



Draft Oral Statement
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Dear Chair, dear ED,

Dear Vice-Chairs, dear colleagues of UN-Habitat and from other constituencies,

Allow us to thank you for providing a space for our constituency of local and regional governments to provide its inputs.

We are grateful for all the updates provided. Most of the work carried out by UN-Habitat has direct impact on our members, cities and regions of our large constituency.

Allow us on behalf of our World Organisation to congratulate UN-Habitat and in particular the Executive Director and teams its teams for the work carried out in the past months and years.

Allow us also to congratulate UN-Habitat for the solid and important outcomes achieved at the First Ministerial on Urbanisation and Climate Change held at COP27. It is certainly a space that we will be eager to continue enhancing together with you.

- 1- First, as constituency of local and regional governments, we are eager to continue providing structural inputs towards the process of the **Second Habitat Assembly**.

Towards the Second Assembly, it will be crucial to continue emphasizing the need to continue promoting the existing efforts on localization through Voluntary Local Reviews.

It will also be important to make sure that our organized constituency is well involved in all stages of the process, with the inclusion of the formal mechanism the **World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments**. Please count on the participation of our delegation of mayors, governors and elected officials from around the world towards the Assembly.

- 2- Second, as we gear up toward the **review of SDG11** and the implementation of the **UN Common Agenda** in the making, we will need to continue **strengthening the capacities of LRGs and their associations and networks as a vital building block** of our work complementing the work deployed in the framework of the UN Taskforce on the Future of Cities

We see critical the challenge to maintain UN-Habitat's normative work for Member-States. It is also our priority to call to Member-States and to UN-Habitat Governing Bodies to maintain **financial support to the activities** and programmes developed at local level.

In a context of unprecedented crisis happening at the same time and universal challenges we, the local and regional governments around the world, are at the forefront of the efforts to overcome these proving times as allies of other spheres of government and as global actors with important transformational and convening power.

Allow us to end with a call, we all together need to ensure that the localization of all development agendas gets the attention it requires, as accelerator of the implementation of all SDG. Let's use the Second Habitat Assembly to make this happen.

Thank you.

