

OPEN LETTER TO UNFCCC AND BRAZILIAN COP30 LEADERSHIP TO ADDRESS FOSSIL FUEL LOBBY INFLUENCE

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Dear Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of Brazil; Dear André Aranha Corrêa do Lago, President of COP30; Dear Ana Toni, CEO of COP30

Dear Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

In 2024 our planet [crossed the 1.5 C global warming limit](#) for the first time, recording the hottest year in history. From devastating wildfires in Los Angeles, to [catastrophic floods in Brazil](#) and South Asia, to [droughts in the Amazon](#) and [Central Africa](#) - we are entering a perilous new reality that demands urgent climate action. However, for too long, fossil fuel [lobbyists have swarmed COPs](#), the annual global climate negotiations. Together with other high polluting industries (for example, in Brazil, from the agrobusiness sector) they have been delaying progress for phasing out fossil fuels, reducing emissions, and to protect the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of communities. As global temperatures edge to irreversible tipping points, we cannot afford this anymore.

Today, we - a coalition of organizations, advocates, and citizens who believe that transparency and accountability are essential for meaningful climate action - are calling on the Brazilian COP30 Presidency and the UNFCCC to confront high-polluting industries' undue influence in climate negotiations and restore trust in the COP process.

Brazil's leadership presents a unique opportunity to reset the course of climate diplomacy. We welcome the government's ambition for COP30 to set higher standards, and its [plans for holding a "Global Ethical Stocktake"](#). We call on the Brazilian Presidency to organise the Stocktake by the June 2025 climate meetings in Bonn, with sessions on undue influence, conflicts of interests (see for example [Accountability Framework](#)) and COP Presidency selection, with recommendations for reforms to future COPs.

The following measures should be implemented voluntarily by the Brazilian COP Presidency in the short-term, and formally by the UNFCCC in the long-term:

1. **Conflict of Interest Policy:** Fossil fuel and high polluting industry lobbyists should no longer be shaping negotiations. We call for their exclusion from state delegations and the adoption of a robust conflict of interest framework for all COP participants. We encourage

the Brazilian Presidency to take voluntary measures for its own Delegation and Presidency Team and urge the UNFCCC to adopt policy reforms binding future COPs.

2. **Transparency Standards:** All delegations, lobbyists, and COP organisers should always publicly declare their true (and multiple if relevant) affiliations at COPs, with this information displayed on a centralised, publicly accessible platform. We call on the UNFCCC to address gaps by adopting an appropriate transparency policy within its code of conduct, and work with the Brazilian Presidency to ensure higher standards for COP30.
3. **Host Country Agreements (HCAs) & Partnerships:** COP Presidency partnerships with high polluting industries should end. HCAs should be conditional of UNFCCC approval based on clear selection criteria of partners explicitly excluding fossil fuels and other high polluting industries. HCAs and related partnerships need to be timely published on the Secretariat's website.
4. **Reformed COP Presidency Selection:** Future COP hosts should demonstrate tangible progress on Paris Agreement in national climate action plans and commitment to human rights. COP Presidencies should be free of lobbyists from high polluting industries. The UNFCCC needs to adopt a process for this.

A transparent, accountable framework that prioritizes people over polluters will rebuild trust in the COP process and accelerate progress toward the Paris Agreement goals. Without these reforms, global climate diplomacy risks remaining a hollow exercise, incapable of addressing the most urgent crisis of our time.

