

**LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA)
CONSTITUENCY
OF SUBNATIONALS, TOWNS, CITIES AND REGIONS**
at UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE BAKU (COP29), NOVEMBER 2024

LGMA RESPONSE TO
DRAFT TEXT
ON SBSTA 61 AGENDA ITEM 8
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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES JUST TRANSITION WORK PROGRAMME
VERSION 15/11/2024 18:10

The LGMA welcomes the latest Draft text notably inclusion of key issues and opportunities relevant to cities and local government such as consideration of the informal and care sectors, the critical importance of social dialogue and attending to a just transition for adaptation and resilience and the importance of finance that is fit for purpose for local delivery of inclusive and equitable climate projects, which should be retained in all draft and final adopted versions to effectively deliver on the mandate of the JTWP. Key comments and recommended additions are:

1. Para. 9 – **Comment in red**

Requests the secretariat to prepare, and include as part of the report summarizing information on the activities under the work programme, a draft just transition guidance framework, which would include tools for integrating the principles of equity and fairness in the implementation of climate action in its domestic and international dimensions;

Comment: The LGMA recommends referencing the International Labour Organisation Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all as a common framework to underpin proposed just transition guidance.

2. Para. 18 – **add text in red**

18. *Underscores* that multi-stakeholder, whole-of-society approaches are required to achieve just transitions and **acknowledges the importance of a whole-of-government approach and the role cities and other 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, the unemployed and future workers for ensuring a just transition of the workforce;

Explanatory comment: Participants of the Second Dialogue of the UAE Just Transition Work Programme in October 2024 addressing paragraph 2 of decision 3/CMA.5 acknowledged whole-of-government approaches were critical to achieve national just transition pathways. The role of subnational governments and cities, in particular, in driving people-centric and equitable just transition pathways was recognized, participants emphasising these stakeholders are also crucial for implementing just transition initiatives in practice (including in the context of rural-urban migration). ([Informal Summary Report by the Chairs of the work programme, 06 November 2024, Para. 14, 16, 37, 49](#))

The Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency has been representing local and regional governments at the processes under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) since the first Conference of Parties (COP) in 1995. The LGMA also represents the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments. ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability acts as the Focal Point of LGMA.