INTEGRATED POLICY FRAMEWORKS IN CITIES: LINKING SDGS AND CLIMATE POLICY

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193 member states of the UN adopted the new **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015.

175 countries signed up to the **Paris Agreement**, with a commitment to address climate change.
- Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

**Follow-up and review process**
- **Agenda 2030**: High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
- **Paris Agreement**: Transparency Framework
CITY GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS

Durban Adaptation Charter
Signed by 950 local governments, 27 countries to advance climate resilience in cities, 2011

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
Brings together commitments by 7518 cities under Compact of Mayors and Covenant of Mayors, 2016

New Urban Agenda
Adopted by 170 countries to deliver SDG 11, 2016

Bonn-Fiji Commitment of Local and Regional Leaders to deliver the Paris Agreement at all Levels
60 countries committed to help implement the Paris Agreement, November 2017
NO DEARTH OF HIGH-LEVEL POLICY COMMITMENTS

....BUT from an **efficiency, economics, effectiveness** perspective...

we have some way to go!

Call for Simplification and Harmonisation
ENVISIONING AN INTEGRATED POLICY FRAMEWORK

SDGs
NAP
NDC
Agenda 2030
Paris Agreement
Sub-national
New Urban Agenda

Sdg 1
Sdg 6
Sdg 7
Sdg 9
Sdg ...
Sdg 13

- 23% of all SDG indicators have a local or urban component
- 82% of all NDCs include urbanisation-related climate activities
POLICY COHERENCE AND ALIGNMENT IN CITIES

Plethora of Tools and Frameworks to localise Agenda 2030

- **US Cities SDG index** (SDSN)
- **Localising the SDGs toolbox** (Global Taskforce, UN-Habitat, UNDP)
- **SDG Cities Guide** (SDSN and German Government)

Platforms to support and track city level climate action

- **CDP** (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project)
- **carbonn Climate Registry** (ICLEI)
- **City Prosperity Initiative** (UN-Habitat)
- **Deadline 2020** (c40)
Cities are fundamental to the ability of countries to deliver their climate and SDG goals …yet, there is a disconnect…

Key issues:

- alignment
- competition instead of collaboration
- vertical integration
- city-to-city conversations

“Cities CANNOT achieve their goals without the right enabling environment from the State.” (Coalition for Urban Transitions)
MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE AND THE 4Cs

Coherence

Coordination

Cohesion

Cooperation

4Cs

Source: Local Authorities Major Group Position Paper on HLPF, 2016
MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE AND THE 4Cs AS THE WAY FORWARD

4 Cs facilitating a negotiated and collaborative engagement at all levels
THE END GOAL

- Coherent and joined-up implementation
- Maximising benefits, minimising trade-offs
- Integrated reporting
- Peer to peer city networking
- Coordinated investments

More ambitious, effective and synced up national and sub-national climate change and sustainable development policy
Thank you.

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