

Summary of the Chair, H.E. Jader Barbalho Filho, Minister of Cities, Brazil of the 4th Ministerial Meeting for Urbanization and Climate Change

I thank ministers, governors, mayors, urban experts, practitioners, UN-Habitat, UNEP and other UN entities for engaging in 11 high-level events held on 11 November 2025. I also thank all countries that have provided comments to the ministerial declaration. This summary also draws on the declaration.

We have reached a broad agreement that a credible path to the Paris Agreement's goals and a climate-resilient future requires multilevel and multisectoral cooperation, with strong synergies between national climate governance and urban development policies.

We reaffirmed that sustainable urbanization and multilevel governance are key to achieving the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The New Urban Agenda provides a framework for sustainable and resilient urban development.

Previous COP initiatives have paved the way for us: including the COP27 Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation (SURGe) Initiative, COP28 Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP), and COP29 Multisectoral Actions Pathways (MAP) to Resilient and Healthy Cities declaration.

The spirit of *Mutirão* – a collective and self-organized effort to cooperate – established by the COP 30 Presidency and guiding the Action Agenda has framed the thematic focus of the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change. The high-level events preceding the closing plenary focussed on science and research, nature, housing and informal settlements, buildings, water, waste, and extreme heat, finance and multilevel governance – all critically important for achieving climate and sustainable urban development goals in an integrated way.

We have further agreed that the urban development and climate agendas need to be more strongly aligned by:

1. **Institutionalizing** the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change at COPs.
2. **Strengthening** the participation of subnational and local governments in the UNFCCC processes.
3. **Strengthening** the New Urban Agenda through its 2026 review by more explicitly integrating urban climate change adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage, just transition and climate finance.
4. **Committing to the** forthcoming IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities as a contribution to the Global Stocktake, and as a foundation to build local capacities for climate action.
5. **Including the** principles and priorities of sustainable urban development and multilevel climate action in the deliberations on the Global Goal on Adaptation, on the Global Stocktake, and on just transition pathways.
6. **Strengthening** the urban content in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategies (LT-LEDS, and the outcomes of the first Global Stocktake (GST).
7. **Committing to climate finance** in support of the local level, towards ensuring that global and national climate funds can effectively support city-scale projects and local communities on the frontlines of climate change.
8. **Promoting** equity and inclusion for the urban poor and residents of informal settlements by addressing the disproportionate risks they face and by promoting a just transition for all.

Over the remaining days of this COP30 and beyond, I urge national, subnational and local governments to work together to identify ambitious and formal mechanisms that will lead to quantifiable implementation of the multilevel governance and sustainable urbanization agenda for climate action. I also urge to advance mechanisms to enhance access to climate finance for local actors, in line with the Compromiso de Sevilla and the Sevilla Platform for Action on localizing development finance. I suggest that we hear an update on the progress made on the points above at the 13th World Urban Forum in May 2026.