

KEY MESSAGES of
LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAJOR GROUP (LAMG) at
Ministerial Roundtable-5 on promoting sustainable consumption and production

Your Excellency's, distinguished delegates,

At a time when majority of world's population started to live in urban agglomerations and an additional 3 billion people is expected to join in the next 40 years, it is an obvious fact that road to global sustainability goes through world cities and towns, as clearly expressed by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the Rio+20 Global Town Hall.

As the sphere of government that is closest to the citizens, and incubators of innovation, local and subnational governments can play a crucial role in driving human societies into a more sustainable pattern.

Local Authorities Major Group is happy to observe the strong references to the importance of urbanization and local and subnational governments, expressed by many Member States around this roundtable.

Thus, we would like to recommend member States to consider full operationalization of paragraph 42 of "The Future We Want" document so that the experience and capacity of local and subnational governments can be efficiently mobilized in order to ensure a rapid implementation of 10YFP globally.

At Rio+20, ICLEI and UNEP jointly released GEO5 for Local Government Report which compiles key examples on how local solutions can help to solve global problems, in all fields covered under GEO5. Since 1998, annual EcoProcura Conferences have been enabling local governments to demonstrate their good practices to drive sustainable consumption, in particular via green procurement practices.

To conclude, Local and subnational governments look forward to expanding these experiences globally through active collaboration with national governments and UNEP in this new age of global environmental governance and in the new phase for the implementation 10 FYP.



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