

**LAMG statement for OWG 10**  
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We want to start by sharing our appreciation on recognizing sustainable cities and human settlements in a whole focus area that addresses some of our concerns such as: slum conditions, access to basic services, urban planning, peace and security, and culture.

We now need to establish a goal on sustainable cities and human settlements applicable *in time* - today and in the future, applicable *in space* - for all types of human settlements including, villages, towns, districts, cities, metropolitan areas and regions. A goal that ensures that all the basic human rights and needs of all peoples are met.

However, we do regret the exclusion of some key elements under this area:

- Poverty reduction should target all urban neighborhoods where living conditions are precarious.
- Poverty lines should take into account both food needs and other basic needs such as adequate and affordable housing, infrastructure and access to basic services.
- Also, reducing extreme inequality requires equal right to land tenure and respect to indigenous people's territorial rights.
- Moreover, we need a community based approach that guarantees access to basic services and employment for vulnerable populations such as older people, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples and those living in slums, young people, female heads of households and the marginalized informal sector.
- Culture, should not only be seen only as a material legacy but as a living and changing component of the

cities, where many different social backgrounds are mixed and live together.

And finally the focus area should address urban governance facilitating local and sub national government cooperation and collaboration among all levels of government to develop a more integrated urban planning and give access to public participation in decision-making processes.

Therefore, we proposed the following 5 targets:

- 1) Adequate, affordable, equitable, accessible and sustainable infrastructure and services for all, including eradicating slum conditions and gender based violence;
- 2) Integration of a community based approach to sustainable development with a multilevel governance that includes mechanisms for civil society to influence urban planning.
- 3) Strong economic and social links between cities, rural areas and peri-urban areas; including decent work and ensuring equal rights to land tenure and control of productive resources for all.
- 4) Universal access to safe, affordable, and sustainable transport, improving road safety, mobility and air quality while investing in the green economy sector to reduce the contribution of transportation towards climate change.
- 5) Working towards inclusive societies that respect and promote diversity to protect cultural and natural heritage and to promote urban regeneration.

Thank you very much.