

BRASÍLIA DECLARATION



Global South Civil Society Dialogue for Climate Sovereignty and Resilience Brasília, 8 November 2025

Preamble

We, representatives of civil-society organizations, Indigenous peoples, youth, women, and research networks from Africa, Amazonia, South Asia, and the Caribbean, gathered in Brasília ahead of COP30, affirm our shared commitment to ecological sovereignty, justice, and solidarity among the peoples of the Greater South.

We recognize that climate change is not only an environmental crisis but a crisis of inequality and representation. We therefore unite to reclaim our right to shape climate policy through our own knowledge, territories, and collective action.

Our Shared Vision

We envision a world where ecological justice and community agency form the foundation of resilience. Guided by the Pact for Sovereignty through Solutions, we commit to South–South cooperation rooted in rights, participation, and direct access to resources.

Core Principles

1. Sovereignty through Participation – Nothing for us without us.
2. Justice through Equity – Finance must reach communities, not intermediaries.
3. Knowledge as Power – Traditional wisdom and innovation are equal assets.



4. Solidarity as Strategy – South–South unity is the path to resilience.

Our Commitments

- Defend Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) and community land rights.
- Advance community-led restoration and forest governance under Article 5 of the Paris Agreement.
- Advocate for direct, transparent access to climate and loss-and-damage finance.
- Foster South–South innovation alliances linking science and Indigenous knowledge.
- Protect civic space and environmental defenders, ensuring participatory governance.
- Champion women- and youth-led climate solutions, recognizing their leadership in adaptation, biodiversity protection, and loss and damage response.
- Promote intersectional justice frameworks linking climate, biodiversity, and gender equality agendas across the Global South.
- Demand accountability and transparency mechanisms in all international finance flows to prevent extractive or top-down approaches.

Our Call to Action

We call upon governments, multilateral institutions, and the COP30 Presidency to:

- Recognize and embed the Pact for Sovereignty through Solutions within COP30 outcomes.
- Establish permanent South–South civil-society participation in UNFCCC processes.



- Reform climate finance architecture to guarantee direct community access.
- Recognize the contributions of grassroots, women, and youth-led organizations as implementing partners in climate action.

Closing Affirmation

From Brasília to Belém and beyond, we stand united in purpose and diversity. Ecological sovereignty is our right — solidarity is our strength.

From the Caribbean to the Amazon and the Andes, from Africa to South Asia, we rise together for a just transition that centers life, care, and community sovereignty.

Adopted on 8 November 2025, Brasília, Federal Republic of Brazil
Signed by ACAI • ASHA • CANSA • Caribbean Climate Network • OSC CARE • ABC Brazil • and partner organizations across the Global South.