



Borgarráð

***Stuðningsyfirlýsing alþjóðasamtaka leiðtoga í borgum og á sveitarstjórnarstigi vegna samkomulags á COP 28***

Lagt er til að borgarráð samþykki að Reykjavíkurborg undirriti stuðningsyfirlýsingu alþjóðasamtaka leiðtoga í borgum og á sveitarstjórnarstigi, ICLEI, vegna samkomulags sem var undirritað á COP28.

Leiðtogarnir sem sóttu 28. loftslagsráðstefnu Sameinuðu þjóðanna hafa sent frá sér einróma stuðningsyfirlýsingu við samkomulagið sem fulltrúar ríkja heims undirrituðu í Dubai í lok ráðstefnunnar. ICLEI fagnar því sérstaklega að það skuli tekið fram með afdráttarlausum hætti að ríkin skuldbindi sig til að hverfa frá notkun jarðefnaeldsneytis svo hraða megi loftlagsaðgerðum.

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Boð frá ICLEI um að undirrita stuðningsyfirlýsingu, ódags.

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## Message from ICLEI's Secretary General to ICLEI Members who attended COP28

Dear ICLEI Members,

I am writing today to acknowledge your committed and impressive participation in the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP28) in Dubai, UAE, over these last two weeks.

More than 170 ICLEI leaders, including Governors, Mayors, Councilors and other city and regional leaders attended COP28 to advocate on behalf of cities and regions around the world.

For this, I thank you!

This was a game-changing COP for the cities and regions constituency, and your participation was key to the inclusive agenda set out by the COP28 Presidency. They offered us a seat at the table and you responded! Cities and regions had a voice all through COP28, including at the COP28 Presidency-hosted events such as [a dialogue with Heads of State](#), the Local Climate Action Summit, the [Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change](#) and the [NDCs-NBSAPs Ministerial](#).

In addition to this inclusive spirit, there were also tangible gains for cities and regions in the COP28 outcomes, called the UAE Consensus. The Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency, for which ICLEI serves as the focal point to the UNFCCC, has compiled [a comprehensive response to the outcomes as they relate to cities and regions](#). In summary, the

Loss and Damage Fund.

To place a stake in the sand and let the world know what our cities and regions thought about this COP28, we are inviting you - as an ICLEI leader who attended COP28 - to sign on to our **ICLEI Leaders Statement on the Outcomes of COP28**.

You can read [the draft statement in full here](#).

If you would like to be recognized as a signatory to this statement, please respond in the affirmative to [secretary.general@iclei.org](mailto:secretary.general@iclei.org). No electronic signature or quote is required - we will simply list signatories in alphabetical order, with their jurisdiction, and ICLEI governance role, if appropriate.

Thank you and I look forward to continuing this important work next year at Daring Cities 2024 and at the ICLEI World Congress in June 2024, in São Paulo, Brazil!

With warmest regards,



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# ICLEI Leaders COP28 Outcome Statement

A summary of the ICLEI's position following the outcomes of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

We, the undersigned local and regional leaders from ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability who attended COP28, welcome the key outcomes, including the unprecedented but necessary call to “transition away from fossil fuels,” the setting of the global goal on adaptation and the establishment and funding of a critically needed Loss and Damage fund. As a part of ICLEI, the global network working with more than 2,500 local and regional governments in 125+ countries committed to sustainable development, we applaud the outcomes of COP28 as a critical opportunity for all countries to accelerate climate efforts and chart a course toward a more sustainable and resilient future with all levels of government effectively working together.

Urban areas are on the front lines of the climate crisis. Faced with escalating extreme weather events, urban centers worldwide grapple with the dual task of preparing for inevitable climate impacts and actively seeking sustainable solutions that address their contexts and needs.

Hundreds of leaders from cities, towns and regions in the ICLEI network attended COP28 this year to demonstrate their critical role in achieving not only their own ambitious climate action goals, but also national and global climate goals.

Since COP21 in Paris, thousands of cities, towns and regions have declared climate emergencies, adopted ambitious targets, implemented critical greenhouse gas reduction strategies, enhanced local resilience, and helped accelerate national climate commitments.

