



## MAYORS ADAPTATION FORUM 2013 BONN DECLARATION OF MAYORS

**Underlining** our concern that the historical threshold of 400 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> was crossed in May 2013, which we understand to be a warning of the need to escalate climate action at all levels of governance,

**Acknowledging** the inter-linkage between the Rio+20 outcomes, the Millennium Development Goals, climate change action, and the overall development agenda, including the principles of gender, peace, equality, culture and dialogue.

**Considering** the need to integrate adaptation into urban development, and recognizing the important role of the Resilient Cities Congress and the Mayors Adaptation Forum in this process,

**We, the Mayors and local leaders coming from 20 cities on four continents convened in Bonn, Germany's United Nations City and home to ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, by the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, together with our partners at the Resilient Cities Congress 2013, confirm our commitment to globally coordinated local climate action as below:**

We **welcome** the Durban Adaptation Charter as a powerful mechanism to enhance urban adaptation action by building networks of communication and cooperative action between local governments world-wide, creating a global platform for the dissemination of adaptation best practice and the effective implementation of the Charter's ten principles.

We **encourage** all local governments to sign the Durban Adaptation Charter in acknowledgment of the fact that the majority of climate change impacts and the appropriate proactive and reactive responses will occur at the local level.

We **invite** local governments to develop and implement a holistic ecosystems-based approach for developing city-region food systems that ensure food security, contribute

to urban poverty eradication, protect and enhance local level biodiversity and that are integrated in development plans that strengthen urban resilience and adaptation.

We **urge** that appropriate mechanisms be made available at all levels for capacity building and to ensure direct access and scaled-up financial support for the implementation of urban adaptation, including the development of resilient food systems and stress that the costs of adaptation and loss and damage resulting from climate change should be resourced from local, subnational, national and global sources where appropriate.

We **underline** the importance of the need for the Least Developed Countries Expert Group and the Adaptation Committee to include the need for local government consultation in the technical guidelines for the preparation of National Adaptation Plans.

We **urge nations to adopt** a universal Sustainable Development Goal for cities and announce our readiness to collaborate with all local government networks and global partners to ensure its implementation as part of the post-2015 development agenda and the post-2015 disaster risk reduction framework.

We **call** for new modalities of interaction for local and subnational governments in order to fulfil their role as governmental stakeholders in global efforts on sustainability within the High Level Political Forum of the post Rio+20 process at the United Nations , including involvement in agenda setting, consultation and implementation.

We **invite** all local governments to join the World Mayors Summit on Climate Change in Nantes, France, on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013, and to contribute to the development of a renewed advocacy strategy aimed at producing a globally supported action programme for local level action.

We **commit** ourselves to continuing local level climate action which highlights the importance of local governments in achieving global sustainable development goals and actively contributing to major global processes such as the Warsaw Climate Conference 2013; World Urban Forum 2014; PyeongChang Biodiversity Conference 2014; World Leaders Summit on Climate 2014; the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan in March 2015 and Paris Climate Conference 2015 and HABITATIII in 2016.

**Adopted unanimously on 2 June 2013, in Bonn, Germany,  
and  
declared by Jürgen Nimptsch,  
Mayor of Bonn, Vice Chair of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change**