

Durban Adaptation Charter East African Regional Workshop:

Resolution by the Tanzanian Local Authorities in support of advancing an integrated response to climate change within East Africa

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We, all the local government political leaders and executives from across Tanzania, on the occasion of the Durban Adaptation Charter's *International Capacity Building for Local Governments* East African Regional Workshop, hereby resolve that

We are:

Gravely concerned by the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report, in particular that the 400 ppm (parts per million, CO₂) threshold has been breached and greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise significantly; that development gains, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Tanzania are being severely undermined by extreme weather events which affect the poorest and most vulnerable communities hardest; that loss of biodiversity, and increasing water, food and energy insecurity threatens human well-being; and that the African continent is simultaneously and rapidly urbanising, especially in growing informal settlements;

Seeking solutions to problems associated with climate change like deforestation and its impacts on hydrology, flooding, rainfall variability, increasing alien invasive species, drought, food security, sea level rise and climate change impacts on infrastructure;

Recognising that Tanzania's cities and urban centres are growing rapidly and by 2030 will host more than 50 per cent of the population; that this presents an opportunity to boldly re-think current urban development trajectories while also addressing vulnerabilities and risks to which African populations are increasingly exposed in both rural and urban areas;

Acknowledging paragraph 7 of Dec. 1/CP16 in Cancun at UNFCCC COP16, the initiation of the Durban Adaptation Charter at UNFCCC COP17 and paragraph 5b of Dec.1/CP19 in Warsaw at UNFCCC COP19 as milestones in recognition, engagement and empowerment of local and subnational government as governmental stakeholders of global climate regime;

Welcoming the outcomes of the Climate Summit 2014 for local and subnational governments, in particular the Compact of Mayors and Resilient Cities Accelerator Initiative as new and additional vehicles of raising global ambition of climate action, and within this scope encourage the active engagement of local and subnational governments in international climate initiatives;

Building on the Local Climate Solutions for Africa 2013 Congress – Africa as part of the Local Government Climate Roadmap 2013-2015, where a signing ceremony of Tanzanian local authorities was convened for the signing of the Durban Adaptation Charter, and noting our many signatories to the LOCS 2013 Dar es Salaam Tanzania communique to the UNFCCC;

We, the locally elected political leaders and executives of Tanzania, under the leadership of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT), and in mutual support of relevant tiers of government, including Prime Minister's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PMORALG), assembled at the Durban Adaptation Charter East African Regional workshop, add our voice to the global agenda through this resolution, through our partnership in the Local Government Climate Roadmap 2013-2015 and in coordination with the Global Taskforce for Local and Regional Governments for Post 2015 and Habitat III;

Commit to engage with our national government, and regional and pan-African and global organisations such as the East African Local Government Association (EALGA), East African Community (EAC) and United Cities and Local Governments - Africa (UCLG), ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, and the African Union (AU), the private sector, financial institutions and civil society to build a collaborative, partnership based approach to effectively address vulnerabilities and risks; and to adopt strategies, policies and actions which catalyse the transition to inclusive green growth;

Welcome decisions of the UN Environment Assembly on ecosystem based adaptation and the promotion of air quality which strongly contributes in the improvement of quality of life in African cities as well;

Welcome the start of the *Hyogo Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction Phase-2-2015 with a view to establish clear linkage* between climate change adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction through appropriate synergies between 10 principles of the Making Cities Resilient Campaign the full implementation of DAC;

Urge national governments to ensure synergies with other multilateral processes including the Sustainable Development Goals negotiations and High-level political forum, the Hyogo Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction Phase-2-2015, HABITATIII – 2016, and the Nagoya 10-Year Plan of Action for Biodiversity;

Urge that the Tanzanian national government, and all others throughout Africa, commit to work collaboratively with local government and sub-national authorities to ensure they are able to access human and financial resources in order to fast-track the implementation of locally appropriate, pro-poor low carbon and resilient actions;

Committed to take action by signing and promoting the Durban Adaptation Charter, and have resolved to convene climate change regional committees and local committees, within every local government, within Tanzania to enhance climate change adaptation implementation, communication and coordination;

Call on the National Government of Tanzania, development partners and the Local Government and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency, to recognise and support the development of these regional and local committees and other local government climate change initiatives towards the implementation of the Durban Adaptation Charter. Further, to invite the Government of Tanzania to actively support strong engagement of local and sub-national governments for active recognition, engagement and empowerment of local and subnational governments, and to contribute to pave the way for a 10-Year Action Plan for City and Subnational Action in the UNFCCC processes;

Request that the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency continues to provide leadership through convincing and effective negotiating positions on behalf of African subnational authorities;

Invite the Government of Tanzania, in collaboration with the “Friends of Cities” group at the UNFCCC, to undertake necessary actions to assist locally elected leaders in the implementation of the Local Government Climate Road Map 2013-2015.

The Dar es Salaam Resolution was adopted on the occasion of the Durban Adaptation Charter East African Regional Workshop event in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 12 November 2014 and facilitated by the DAC Secretariat including ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, ALAT, the host City of Dar es Salaam, the Tanzanian national government, Supported by the ICMA, USAID funded CityLinks project, in support of the Local Government Climate Roadmap 2013-2015.