

DRAFT TEXT for inclusion in the negotiating text of the Long-Term Cooperative Action under the Convention

To be submitted for Decision by the Parties to the UNFCCC (Contribution of States and regional governments)



All Parties, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities and their specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances, recognize the magnitude and urgency of the challenges to achieve the ultimate objective of the Convention will require an unprecedented level of collaboration and cooperation among all levels of government around the world. As such the Parties shall:



(a) Take into account the need to accelerate capacity building and to mobilize financial resources to scale up investment in areas that are uniquely suited for state and regional government implementation such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable mobility, sustainable land use, low carbon technology deployment, other mitigation policies and particularly in developing countries, reduced emissions from deforestation (REDD +), and climate adaptation.



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(b) Recognize the important contribution of states and regional governments (hereafter Subnational Governments) in pioneering policies and taking early action in the aforementioned areas and the need to continue this critical role for developing and putting into practice the general measures established by the national governments.



(c) Support and encourage further development of subnational partnerships and networks of the regions to promote capacity building and information sharing, including best practices in land-use planning, forest and agricultural land management, sustainable mobility, green public procurement, renewable energy, energy efficiency, joint research and deployment of climate friendly technologies.



BACKGROUND: Up to 80% of mitigation and adaptation policies will happen at the subnational and local levels. Subnational governments are primarily responsible for implementing policy, programs, legislation and fiscal mechanisms in many areas of energy, environment, transport and land-use (including communication with the public), but also for developing adequate policy with regard to specific characteristics of their region. Worldwide, subnational governments have implemented measures including regional emission reduction targets, green building codes, vehicle efficiency and/or emissions standards, low-carbon fuel standards, renewable portfolio standards, feed-in tariffs, and land-use policies that support sustainable forest and agriculture practices.



As such, the Parties to the UNFCCC are asked to recognize the role of this level of government in implementing actions consistent with the Bali Action Plan and the importance of the role of Subnational governments in the implementation of the long-term agreement on cooperative action amongst nations and taking into account the contribution of the Network of regional Governments for Sustainable Development to the Assembly document (FCCC/AWGLCA/2008/15) during COP 14.



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