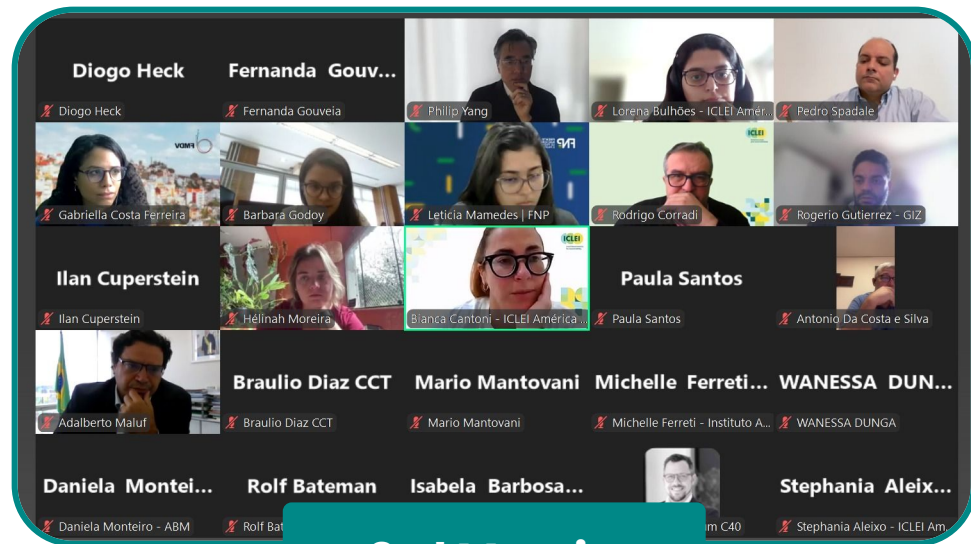
5 MEETINGS IN 2025



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Launch in Brasília



3rd Meeting



PANEL DURING COP 30

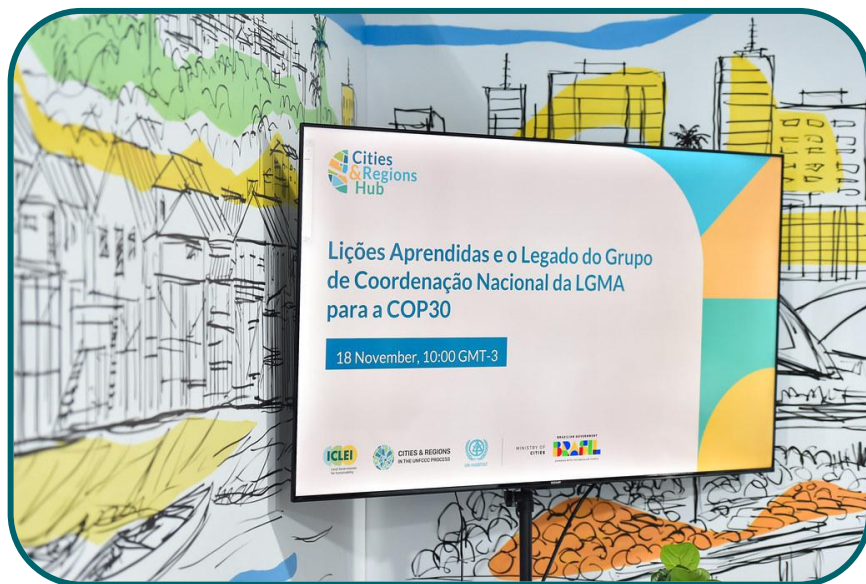


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IN THE UNFCCC PROCESS



Governos Locais
pela Sustentabilidade

The session **“Lessons Learned and the Legacy of the LGMA National Coordination Group for COP30”** aimed to discuss the role of this coordination in advancing the Brazilian climate agenda and its contribution to the global LGMA in preparation for COP30. The meeting highlighted lessons learned, results, and perspectives for strengthening the Constituency in future COPs.



CONCLUSION

LGMA National Coordination Group discussions and reports supported the final text of the LGMA position

How can key stakeholders contribute to making the COPs a success?

