

**KEY MESSAGES of
LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAJOR GROUP on
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)**

At this historic first universal Governing Council Meeting, Local and Subnational governments encourage Member States and UNEP to ensure multi-level and multi-stakeholder governance that guarantees a rapid implementation of all principles of sustainable development, including the operationalization of paragraph 42 which acknowledges the important role that local and subnational authorities and communities can play in the global efforts to reach sustainability all levels and in all sectors of our societies.

There are many successful governance practices the International Community can share, and Local and Subnational governments will be happy to support by providing concrete experiences of implementation and benefits.

Local and Subnational Governments welcome the decision to establish SDGs as one of the most important outcome of the Rio+20 conference. This process should be implemented in close synergies with the Post-2015 Development Agenda, as well as the construction of a new global climate regime by 2020 where local and subnational governments are actively participating as well.

Moreover the extensive work done for the implementation of sustainable development strategies at different governmental levels, as well as Agenda's 21 at local, regional, national and international level can serve as a basis SDGs should be coherent with agreed international goals and targets.

MDGs should be embedded into the broader framework of sustainable development. In these sense, the goals should integrate the different pillars of sustainability. This means that targets and indicators need to be linked to parameters like resource efficiency and to reflect the transition to a greener economy with clear positive effects.

Regardless of the final definition of SDGs, local and subnational governments look forward to contribute their monitoring and implementation.



This text is produced by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and Network of Regional Governments for Sustainability (nrg4sd) that are acting as representatives of Local Authorities Major Group (LAMG) at UNEP Major Groups Facilitating Committee (MFGC).

