



## **Climate Resilience and Innovation Forum (CRIF) 2025**

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### **JAKARTA CALL FOR ACTION**

#### **Preamble**

We, the mayors, governors, national and local government officials, experts, practitioners, and community leaders from across Asia and beyond, who have gathered in Jakarta, Indonesia, for the Climate Resilience and Innovation Forum (CRIF) 2025, reaffirm our commitment to urgent, inclusive, and transformative local climate action. Recognising the compounding risks of the climate crisis — from intensifying floods and sea-level rise to prolonged droughts, extreme weather, and biodiversity loss — we underscore the need for systemic solutions that are locally grounded, people-centred, and future-proof.

CRIF 2025 marks a milestone in collaborative innovation, knowledge exchange, and shared learning among cities and regions, build up on the achievements of the Climate Resilient and Inclusive Cities (CRIC) Programme and aligned with the objectives of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

#### **Actions**

In response to the insights and priorities shared during the Forum, we resolve to undertake the following actions to advance transformative local climate resilience and innovation:

- Develop and mainstream Climate Action Plans (CAPs) for cities that are data-driven, participatory, and aligned with national development strategies and global climate targets, including addressing challenges in waste management, flooding, and informal settlements.
- Reform climate finance mechanisms by establishing direct access windows for local and regional governments and simplifying eligibility requirements and application procedures to enable more equitable access to climate funds.
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- Strengthen evidence-based climate governance by fostering robust mechanisms for the generation, dissemination, and application of scientific and policy-relevant knowledge. This

includes enhancing the capacities of local governments, research institutions, and policy makers to engage in collaborative research; promoting the use of disaggregated and context-specific data; and encouraging the development of policy instruments that are grounded in empirical evidence and tailored to local realities. These efforts may be supported through national or regional knowledge hubs that facilitate continuous learning, innovation, and the institutionalisation of good practices.

- Facilitate peer learning and decentralised cooperation between cities to share best practices, enable innovation scaling, and foster climate diplomacy.
- Promote inclusive and sustainable urban development, particularly through the integration of nature-based solutions, circular economy principles, and localised disaster risk reduction.
- Strengthen local data ecosystems and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs), ensuring disaggregated data is available and used to monitor progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and climate targets at the subnational level.
- Integrate short- and long-term planning horizons by embedding immediate climate responses within broader urban development strategies, ensuring institutional coherence, cross-sectoral alignment, and continuity of resilience-building efforts over time.
- Strengthen city enabling environments for environmental and climate governance by advancing national legal, institutional, fiscal, and participatory frameworks that empower local governments to lead climate action, drawing on country-level benchmarking and multi-level governance assessments.

We urge national governments, international organisations, donors, academia, civil society, and private sector actors to work hand in hand with local and regional governments to unlock the full potential of transformative local climate action. We call for the reform of climate finance mechanisms by establishing direct access windows for local and regional governments and simplifying eligibility requirements and application procedures to enable more equitable access to climate funds. We also emphasise the need to strengthen national and local capacities in climate finance by supporting the development of robust project pipelines, technical planning, and institutional frameworks aligned with international funding standards. An enabling environment is crucial if local and regional governments are to effectively deliver public service and contribute to global goals. Recognition, support, and empowerment of cities and communities, as first responders and long-term stewards of the climate resilience agenda, remain essential.

### **Closing**

With only five years remaining to achieve the 2030 targets, we reaffirm that resilience is not imported, it must be co-created. It begins with the agency of cities, the strength of communities, and the power of partnerships.

Adopted on 22 May 2025 in Jakarta, Indonesia.