



## The Ho Chi Minh Commitment The Ho Chi Minh Commitment to Deliver the Paris Agreement at All Levels in the Asia-Pacific

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Adopted by acclamation in Ho Chi Minh City

We, the local, regional and national leaders at the Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific 2017, acknowledge that with the entry into force of the Paris Agreement in November 2016 we are in a new era of global climate action. To deliver the Agreement, we support the engagement of all levels of governments domestically and particularly those in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Building** on our commitments for action and our appeal to the global community to empower local and subnational governments through support for institutional and technical capacity building and financial means, captured in the Melaka Call for Action adopted at the Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific 2016;

**Recalling** the show of force and resolve jointly demonstrated by local, regional, national and global leaders at the Climate Summit for Local and Regional Leaders 2017 at COP 23 in Bonn, Germany;

**Reemphasizing** the Bonn-Fiji Commitment adopted at COP 23 that presents the collective ambitions and concrete initiatives of local and regional leaders, and their calls to Parties;

We call on all levels of governments in the Asia-Pacific region to:

1. **Recognise** and leverage the opportunities provided by rapid urbanization by developing enabling policy environments and allocating adequate resources towards integrated sustainable urban development as a mechanism for accelerating the implementation of NDCs.
2. **Encourage** inclusive consultation processes towards and at the Talanoa Dialogue in 2018 and to participate in the same.
3. **Strengthen** processes of vertical and horizontal integration so that through joint action by all levels of government, the current NDC ambitions may be further raised.
4. **Prioritize** capacity building, technology transfer, project preparation, decentralized cooperation and strategic plans and investments for integrated, sustainable urban development as important pathways for low emission, high-resilient development.

5. **Enhance** the support from the global community, developed nations and financial institutions to developing countries and localities for the implementation of the Paris Agreement.
6. **Ensure** effective climate actions from local and regional governments as well as the private sector.

As representatives of local, regional and national governments and private sector at the Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific 2017, we commit ourselves to:

1. **Raise** our climate ambitions and implement the Paris Agreement goals in our jurisdictions.
2. **Work** with all stakeholders to establish, where applicable, Locally and Regionally Determined Contributions to help meet and exceed Nationally Determined Contributions, as well as to raise the ambitions of current and ensuing NDC commitments.
3. **Enhance** the resilience of our communities by regularly assessing climate and disaster risks, building local capacities to respond appropriately to them, mainstreaming climate resilience and DRR into city plans and working with project preparation and funding facilities towards developing financeable resilient infrastructure projects.
4. **Encourage** communities and citizens to adopt climate friendly lifestyles to transform societies and live in harmony with the natural environment.
5. **Promote** and support opportunities for city-to-city, region-to-region, and city-region-national learning, exchange and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific and with other regions to build partnerships across borders and to facilitate the implementation of the Paris Agreement at all levels.
6. **Adopt** an inclusive approach to planning and implementing climate action, leaving no one behind, to promote equity as well as collective responsibility and joint action by all stakeholders.
7. **Build** connections to, and capacities of all levels of government particularly in Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries, and ecologically sensitive zones, such as the Mekong Delta, to enable them to respond effectively to climate risks while adopting sustainable and resilient trajectories of growth. Towards this end we support the Front-Line Cities and Islands initiative of ICLEI and the Global Island Partnership.
8. **Strive** to achieve the above in coherence with all elements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular the Sustainable Development Goals, the New Urban Agenda, the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Finance.

In support of our commitments and to reassure the global community that climate action is advancing, evolving and accelerating, we look forward to the conclusion of the Paris Agreement Implementation Guideline by 2018.