- 1.** Move towards a formal UNFCCC work programme dedicated to promoting multi-level climate action, in collaboration with local and other subnational governments, in preparation for the 2028 Global Balance Sheet, as well as to accelerate and strengthen synergies between the New Urban Agenda and climate action, building on relevant previous UNFCCC results, progress on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) 3.0 and mindful of the results of the IPCC Special Report on Cities, scheduled for 2027.
- 2.** Operationalize adaptation indicators that reflect local and territorial priorities and capture their progress towards the Global Adaptation Goal.
- 3.** Formally recognize local and other subnational actors as indispensable partners for national governments in implementing just transition policies and programs.
- 4.** Elevate the localization of climate finance as a fundamental pillar of the evolving global financial architecture, ensuring that resources are properly channeled to local and regional governments.
- 5.** Usher in a new era of multi-level cooperation on the global climate and sustainability agenda. The COP30 negotiations continue to promote the involvement of local and other subnational governments in designing new and holistic climate governance and sustainability processes, including through upcoming UN reforms.⁸⁰

CONCLUSION

The inputs from the LGMA National Coordination Group directly influenced the positioning of the Global LGMA, especially through structured discussions and strategic alignments throughout the process. These interactions allowed South American urban perspectives to be incorporated into the global alignment, ensuring greater consistency and strengthening our *advocacy* during COP30.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

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LGMA Steering Committee 2026 Q1-Q2 Priorities

GOVERNANCE

- Establish Steering Committee; organizational representatives identified
- Establish and convene initial Working Groups
- Clarify coordination and communications channels
- First All Constituency Briefing

ADVOCACY

- Initial advocacy strategy planning for two-year strategy - priorities and milestones
- Establish initial advocacy tracking systems
- Initial LGMA position development
- IPCC SR-Cities environmental scan connecting to UNFCCC / advocacy processes
- Connect to CHAMP & Urbanization Ministerial processes
- Support Constituency Members in ad hoc thematic work



LGMA ad hoc thematic work so far in 2026

Just Transition Work Programme

1. Submission on the process for operationalization of a just transition mechanism
2. Submission on work to be undertaken under, as well as possible topics for the dialogues under the JTWP
3. Preparing submission on JTWP Dialogue on food insecurity
4. Attendance at JTWP Dialogue at CW Yeosu

Fund Responding to Loss & Damage

1. Participation in an ongoing consultations on the proposed active observer policy, co-convening policy and policy on consultative forums
2. Submission on stakeholder engagement consultation process

Adaptation

1. Planning attendance at 29th Meeting of the Adaptation Committee (AC29)
2. Preparation of a note on COP30's adaptation indicator results as they relate to subnational governments

LGMA Submission on the COP30 Roadmaps on Deforestation and a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels



(Proposed) 2026 LGMA Governance and Communications Agenda

| | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
|--------------|----------------|--|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---|-------------------|--|
| Governance | Online meeting | Online meeting | Online meeting | WUF/ Hybrid | SBs / Hybrid | Online meeting | | Online meeting | Online meeting | COP31 | Online meeting |
| Briefings | | All Constituency Briefing 2026 Planning | | All Constituency Briefing SBs Prep | | | | | All Constituency Briefing COP31 Prep | | All Constituency Briefing COP31 Debrief |
| Spokespeople | | | | Spokesperson training SBs Prep | | | | | Spokesperson training COP31 Prep | | |
| Comms | LGMA Bulletin | LGMA Bulletin | LGMA Bulletin | LGMA Bulletin | SB Updates (TBC) | LGMA Bulletin | LGMA Bulletin | LGMA Bulletin | LGMA Bulletin | Daily COP Updates | LGMA Bulletin |



LGMA Working Groups

- **Constituency consultation on the Working Groups Terms of Reference: 20 March - 7 April**
- Final TOR and initial Working Groups announced: 9 April
- **Call for expressions of interest for Working Group (co-)leads and participants: 9 April - 23 April**
- Steering Committee consultation to form working groups based on criteria in TOR: 27 April - 4 May
- Working Groups announced: 5 May

**Comment on
the Working
Group TOR**

**Express your
interest in
leading or
participating in
a Working
Group**



LGMA COP31 Position

- **Goal:** Zero draft available before SBs in June in Bonn
- Constituency consultation opportunity

Consult on the
direction and
content of the
COP31 Position

LGMA Coordination Channels

LGMA Monthly Community Bulletin

Curated monthly update on LGMA activities, UNFCCC processes, and partner initiatives.



LGMA Whatsapp Group

Unmoderated group chat for the LGMA community. Especially active during climate events. Join using the link in the chat.

Constituency Briefings

Open quarterly briefing on UNFCCC developments and LGMA engagement opportunities. Exact dates and registration details to be posted on cities-and-regions.org.

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Special Report on Climate Change and Cities

Why the LGMA should be paying attention to the SR-Cities

- “Once in a generation” opportunity for the urban community
- The report will be delivered in a totally new context than previous IPCC report cycles - when global multilateralism is severely damaged, global insecurity is much higher, and misinformation aided by AI are rising
- The report is groundbreaking for the IPCC, including the inclusion of “practitioner” from scoping to authorship, diverse knowledge sources, and shared leadership on the Report across IPCC Working Groups I, II and III.
- The first time grey literature are included at this scale
- The only IPCC AR7 report that can feed into GST 2.0

