



2nd Report – UN Climate Change Conference COP30 10th – 11th Nov. 2025 Belém, Brazil

Two days ago, the COP30 Climate Conference officially began. In his opening remarks, Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary of the UN Climate Change Secretariat, warned the delegates: “It will never be forgiven if the world community fails to act.” The first task of the summit is to approve the agenda — no small challenge, with over 100 topics ranging from climate finance to forest protection, and each country with its own national priorities.

This year’s COP is being held in Belém, at the edge of the Amazon — spanning over nine countries, home to 35 million people, and often labelled the “*green lungs of the Earth.*” Covering seven million square kilometres, it plays a vital role in regulating our planet’s climate. Yet recent studies show that 35% of the forest has already been cleared or degraded, pushing the entire ecosystem close to a tipping point of irreversible damage

Yesterday, Indigenous communities staged a protest at the COP entrance and caused minor damage. Today, nearly 100 boats of the “Climate Justice Flotilla” — carrying 5,000 Indigenous activists and forest defenders — arrived in Belém to join the People’s Summit at the University of Pará. More than 10,000 civil society participants are expected to gather, united in their call to protect nature and the rights of traditional peoples.



10 November 2025

Interfaith Gathering in the Spirit of Talanoa Dialogue – COP30

At one of the first programs of COP30, members of faith communities met to address the immense challenges posed by climate change through advocacy, mobilisation, capacity building, and education. Over 100 participants gathered at the Lutheran Church in Belém for this meaningful dialogue.

The Talanoa Dialogue methodology invites participants to reflect on three guiding questions: Where are we? Where do we want to go? And how do we get there? As faith communities engaged in climate action around the world, these questions provide a shared framework for exploring our collective journey toward climate justice and sustainability.



This interfaith gathering, held at the very start of COP30, began with words of welcome and inspiration from Pastor Romeu, Lutheran Church, Belém; a Spiritual Moment led by Sister Maureen, who guided everyone into a few moments of silence – “where the seeds of peace lie”; and an introduction by Rev. Henrik Grape from the Interfaith Liaison Committee.

Following the opening session, participants divided into breakout groups – three English-speaking, two Portuguese-speaking, and one Spanish-speaking – while online attendees joined their own breakout sessions via Zoom.



The Climate Wisdom Studio

The COP Climate Wisdom Studio is back for its third year, offering hope and thought-provoking discussions with COP30 delegates, live from Belem, on topics being discussed at COP30. The first of 11 broadcasts took place on the 10th of November. The topic was: Ethics for Climate Finance.



Golo interviewing Dr Lorna Gold, Director of Laudatio Si Movement and Sister Maureen

[Watch here](#)



Sonja interviewing Jane Mellett, Church Outreach Manager at Trócaire and Maureen. BK Burhan from the Education Wing Shantivan manages the cameras and live stream.

[Watch here](#)

Tuesday 11th November

Our official UNFCCC side event "*Ethics and Faith Transforming Community, National and Global Climate Action*" brought together representatives from diverse faith traditions and organizations to explore how inner values, ethics, and spirituality can guide meaningful and lasting responses to the climate crisis.



Keith Runyan from Quaker Earthcare Witness, Maureen Goodman, João Carlos dos Santos from the Soka Amazon Institute, Moderator Flore Ghetti from Soka Gakkai International, Rae Thomas, Legal Counsel for the Grenada Delegation, Lindsey Fielder Cook of the Quaker United Nations Office.

Maureen gave the event's central reflection, emphasizing the principle that "*what is within is reflected without.*" The Brahma Kumaris' "spiritual trajectory" outlines this process:

Awareness → Attitude → Vision → Action → Culture → World. She called for ethics and conscience to be placed at the heart of decision-making, describing this as the foundation of "sacred activism" — action rooted in love, respect, and compassion for all life.

The Solar Hub



Golo speaking on ethics at the Solar Hub

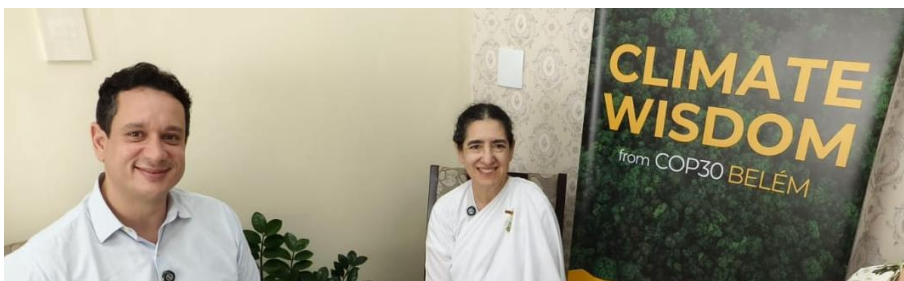
Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA) Council and International Solar Alliance (ISA) arranged a side event in the Solar Hub. Golo was invited to speak at the session called Powering Buildings of Tomorrow: Scaling Renewable Interventions. Golo shared about innovative green projects in our campuses: renewable energy, waste management, the biogas plant, yogic farming. [Watch here](#) (starting at 4.30 min)

Climate Wisdom Studio

The second evening of the livestream brought together two guest speakers from Brazil on the topic of Conscious Leadership – Guiding Change with Compassion.



Sonja interviewing Isadora Caneli, Visual Artist, Co-founder Collective Web and Maureen



Second interview with Andre Fraga, Salvador Concil and Maureen

Inauguration of the Exhibition at COP





Alex, Francis, Goreth, Sonja, Maureen, Golo, Patricia, Carolin, Nonie, Ananya holding the globe.

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Pre-COP Events Rio de Janeiro 5-7 Nov.

UN Innovation Hub



The UN Innovation Hub organised a pre-conference in Rio 5. - 6. Nov. Carolin participated, and it was a great opportunity to network and share a spiritual perspective on innovation and transformation. The majority of the participants were Brazilians, incl. celebrity Maria Paula Fidalgo, who worked for many years for TV Globo, the largest Brazilian TV Channel.

Online Session at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro with Professor Dalia Schiray

Professor Dalia Schiray from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro invited Carolin and Elsebeth Pravesha Møller for an online session with her graduate class in sustainability. The theme was "Personal Regeneration and Inner Resilience - Foundations for Effective Sustainability." The program featured a diverse mix of formats: experiential exercises, a presentation by Carolin on emerging scientific research in inner transformation, exchange in breakout groups, a Q&A session, a presentation on the Inner Development Goals, storytelling, insights into Carolin's research on transformative communication, open dialogue, and a meditation led by Augusto.