We urge the Brazilian Presidency to act quickly by organizing the Global Ethical Stocktake and implementing possible voluntary measures on (1) Conflicts of Interest and (2) Transparency Standards. We call on all Parties and the UNFCCC Secretariat to adopt reforms for permanent policy changes in all the above points. COP30 is more than just another summit - it is a test of the global community's will to confront the climate crisis with integrity and ambition. **We urge you to act.**

Sincerely,

Signatories

1. Transparency International
2. Oxfam International
3. Amnesty International
4. Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) International

5. Human Rights Watch
6. Greenpeace
7. Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)
8. Global Witness
9. Friends of Earth International
10. Climate Action Network International (*representing 1900 groups from 130 countries*)
11. Climate Action Network Europe (*with 200 member organizations representing 1700 groups across 40 countries*)
12. UNCAC Coalition (*with 400 organizations in over 120 countries, committed to promoting the ratification, implementation and monitoring of the UN Convention against Corruption*)
13. Public Services International (*Federation of more than 700 trade unions representing 30 million public service workers in 154 countries*)
14. Global Climate and Health Alliance (*with 200+ organizations from across 125 countries*)
15. Earth4All
16. Center for International Environmental Law
17. Client Earth
18. The Climate Reality Project
19. International Land Coalition
20. Earth Rights International
21. Earth League International
22. E3G – Third Generation Environmentalism
23. Fossil Free Politics
24. Corporate Europe Observatory
25. Corporate Accountability
26. Influence Map

27. Publish What You Pay
28. Oil Change International
29. Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative
30. Accountable Now
31. Accountable Lab
32. Anti-Corruption Data Collective
33. Government Accountability Project
34. Business and Human Rights
35. Green Economy Coalition
36. Rights and Resources Initiative
37. Water Integrity Network
38. Food and Water Action Europe
39. Youth Climate Leaders
40. Indigenous Peoples Rights International
41. Artport Project
42. EDGE Funders Alliance (Engaged Donors for Global Equity)
43. Heinrich Böll Foundation, Washington, DC Office
44. Friends of the Earth Europe
45. Peoples Climate Assembly
46. Climate Integrity
47. Comms Declare
48. Climate Action Network Australia
49. Care About Climate
50. Policy Alert

51. Union of Concerned Scientists
52. ADM Capital Foundation
53. Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives
54. AllRise
55. Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
56. Health in Harmony
57. African Coalition on Green Growth
58. Emmaus International
59. Centre for Climatology and Applied Research
60. United Nations University - International Institute for Global Health
61. Africa Climate and Health Alliance (*with more than 345 member NGOs from 45 countries in Africa*)
62. Child Rights International Network
63. United for Global Mental Health
64. Conservation Biology Institute
65. Nurses Across the Borders Humanitarian Initiative
66. People Powered
67. Children and Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC (YOUNGO)
68. Global Commercial Determinants of Health Action Network
69. Clean Air Fund
70. Tard Foundation
71. Hawkmoth

Brazil constituencies

72. 350.org Brasil
73. ActionAid Brasil
74. Alana Institute
75. Alternativa Terrazul
76. AMAR - Associação do Meio Ambiente Araucária
77. Amazônia de Pé
78. Amigos da Terra – Amazônia Brasileira
79. Angá Asset
80. Apremavi - Associação de Preservação do Meio Ambiente e da Vida
81. Associação Alternativa Terrazul
82. Associação Brasileira de Jornalismo Investigativo – ABRAJI
83. Associação Fiquem Sabendo
84. Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado
85. Associação Mineira de Defesa do Ambiente
86. Associação Soluções Inclusivas Sustentáveis (SIS)
87. Brigada de Alter
88. Carlos Nobre
89. CEDEA - Centro de Defesa e Educação Ambiental
90. Centro Brasileiro de Justiça Climática
91. Centro de Desenvolvimento Agroecológico Sabiá
92. Centro de Trabalho Indigenista: CTI
93. Chalana Esperança
94. Ciupoa - Centro de Inteligência Urbana