Cities, towns and regions around the world are already phasing out fossil fuels thereby tackling the leading human contribution to the climate crisis, air pollution and environmental damage. We herald the commitment to transition away from fossil fuels at COP28, but acknowledge that we must move faster and further to ensure all levels of government accelerate fossil fuel phase out while transitioning towards renewable energy and optimizing energy efficiency, and have the means to prepare for current climate impacts as soon as possible.

Strong references to multilevel action in the outcomes of this COP mean that national governments should enable all subnational governments to step up integrated climate action, to achieve sustainable, equitable and resilient development. We welcome national governments' inclusion of multilevel action in the next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to raise their level of ambition, to be submitted at COP30, in Belém, Brazil.

At COP28, as local and regional leaders, we had a seat at the table like never before, including during COP28 Presidency-hosted events such [as a dialogue with Heads of State](#), the Local Climate Action Summit, the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change and the NDCs-NBSAPs Ministerial. We recognize and commend the leadership of the COP28 Presidency, as well as High Level Champion Razan Mubarak and all UAE COP28 Team, supported by UNFCCC Secretariat, to make our contributions visible within the official COP agenda. This level of inclusion has set the bar high for future COP summits.

Our network, ICLEI, plays a special role within the COP space. For over twenty years, the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency has been a driving force in bringing the voices of local governments to the forefront of global climate discussions, and ICLEI serves as the official focal point of the LGMA to the UNFCCC. This year, [the LGMA had a strong position going into COP28](#), which we support.

With the Global Stocktake underway, ICLEI has offered local and regional governments a way to contribute - through local stocktakes, which have been pioneered in 30+ cities in 17 nations across six continents. We welcome the reference to "align assessments of local-level progress ('local stocktakes') with future iterations of the Global Stocktake" in the [joint outcomes statement from the Urban Ministerial and LCAS](#).

We are also cheering [the landmark COP28 Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnership \(CHAMP\) for Climate Action](#), signed by more than 70 countries. This initiative will enhance cooperation with their local, regional and other subnational governments to collectively pursue efforts to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels. ICLEI strongly applauds the forward-looking countries who have already pledged to join the Coalition, and we stand ready to work with these countries to implement the goals of CHAMP towards COP30.

As cities and regions with nature, we also commend the inclusion of a special climate-nature ministerial roundtable, called the NDCs - NBSAPs Ministerial Meeting, which explicitly linked biodiversity and nature to climate change mitigation and adaptation actions. We believe that cities and regions must integrate nature into their climate transition and urban policy agendas as an immediate priority, to ensure that their actions deliver net positive outcomes for nature and people, and avoid pushing further beyond our planetary boundaries.

COP28 also had a historic announcement of the Loss and Damage fund that includes direct access for subnational governments, which should provide the much-needed finances for our cities, towns and regions to respond to the impacts of climate change. Keeping with our commitment to multilevel action, we also look forward to engaging with our respective national governments on how to efficiently and effectively achieve concrete results.

The final agreement of COP28 defined a new global goal on adaptation, that recognizes the importance of local adaptation actions and local governments as one of the key stakeholders. However, the language of the agreement lacks both a strong commitment and the allocation of responsibility for closing the widening adaptation finance gap. We are nonetheless hopeful that our nations will make adaptation financing more easily available to subnational and local governments, especially in the global south.

We were also heartened to see the institutionalization of the youth voice within the COP process and the formalization of a Youth Champion. The youth embody the spirit of change and we must ensure their perspectives and passion contribute to shaping a future where sustainability is not just a goal but a way of life.

Looking forward to June 2024, two critical events - Daring Cities 2024 and the ICLEI World Congress - present opportunities to take stock of subnational climate action, work together with those national governments that have already endorsed CHAMP, and invite others to join us as we advocate to tackle the climate crisis at all policy levels. These events are uniquely positioned to help cities and regions build the momentum as we look towards COP 29 in Baku and COP30 in Belém.

With every year that passes, the climate COP becomes a more potent reminder of the work we all have to do to collectively solve the global climate crisis. We are energized by the outcomes we saw at COP28, and we are ready to bring the work home.

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