



**#UNITING4CLIMATE**

**The Bonn-Fiji Commitment of Local and Regional Leaders  
to Implement the Paris Agreement**

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**DRAFT – As of 16 October**

**We, the Local and Regional Leaders meeting at COP23, acknowledge that, with the entry into force of the Paris Agreement in 2016, a new era in global climate action has started, building on the engagement of Parties with all levels of governments worldwide and domestically.**

**We, herewith, are pleased to state our:**

- 1. commitments, ambitions & actions**
- 2. calls & positions**
- 3. concrete & joint initiatives**

**relevant to the current international discussions of UNFCCC COP23 and beyond.**



## I. Our commitments, ambitions & actions:

### I.1 *We will raise our climate action ambition and*

1. **Implement the Paris Agreement in our jurisdictions.** As of today, XXXX local and regional governments have set their emissions reduction targets which will result in a reduction of XXXX GtCO<sub>2</sub>e by the year XXXX. More than XXXX local and regional governments have set strategies to achieve 100 % renewable energy and more than XXXX have committed to 2050 decarbonisation pathways.
2. **Underline the need to assess in detail** the direct and indirect impacts of climate change, **undertake appropriate disaster risk reduction as well as adaptation planning and measures** and affirm our willingness and request to strengthen our capacities for an enhanced resilience in our communities.
3. **Commit to reaching out and cooperating with many more local and regional governments** globally to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement at all levels, including our global initiatives like the Global Covenant of Mayors on Energy and Climate and Under2 Coalition.
4. **Commit to work** with each other and with Parties to identify concrete opportunities for **greater climate ambition**, and to communicate these opportunities to the **2018 Facilitative Dialogue**, and where applicable, establish **schemes of Locally and Regionally Determined Contributions** to help national governments to achieve and exceed existing Nationally Determined Contributions, supported with enhanced transparency mechanisms, in synergy with the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency.

### I.2 *We will commit to holistic and transboundary sustainability action and*

5. **Implement the Paris Agreement in synergy with all elements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, in particular the Sustainable Development Goals, the New Urban Agenda, the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Finance, through a circular, plural and shared economy that acts in harmony with nature, and supported by new or strengthened legislation that solidify the implementation of these global agendas.
6. **Encourage governments at all levels to take appropriate action** for mainstreaming the Paris Agreement into other policies in order to ensure greater policy coherence, aligning priorities, minimising contradictory or parallel disconnected processes, and maximising synergies between the strategies and plans developed in different policy fields.
7. **Join forces with all stakeholders of our communities and territories**, leaving no one behind, to accelerate innovative and transformative solutions, inspired by the outcomes of the 2017 Agadir Climate Chance Summit and OECD Seoul Forum, among others.
8. **Prioritize and expand our support and partnerships across borders and continents**, including the North-South, North-South-South, city-to-city, region-to-region and other innovative forms, in particular with the Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries, and Africa.
9. **Initiate, support and use project preparation facilities, subnational financial hubs of expertise, and pipelines for local infrastructure projects** that will bring forward our best climate and sustainability proposals to enhance access to blended climate finance of public and private sources from various levels.
10. **Enhance the active engagement** of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency in the work of the UNFCCC Secretariat, the COP Presidencies and their high-level champions, the relevant UNFCCC negotiation bodies and leverage our collaboration with the Parties through a revamped Friends of Cities at the UNFCCC, also in light of **an inclusive and renewed United Nations**.

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## II. Our Calls to the Parties of the UNFCCC and the Nations of the UN

### II.1 *In relation to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), we*

1. **Urge Parties to conclude the rulebook of the Paris Agreement by 2018** and thus reassure the global community that the unstoppable and irreversible climate action is advancing, evolving and accelerating.
2. **Encourage Parties to seize the opportunity of the Urban World** by collaborating with all levels of government and position integrated, sustainable urban and territorial development as an important tool to **accelerate the implementation of the NDCs**.
3. **Invite like-minded Parties to demonstrate leadership by strengthening the urban, regional and territorial dimensions of their NDCs** through good practises of **vertical and horizontal integration** and to set up inclusive consultations processes domestically with their local and regional government towards and at the **2018 Facilitative Dialogue**.
4. **Urge Parties** to work with all levels of governments and follow the guidance of the latest scientific findings, including the outcomes of CitiesIPCC Conference in March 2018, to **raise the ambition of their NDCs, and incorporate contributions from local and regional governments** brought forth by initiatives such as the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and Under2 Coalition, as appropriate, and present progress to the UNFCCC at the latest by 2020.

### II.2 *In relation to an inclusive and ambitious global climate architecture, we*

5. **Call on the global finance community to prioritize** capacity building, technology transfer, project preparation, decentralised cooperation and strategic plans and investments for integrated and sustainable urban and territorial development as an important pathway for low-emission, high-resilient development, and enhance the mobilisation of a wide variety of sources, instruments and channels, including from private finance, in line with the Marrakech Roadmap for Action on Localizing Climate Finance.
6. **Call on Parties to increase the funding to the UNFCCC finance mechanism**; including diversions of the financial flows, subsidies and economic incentives to fossil fuels use and carbon intensive infrastructures and economic activities, acknowledge the increasing contributions of local and regional government thereof; adopt innovative modalities to enhance their access, in particular in climate vulnerable communities, including through strengthening the role of dedicated financing intermediaries for local investment, such as Municipal Development Funds.
7. **Call upon Parties** to recognize the **increasing frequency and intensity of climate related hazards** and thereby to accelerate financing of risk reduction, resilience and adaptation plans that are customized with the priorities of the related communities and respective governments, in particular noting the **importance of protecting oceans and enhancing coastal resilience**.
8. **Commend the COP Presidencies, their High Level Champions and the UNFCCC Secretariat** on the progress achieved through the **Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action**.
9. **Call upon Parties to engage in the UN reform process** as an opportunity to leverage the role of multilevel, multi-stakeholder climate action by non-Party stakeholders in the implementation of all global sustainability agendas and within the overall UN development system.
10. **Invite all like-minded Parties and interested partners to collaborate with our constituency** in the implementation of these calls, as well as during other global milestones towards 2020, such as the 3<sup>rd</sup> UN Environment Assembly, the Global Climate Action Summit 2018, the 2019 UN Climate Summit, the High Level Political Forums under ECOSOC and the UN General Assembly, as well as in the agendas of G7, G20 and One-Belt-One-Road processes.

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### **III. List of concrete and joint initiatives of local and regional government**

We, the local and regional leaders meeting at COP23, have organized ourselves in networks and partnerships to implement and/or strengthen the following initiatives as our further contributions to the implementation of the Paris Agreement:

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