95. Clima de Política
96. COESUS - Coalizão Não Fracking Brasil
97. Conectas Direitos Humanos
98. Eduardo Viola
99. Emilio Lebre La Rovere
100. Engajamundo
101. FADA - Força Ação e Defesa Ambiental
102. FEPAM - Federação Paranaense de Entidades Ambientalistas
103. FIAN Brasil
104. Fundação Ecotrópica
105. Fundación ARAYARA
106. Gambá - Grupo Ambientalista da Bahia
107. Idec - Instituto de Defesa de Consumidores
108. IDS - Instituto Democracia e Sustentabilidade
109. IEB - Instituto Internacional de Educação do Brasil
110. Iepé - Instituto de Pesquisa e Formação Indígena
111. Igarapé Institute
112. INESC - Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos
113. Instituto 5 Elementos
114. Instituto Ação Climática
115. Instituto Alana
116. Instituto Ar
117. Instituto Árvores Vivas

118. Instituto Centro de Vida – ICV
119. Instituto Comida do Amanhã
120. Instituto de Políticas de Transporte e Desenvolvimento - ITDP
121. Instituto E+
122. Instituto Fórum Permanente São Francisco
123. Instituto Internacional de Educação do Brasil – IEB
124. Instituto Kabu
125. Instituto KRETAN
126. Instituto Physis - Cultura & Ambiente
127. Instituto Sociedade, População e Natureza – ISPN
128. Instituto Talanoa
129. International Energy Initiative - IEI Brasil
130. IPÊ - Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas
131. ISA - Instituto Socioambiental
132. LITIGA - Litigância Climática e de Direitos
133. Mater Natura
134. NOSSAS
135. Observatório do Clima
136. Oceana
137. OCM - Observatório do Carvão Mineral
138. Open Knowledge Brasil
139. Operação Amazônia Nativa – OPAN
140. OPG - Observatório do Petróleo e Gás
141. PainelMar

142. PerifaConnection
143. Plant-for-the-Planet Brasil
144. Plataforma CIPÓ
145. Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis
146. Projeto Ilhas do Rio - Instituto Mar Adentro
147. Projeto Saúde e Alegria
148. Proteção Animal Mundial (World Animal Protection)
149. Raoni Rajão
150. Rare Brasil
151. RCA - Rede de Cooperação Amazônica
152. Rede Fé Paz e Clima
153. Rede Vozes Negras pelo Clima
154. Revolusolar
155. Roberto Schaeffer
156. Sea Shepherd Brasil
157. SER
158. Sociedade de Pesquisa em Vida Selvagem e Educação Ambiental (SPVS)
159. SOS Clima
160. SOS Mata Atlântica
161. TOSHISPHERA Instituto de Saúde Ambiental e Climática
162. Uma Gota No Oceano
163. UNEAP - União de Entidades Ambientalistas do Paraná
164. Viração Educomunicação

- 165. WWF Brasil
- 166. YCL - Youth Climate Leaders

Academics and prominent individuals

- 167. Ariane Lambert-Mogiliansky, Chair Economics of Transparency and Accountability, Paris School of Economics (PSE)
- 168. Mark Jacobson, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University
- 169. Michael Mann, Presidential Distinguished Professor of Earth & Environmental Science, University of Pennsylvania
- 170. Camille Etienne
- 171. Kumi Naidoo
- 172. David Aled Williams, Principal Adviser, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre
- 173. Saul Mullard, Senior Adviser, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre
- 174. Sarah Whitmee, Dept of Population Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Other National Constituencies

- 175. US Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health
- 176. Irish Doctors for the Environment
- 177. Faculty of Public Health, UK
- 178. Physicians for Social Responsibility, USA
- 179. Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment
- 180. Public Health Association of South Africa
- 181. Anticor, France
- 182. Notre Affaire À Tous, France

