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Local climate action moves the world.

In Bali in 2007, we gathered local government experience and ambitions on board and created our Local Government Climate Roadmap.

In 2009 we presented our Copenhagen World Catalogue of Local Commitments.

After Copenhagen, we continued with the Mexico City Pact in 2010 on emissions reductions and Durban Adaptation Charter in 2011.

In 2012, we were encouraged with the inclusive spirit through the ADP process.

We celebrated the first Cities Day in Warsaw in 2013, followed up by a positive day-long dialogue in Bonn in June 2014.

We provided a strong response to the call of the UN Secretary General for global leadership. In New York on 23 September, we announced the Compact of Mayors as the largest collaboration in raising the local ambition.

And we welcome the ADP Technical Papers capturing so many innovative ideas and proposals.

This week, through the carbonn Climate Registry we reached over 500 local and subnational governments, representing more than 12% of world's urban population, voluntarily reporting thousands of energy and climate commitments, GHG emissions data and mitigation/adaptation actions.

In Lima, we hoped that COP20 would bring about a synergy and a 10-Year Plan of Action as we achieved in the Biodiversity COP in 2010.

As nations, you acknowledge cities and human settlement as one of the core building blocks of sustainable development goals for the post2015 development agenda.

You acknowledge cities and local actions in the forefront of disaster risk reduction in the run-up to Sendai in 2015.

But here in Lima, as you advance with your negotiations for pre-2020 ambition, we are getting worried that you seem to forget the success of inclusive processes.

Even if you adopt the best deal in Paris, it will not be binding for any of you until 2020. We want to start a collaborative engagement in 2015.

When you go back home, it is your Mayors, Governors and citizens who will help you to meet the reductions and efficiencies we all know has to be achieved.

It is now time to make a difference; ensure full engagement and empowerment of local and subnational governments, here in Lima.

Success in Lima will bring success in Paris.

We thank the Troika of COP19-20-21 Presidencies and the Friends of Cities.

We support the Lima Action Agenda of the Peruvian Presidency.

It is time to be bold, ambitious and inclusive, before we reach to a point of no-return.

I thank you.