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Preamble

We, the mayors, governors, local, and national government leaders, convened in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 2-4 July, 2024, at the 2024 International Mayors Forum, under the theme “*Accelerating Action at the Local Level to Achieve the 2023 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.*” Recognising the critical role of urban and rural authorities in global sustainability, we affirm our commitment to the transformative 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development amidst rapid urbanisation, economic constraints, growing inequalities, escalating environmental challenges, and increasing frequency and magnitude of natural disasters.

Commitment

In line with the discussions held and the insights shared at the Forum, we commit to fostering resilient, adaptive, and inclusive municipal environments amid a changing climate to foment prosperous local economies, ensuring that no one is left behind. Specifically, we pledge to identify and address key enablers or investment pathways for Six SDG Transitions - food systems, energy access and affordability, digital connectivity (including artificial intelligence), education, jobs and social protection, and climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, through:

- **Enhanced Multilevel Governance Horizontally and Vertically:** Support local action and resource allocation, thereby enhancing sustainable development through coordinated planning and institutional arrangements that effectively promote sustainability and equality across local, provincial, and central government strategies.
- **Local Innovation:** Develop solutions that complement with and contribute to global sustainability trends, addressing low carbon and resilient development strategies, pursuing resource efficiency, and arresting inequality and social exclusion.
- **Integrated Policies and Financing:** Prioritise policy actions alongside national to local budgeting and financing to ensure implementation and achieve the SDGs through integrated, synergistic actions and effective policies that ensure sustainability and resilience. New source of financing and revenue collection such as municipal infrastructure bonds, better asset management including the deployment of digital technology, and public-private partnerships (PPP) with required regulatory framework and guarantee mechanisms could be explored. In parallel, we call on promoting policies that strengthen fiscal autonomy and decentralization in order to improve the fiscal space of local governments.



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- **Digital Transformation:** Improve public services and governance in areas of education, health and sanitation, safe drinking water supply, safe mobility and universal accessibility, green building, tourism, and seamless e-payment functionalities, among others, through smart city initiatives and technology and ensure an equitable and sustainable digital transformation which is people-centred.
- **Economic Inclusivity:** Support local businesses, entrepreneurship, partnerships, and equitable access to resources.
- **Environmental Practices:** Ensure locally appropriate planning and investment in green infrastructure, sustainable mobility, waste management and circular economy, and inclusive urban planning and nature-based solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and restoration of urban ecosystems, promote a just renewable energy transition and access, protect natural urban environments, promote sustainable use of ocean resources towards Blue Economy, and implement climate change mitigation and adaptation measures to protect vulnerable citizens from climate change risks and impacts.
- **Synergistic Approach:** Address climate change risks and impacts while achieving the SDGs through integrated, synergistic actions and effective policies that ensure sustainability, resilience and social inclusion.
- **Community Engagement:** Facilitate active participation of citizens and various groups, such as the youth, people with disabilities, women, academia, the private sector, among others in planning and decision-making.

Actions

To operationalise these commitments, we will:

- **Build Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships:** Engage with all sectors of society, including the private sector, non-governmental and community-based organizations, academia, scientific and research organizations and international bodies to harness collective expertise and resources.
- **Data-Driven Governance:** Establish robust data, indicator and information systems to track progress on implementation of various measures, including supporting Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) to showcase advancements and challenges in localising the SDGs to enhance evidence-based decision-making.
- **Address Gaps:** Bridge capacity gaps between rural, urban, local and national levels in various aspects including closing the gender gap by enhancing collaboration, resource sharing, and optimization. This includes streamlining training and institutional capacity building programs, sharing innovative practices, and improving digital connectivity and platforms (including artificial intelligence) for efficient knowledge exchange and coordination across all levels of governance to ensure equitable and integrated development.

We urge all leaders to actively contribute their perspectives and solutions at upcoming pivotal events, including the Summit of the Future, the Fourth Conference on Financing for Sustainable Development,

and the World Summit for Social Development. These discussions will also enhance our contributions to the High-Level Political Forum in New York. Our voices must strongly advocate for the actions needed to enable local governments to uphold our commitment to leaving no one behind.

With only six years until the 2030 deadline, we call on leaders globally to join us in this transformative journey, committing to collaborative engagement to share progress, exchange best practices, and address emerging challenges and impactful solutions.

Adopted on this fourth day of July 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia.