

LGMA STATEMENT AT SB58 JOINT CLOSING PLENARY

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Mister Chair, distinguished delegates,

My name is Yunus Arikan, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and I am delivering this statement in my capacity as the LGMA Focal Point.

Over the past 10 days, the LGMA Constituency was active at all sessions of Global Stocktake Technical Dialogues, Art6.8 in-session workshop, as well as Global Climate Action agenda and COP28 Presidency consultations, in particular at Youth Stocktake and Sharm El Sheikh Adaptation Agenda.

In collaboration with Daring Cities 2023, we convened the first in-person session of LGMA Leaders Dialogue with UNFCCC Friends of Multilevel Action, with active and diverse participation of UNFCCC delegations from both global North and South.

Here in Bonn, ICLEI as the LGMA Focal Point and the YOUNGO Constituency also announced their latest collaboration to create a strong synergy between the Local Conference of Youths and Stocktake4ClimateEmergency sessions as the local and subnational inputs to global stocktake.

On the way to Dubai, we would like to encourage SB Chairs and GST High Level Committee to provide visibility to such local, national and international inputs. An initial list of local and regional stocktake sessions will be announced at MEDCOP Conference in Tangier, Morocco next week.

We are also happy to inform UNFCCC delegations that last week in Nairobi, the Urbanization Ministers of the 2nd UN Habitat Assembly, adopted the first-ever resolution on urbanization and climate change, thanks to the leadership of Egypt, African States and Pakistan. This resolution includes a strong support to the SURGe Initiative and commits to the continuity of Urbanization and Climate Ministerials at UNFCCC COPs.

Over the coming months, LGMA will connect these outcomes to the U20 Mayors Summit and the G7 Roundtable on Subnational Climate Action in collaboration with U7.

LGMA strongly believes that these promising outcomes from the 2nd UN Habitat Assembly and UN Bonn Climate Conference reinforce the bridge between urban and climate communities and pave the way to incorporate urbanization and multilevel action in the design of more ambitious 2nd generation NDCs in responding to climate emergency, as well as strengthen the Global Action Agenda, at and beyond COP28.

I thank you. (354 words)

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