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**Local and Regional Government Summit**

**Cancun, Mexico**

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**Mayors commit to ramp-up risk reduction actions  
but call for greater technical and financial support**

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Mayors gathered in Cancun, Mexico, for the Local and Regional Government Summit have adopted the **Declaration of Local and Regional Governments**. Along with their partners from national governments, international organizations and risk reduction actors across many sectors, local government representatives sought to give new impetus to risk reduction and resilience efforts at the local level, drawing on renewed global commitments articulated through the Sendai Framework, New Urban Agenda, and among other frameworks.

The adoption of this Declaration at the end of the Summit captures the commitment of local leaders to make their cities safer and sends a clear message to all stakeholders that sub-national governments want to and must play a leading role in risk reduction efforts.

In the spirit of promoting collaboration between all actors, the Declaration acknowledges, “the role of national, regional and international associations in supporting local and regional governments to prepare and implement their strategy”.

The Declaration ends with a call to States and national governments to increase the resources allocated to the local level to scale-up efforts in disaster risk reduction and resilience, and challenges the United Nations agencies, “to give their technical assistance to local and regional governments in order to achieve the imminent goals set by the Sendai Framework and the other international agendas.”

UN-Habitat presented its City Resilience Profiling Tool to participants as a concrete measure being taken to provide the support cities require to become more resilient. Citing ongoing cases of implementation, Mr. Esteban Leon said “...the Tool is the most comprehensive available for cities today.”

The Local and Regional Government Summit was held in the framework of the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, convened by UNISDR.

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