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Local Authorities Stakeholders Group Statement of Actions

19-22 September 2022, Brisbane, Australia

1. *We*, governors, mayors, local authorities, and their associations in the Asia-Pacific region, present in Brisbane, Australia, from 19 to 22 September 2022 on the occasion of the 2022 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR),
2. *Represent* other local authorities who have provided inputs to this Statement of Action through consultations and surveys conducted by United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) under the framework of the Asia-Pacific Local Government Coordinating Body (APLG),
3. *Affirm* the outcome documents of the 2022 APMCDRR and the Brisbane Declaration, and the 2021-2024 Asia-Pacific Action Plan for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, that states the important role of cities and local authorities in achieving the targets.
4. *Reiterate* our commitment to enhancing local actions in disaster risk reduction through the Sendai Framework, and in parallel with actions towards the achievement of global agendas, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), New Urban Agenda (NUA), Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, World Humanitarian Summit on the Grand Bargain, and Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR 2030).
5. *Re-emphasise* the result of the Global Platform of Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) 2022 hosted by the Government of Indonesia in Bali¹ that focus on the importance and value of inclusive and networked multilateralism, international solidarity, cooperation; investment in DRR and systemic change; and the needs for transformative recovery after COVID-19 pandemic.
6. *Uphold* the progress of local authorities based on the “2018 Statement of Action of Mayors and Local Authorities” that was produced in the 2018 AMCDRR in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. There are notable achievements in: (i) local authorities’ development and adoption of local strategies aligned with the Sendai Framework for DRR, (ii) coordination within local government units and cross-boundaries discussion with other stakeholders, (iii) inclusive

¹ https://enb.iisd.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/gp2022_summary.pdf;
<https://globalplatform.undrr.org/news/23-28-may-2022-summary-report-gp2022>

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capacity building and engagement to vulnerable communities and households; and (iv) better informed and develop DRR policies and programmes, particularly on women.

7. *Highlight* the challenges that persist and constrain actions on the commitments, including (i) the global COVID-19 pandemic; (ii) the war in Ukraine; (iii) rapid urbanisation, and (iv) the deepening food, energy, climate, and financial crisis that the world suffers.
8. Hereby, we *commit* to undertake the local actions outlined in the 2021-2024 Asia-Pacific Action Plan for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 in mainstreaming the national DRR strategy at the local level.
9. *Acknowledge* the linkages in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR and the 2030 Agendas at the local level, including investment and/or financing with planning and budgeting.
10. We *commit* to engaging in intergovernmental and local actor relations by: (i) developing planning policies that accommodate the needs of vulnerable and marginalised communities, including coastal and island communities; and (ii) optimising efforts to tackle challenges in the fulfilment of basic needs, including food security, energy, water stress and scarcity to reduce multi-dimensional poverty.
11. To accelerate the delivery of our commitments, we *urge* the national governments and other stakeholders to:
 - 11.1. *Establish* a clearer division of roles between national governments, local governments, and stakeholders in the implementation of DRR Actions;
 - 11.2. *Incorporate* a “Think Resilience” approach to all investments and decision-making processes, including risk-informed development and planning policies, legislation, and plans by integrating DRR aspects to ensure a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches;
 - 11.3. *Ensure* the alignment of DRR plans and actions with the climate risk management from National, Regional, to Local Level by also conducting vertical and horizontal integration amongst stakeholders to optimise the comprehensive resilience building;
 - 11.4. *Create* an enabling environment through national legislation and policies to accelerate the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and improve the implementation of DRR actions;
 - 11.5. *Promote* and *embed* the role of women, youth, vulnerable and marginalised communities as key actors in local government decision-making processes;
 - 11.6. *Boost access* to financial resources and ensure optimised use by providing managerial and technical assistance, as well as capacity building to local governments to equip

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them with the capacity to meet local targets, prevent the development of ‘reactive’ policies, and deliver efficient public services to their citizens;

- 11.7. *Enhance* local governments engagements and knowledge building among their associations.
12. To ensure the smooth implementation of the abovementioned actions, we *emphasise* the importance of conducting the Monitoring and Evaluation through the Sendai Framework Voluntary commitment contribution, the Sendai Framework Monitor, and the MCR2030 dashboard.