

Intervention by

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Question:

2014 has seen significant advance under UNFCCC to enhance pre 2020 action. The TEM's process have been welcome with new suggestions for their improvement; the recent outcomes of the biannual assessment seen here in Lima, aloud to monitor the expected leadership from developed countries and the advance of NAMAS and voluntary pledges from developing countries has shown great advance. At the same time; action from non-state actors; including new commitments announced at the Secretary Generals Climate Summit; scaling-up climate solutions, has increase in a very significant way. **How can UNFCCC encourage even greater ambition of existing climate initiatives and engage more non-state actors as a way to accelerate pre 2020 action?**

Answer:

Minister,

I would like to start by thanking the Presidencies of COP20 and 21 for this invitation; I believe these open dialogues are key to a meaningful engagement and empowerment of local and subnational governments. I am honored to be here today as one of these representatives.

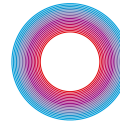
My City, Belo Horizonte, Brazil is the Brazilian Capital of the State of Minas Gerais and has a population of almost 2 point 5 million. We have started our conscious path towards a low emission and climate resilient city in 2006 and today we have a participatory Municipal Committee on Climate Change, 2 Ge age Ge (GHG) inventories, and a law to face climate change with a target to reduce our Ge age Ge (GHG) emissions by 20% until 2030. To pursue this target, we have built a strong climate action plan.

Our actions include transformative projects, as is our recently inaugurated BRT, our 'MOVE'. We are promoting sustainable construction through our Sustainable BH seal, we are considered the solar capital of Brasil, we have implemented LED lighting, a waste to energy site, maintain significant green areas, are building lineal parks along our water bodies, and have high rates of water and sanitation services. These last actions, connected with our civil defense broad efforts to reduce risks have led Belo Horizonte to win the Sasakawa Award for resilient cities.

Most of these actions would not have been possible without continued collaboration with partners and other levels of government.

But **we are also sharing and collaborating with peers at the national level through different cities networks such as the CB27, group of 27 capitals of Brazil.** And we are very proud to be connected with global efforts, as we are showing today.

I believe, Minister, we are on the right path. We are working and we will continue to work towards a low emission and climate resilient Belo Horizonte, but **this is what we are able to do on our own**, and already considering all collaborations mentioned.



Ministers, we believe that with due acknowledgement and more access to resources - especially additional finance mechanisms, institutional capacity building and enabling regulatory framework with vertical integration of climate actions – WE CAN DO MORE. We can scale up actions and be even more ambitious. I hope you will take our sincere offer to work with you and support you in achieving national and international goals, and increasing our overall level of ambition.