

Civil society demands clean, affordable energy for all at the heart of the COP30 agenda

Open letter to COP30 President-designate, André Aranha Corrêa do Lago

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Your Excellency Mr President-designate,

We, climate and social justice organizations from around the world, urgently demand that COP30 renews the global commitment and supports implementation for the just, orderly, and equitable transition away from fossil fuels towards renewable energy. This must ensure that solutions progressively meet the needs of Indigenous, Black, marginalized and vulnerable populations and accelerate the expansion of renewables in a way that ensures the world's wealthiest and most polluting nations pay their fair share, does not harm nature, increase deforestation by burning biomass, while upholding economic, social, and gender justice.

As mentioned in your [first letter from the President-designate of COP30](#), we are halfway through the decisive decade for climate action. Yet, instead of meaningful progress, we see escalating climate disasters and human suffering – no longer distant tragedies but crises reaching our own backyards.

The science is unequivocal: there is no room for new coal mines or oil and gas fields if the world is to limit warming to 1.5°C - especially in critical ecosystems like the Amazon, where COP30 will be hosted. Tripling renewables by 2030 is essential, but without a managed and rapid phaseout of fossil fuels, it won't be enough.

The COP is one of the few forums where civil society can hold governments accountable for meaningful climate action and push for binding agreements that are people-centered, just, and equitable. We count on this year's COP30 Presidency to ensure that those bearing the brunt of this crisis are not sidelined again while the nations most responsible continue to dominate and impede the negotiations.

For a truly just energy transition, governments must ensure that the extractive practices used by the fossil fuel industry are not replicated. If fossil fuel workers or communities are left behind, or are displaced in the name of the transition, it will not be just. Community-led solutions lay the foundation for an equitable energy system, but without ambitious climate plans and decisive action from world leaders, justice will remain out of reach. COP30 can be a moment to anchor the multilateral cooperation and solidarity needed to achieve a just energy transition at the pace and depth we need for an equitable transformation worldwide, achieved through ambitious and binding national climate plans.

As you laid out, COP30 president-designate, COPs must indeed be a turning point. It is time to shift power, end fossil fuel dependence, and build a future rooted in justice and sustainability with the rapid expansion of renewable energy. **This can only be realized through active and meaningful participation of those who represent the moral authority over the protection of our natural world: Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities.**

We hereby demand the COP30 Presidency uses their mandate and influence to lead on the following:

1. Supercharge renewables in a fair and equitable way

- **Supercharge renewables:** Ensure the agreement on tripling global renewable energy capacity by 2030 is implemented, replacing fossil fuels. renewable energy must be affordable, distributed, and accessible to all.
- **Ensure the energy transition is fully funded:** Drive forward the Roadmap from COP29 towards the 1.3 trillion climate finance target and accelerate the delivery of additional public funding, including grant-based and debt-free finance, needed to guarantee universal access to renewable energy while rapidly phasing out fossil fuels.
- **Address the risks of repeating colonial practices:** COP30 must unequivocally commit to ending exploitative and extractive practices that harm both people and the planet. This requires a firm dedication to protecting communities, upholding human rights, and ensuring Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) in all renewable energy expansion efforts and related interventions.

2. Phase out fossil fuels for a just transition now

- **No new fossil fuels:** Use COP30 as a defining moment to halt all new fossil fuel projects, especially in critical ecosystems like the Amazon – There will be no standing forests on a burning planet.
- **A rapid and equitable decline:** Cut fossil fuel production rapidly, orderly and equitable with wealthy nations going first and fastest. According to the [International Energy Agency \(IEA\)](#), to stay within 1.5°C, global fossil fuel production must decline by 55 percent between 2023 and 2035 (45 percent for

oil and gas; 72 percent for coal).

3. No climate justice without Indigenous and traditional leadership at COP

- **A seat at the table with world leaders:** Indigenous and traditional leaders must speak alongside Heads of State at COP30.
- **Power and equal voice in climate negotiations:** Indigenous and traditional leaders must have a direct role in high-level ministerial talks and panels, with their interventions in plenary given equal standing to those of States. Frontline communities must be fully embedded in decision-making processes. This is essential for just, inclusive, and effective climate governance.

We trust that you will use your office and the responsibility that it provides to ensure that the COP30 outcome is a turning point for climate and social justice, and we will hold you accountable for commitments turned into urgent, ambitious and just climate action.

Sincerely

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Apremavi - Associação de Preservação do Meio Ambiente e da Vida

Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad

Associação Alternativa Terrazul

Associação de Silves Pela Preservação Ambiental e Cultural - ASPAC

Associação Soluções Inclusivas Sustentáveis (SIS)

Association Nigerienne des Scouts de l'Environnement (ANSEN)

Association pour la Justice Climatique, l'Environnement et la Nature pour le Développement Durable
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Centre for Citizens Conserving Environment & Management (CECIC)
Centre for Climatology and Applied Research
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Christian Aid
Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ)
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Climate Action Merribek
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CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK ZIMBABWE
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Conselho Nacional das Populações Extrativistas - CNS
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Coal Action Network Aotearoa
Coalition Climat pour la Biodiversité et le Développement
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Grandmothers Advocacy Network
Green Environment Youth Korea GEYK
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Habitat Defenders Africa (HDA)
Haiti Climate Network
HelpAge International
Human Environmental Association for Development (HEAD)
IDE: Initiatives for Development and Education
Idec - Instituto de Defesa de Consumidores
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YSDK (Yayasan Swadaya Dian Khatulistiwa)
Zimbabwe Climate Change Coalition