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Focus: Victorian > local context

• How ‘cities’ were represented in Paris
• The role of cities in managing climate change
• Opportunities provided for cities as a result of COP21
  • City of Melb as an example
• Working with business and regions to realise opportunities

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COP21 Outcomes &
Paris Climate Package
for Local Governments

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City of Melbourne
1. Local and subnational governments as “governmental stakeholders”  
   *Para. 7 of Dec. 1/CP16, in Cancun in 2010*

2. Role of cities and subnational authorities in raising pre2020 ambition  
   *Para. 5b of Dec. 1/CP19, in Warsaw in 2013*

3. Engaging with all levels of governments, as well as local, subnational and community level in capacity building, adaptation and loss and damage  
   *Paris Agreement preamble para.15, 7.2, 11.2, 8.4.h + COP21 Decision on Non-Party Stakeholders*

4. Ministerial-Mayoral Dialogues  
   *COP16-2010-Cancun, COP19-2013-Warsaw* and High Level Action Days  
   *COP20-2014-Lima, COP21-2015-Paris*

5. ADP Workstream-2 Technical Examination Process on Urban Environment and Cities and Subnational Forum

6. Compact of Mayors, Compact of States and Regions, Covenant of Mayors, Under2MoU etc.

7. Increased number of organizations of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency (LGMA) and Special UNFCCC badges for their Political Leaders

8. Lima-Paris Action Agenda (LPAA) Declarations including 5-Year Vision and NAZCA Platform, including carbon Climate Registry as the first data partner

9. Friends of Cities at the UNFCCC, increased number of local and subnational leaders in the national delegations of both Annex-I and Non-Annex-I Parties

10. Workplan of Paris Committee on Capacity Building  
    *para. 73.d/g of Dec. 1/CP21*

11. ~ 50% of submitted INDCs in 2015 have a focus on action at local and subnational level

12. Cities and regions contributing to global funds  
    *City of Paris and Brussels Capital Region to GCF, Quebec to GEF-LDCF and others*

13. New resources (e.g. GEF Integrated Action Programme on Sustainable Cities, Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance (CCFLA), Climate-KIC LoCaL, UN Subnational Climate Action Hub)

14. Transformative Actions Programme (TAP)

15. 2030 SD Agenda; Sendai-Disaster, Addis Ababa-Finance, SDGs (including Goal:11)
COP21 Outcomes and Paris Climate Package for Local and Subnational Governments
Paris Climate Agreement Challenge:

Engaging all levels of governments in raising ambition and accelerating action to pursue 1.5°C goal and climate neutrality around mid-century in an Urban World

• **UNFCCC**
  - Technical Examination Process - mitigation and adaptation
  - Follow-up of LPAA Initiatives
  - Roles of Champions of COP21 (Laurence Tibuana) and COP22 (tbc)
  - Paris Committee on Capacity Building

• **UN**
  - UN Subnational Climate Action Hub
  - New leadership at the Office of the UN Secretary General – UNEP – UNFCCC as well as the Green Climate Fund
  - **Sustainable Development Goals, High Level Political Forum** and **HABITATIII**

• **National**
  - Signing on 22 April 2016 and ratifying the Paris Agreement as soon as possible
  - Increasing ambitions of the NDCs

• **Local and Subnational**
  - Increasing local and subnational ambitions and their vertical integration with NDCs through robust MRV processes
  - Mobilizing technical and financial resources to and from cities and regions via GEF, GCF, CTCN, Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance, Climate –KIC Local etc.
  - Multilevel and multistakeholder partnerships for Transformative city-level/territorial climate actions, such as TAP and continuous engagement with all stakeholders such as **Climate Action 2016** in Washington DC on 4-5 May, **Resilient Cities Congress** in Bonn on 6-8 July and **Climate Chance Conference** in Nantes on 26-28 September
Compact of Mayors
Six focus areas

**FOCUS AREAS**
- Council Operations
- Commercial Buildings and Industry
- Residential Buildings
- Stationary Energy Supply
- Transport and Freight
- Waste Management

**OUTPUTS**
- Carbon Neutral Organisation Leadership and Advocacy
- Improved Resource Efficiency in Commercial Buildings
- Improved Resource Efficiency in Homes
- Increased Renewable Energy Supply
- Increased Use of Low Emissions Transport
- Less Waste to Landfill

**GOAL = Carbon Neutral City**
Improve cost of Living, Transform Local Economy, Increase Resilience and Liveability, Influence Local and Global Climate Action
Ecosystem-based adaptation

**STRATEGIES**
- Total Watermark City as a Catchment
- Open Space Strategy
- Urban Forest Strategy
- Growing Green Guide
- Draft Urban Ecology Strategy

**OUTPUTS**
- Increase Storm Water Harvesting
- Increase Green Space
- Double Canopy Cover
- Increase Permeability
- Enhance Biodiversity

**GOAL** = TO COOL MELBOURNE BY 4°C

**BENEFITS**
- Improve Liveability, Resilience, Community Health and Biodiversity