183. Mizu Eco-Care Zambia
184. Conservation Advocates Zambia
185. German Alliance on Climate Change and Health, Deutsche Allianz Klimawandel und Gesundheit, Germany
186. Whistleblower-Netzwerk e.V. (Whistleblower Network), Germany
187. Environmental Action Germany (Deutsche Umwelthilfe)
188. Australian Council for International Development
189. Jubilee Australia Research Centre
190. Uniting Church in Australia - Synod of Victoria and Tasmania
191. Uniting Church Australia, Queensland Synod
192. UK Youth Climate Coalition
193. Fridays for Future Uganda
194. Institute for Social Marketing & Health, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK
195. Community Boroondara and Inner Melbourne Group from Australian Conservation Foundation
196. Intelligent Whistleblower Coalition, Bangladesh
197. Ufuq Organization for Human Development
198. Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives, Pakistan
199. Accountability Lab, Pakistan
200. Initiatives for Planning Research and Social Development, Pakistan
201. Indus Consortium, Pakistan
202. IMPACT Research International, Pakistan
203. Centre for Governance and Public Accountability, Pakistan
204. Professional Alliance of South Sudan
205. Future in our hands (Framtiden i våre hender), Norway

206. Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment (Network of 60 Norwegian organizations within development, environment, peace and human rights)
207. The Development Fund of Norway (Utviklingsfondet), Norway
208. Both ENDS, Netherlands
209. Foundation for the Development of Civic Freedom (Fundación para el Desarrollo de la Libertad Ciudadana) Panama
210. Environmental Advocacy Center of Panama (Centro de Incidencia Ambiental de Panamá), Panama
211. Coordinator for the Defense of Natural Resources and Rights of the Ngäbe-Buglé and Peasant People (Coordinadora para la Defensa de los Recursos Naturales y Derechos del Pueblo Ngäbe-Buglé y Campesino), Panama
212. Pro-Eco Azuero Foundation, Panama
213. Fundación Mar Viva, Panama
214. Fundación San José Verde, Panama
215. Ya es Ya, Scientist Rebellion, Panama
216. Women's Meeting Space (Espacio Encuentro de Mujeres), Panama
217. Sustenta Honduras, Honduras
218. Coalición Ambiental de Honduras, Honduras
219. Great Lakes and Wetlands Association (Nagy Tavak és Vizes Élőhelyek Szövetsége), Hungary
220. Clean Air Action Group (Levego Munkacsoport), Hungary
221. Ecojustice, Canada
222. David Suzuki Foundation, Canada
223. Équiterre, Canada
224. Canadian Association of Pharmacy for the Environment
225. Aniedi Inyang Foundation, Nigeria
226. Health for Future, Austria

227. Southern Africa Climate Change Coalition
228. Zimbabwe Climate Change Coalition
229. Kenya Youth Biodiversity Network
230. Laudato Si Movement Kenya Chapter
231. Kenya Climate Change Working Group
232. Intersectoral Forum on Agrobiodiversity and Agroecology, Kenya
233. Jenga Future Kenya
234. Collegium Ramazzini, Italy
235. Quakers Australia
236. Friends of the Earth Australia
237. U Ethical Investors, Australia
238. ActionAid Australia
239. Angligreen, Australia
240. Pacific Islands Council of Qld Inc., Australia
241. Dhrobotara Youth Development Foundation, Bangladesh
242. Dhoritri Rokhhay Amra, Bangladesh
243. Sightsavers Bangladesh
244. Media Resources Development Initiative, Bangladesh
245. Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network, Bangladesh
246. Bangladesh Working Group on Ecology and Development
247. Participatory Research & Action Network, Bangladesh
248. Bangladesh Resource Center for Indigenous Knowledge, Bangladesh
249. ActionAid Bangladesh

250. DIPTO Foundation
251. Bangladesh Enterprise Institute
252. Manusher Jonno Foundation, Bangladesh
253. Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, Bangladesh
254. Center for Atmospheric Pollution Studies, Bangladesh
255. Bright Green Energy Foundation, Bangladesh
256. The Earth Society, Bangladesh
257. Centre for Energy Research, United International University, Bangladesh
258. Save Maldives
259. Zero Waste Maldives
260. Ecocare Maldives
261. Project ThimaaVeshi, Maldives
262. BeLeaf Maldives
263. AWTAD Anti-Corruption Organization
264. Sensitisation Against Hazard And Crime Initiative (SAHACRIN)