

INTERVENTION
ON BEHALF OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES (LGMA) and
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY CONSTITUENCY (BINGO) CONSTITUENCY
AT COP20/CMP10 HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON DURBAN PLATFORM

Your Excellencies, ministers, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

Thank you for inviting me here to speak. My name is Mercè Rius i Serra, Deputy President for Environment, province of Barcelona, from Catalunya, Spain. I am speaking on behalf of both local governments and municipal authorities and business and industry constituencies.

Latest scientific evidences signal that we are approaching to a “point of no-return” in terms of global warming and related climatic changes.

If we don't change current trajectories, no city, no region, no business can bear with the consequences.

For any response to climate change to be successful, it must involve and include all actors of the society and levels of governments in consultation, planning and implementation.

The most valuable input to the preparation of the intended nationally determined contributions will come from those tasked with implementing actions on the ground. They are best placed to identify the gaps and the opportunities – and also to put in place the necessary structures.

Ambitious commitments and actions by local and subnational governments and business actors can help nations move to a climate-friendly track – addressing both mitigation and adaptation as equal focus areas.

Since the beginning of 2012, we all enjoyed an innovative ADP process that involved inclusive dialogues through the technical experts meetings, workshops, and technical papers.

We would like to commend all Co-Chairs of the ADP, COP Presidencies, the UNFCCC Secretariat and all the Parties who have provided positive support and contributions in this process.

This show must go-on.

We can, and we want to, play a major role in the deal that will emerge from the Durban Platform negotiations next year. Given the right frameworks, we can undertake transformative actions across the economy.

Lima outcomes and decisions must ensure that this wave of inclusive, ambitious and innovative models of engagement of all non-State actors for raising pre-2020 ambition continues.

We need your full support in the ADP text in Lima, so that we can support you at home.

I thank you.