



3rd Report – UN Climate Change Conference COP30 12th – 13th Nov. 2025 Belém, Brazil

Day 4 of COP30 focused on health and education, marked by the adoption of the Belém Health Action Plan to strengthen climate-resilient health systems. Ministers also discussed ways to integrate climate considerations more deeply into education. However, deadlock continues over long-standing contentious issues, including finance, trade measures, and national climate plans. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled that states may be held responsible for the “internationally wrongful act” of fossil fuel production and use. An analysis by King Abdullah University of Science and Technology warns that Saudi Arabia is already on the “verge of liveability,” while the latest assessment from Climate Action Tracker indicates that the world remains on track for 2.6°C of warming.

Tuesday 11th November



On the waters of the Amazon Guamá River and the Guajará Bay, in Belém, more than 5,000 people in about 200 boats marked a historic moment in the fight for climate justice. The boat parade was the great opening act of the People's Summit. The summit is the parallel space to COP30, in which social movements and other engaged civil society groups prepare activities to denounce the impacts of the climate crisis and seek real solutions based on nature, and ancestral knowledge.

Our BK from Belém, Nazaré, dressed as Mother Nature, attended the event accompanied by Goreth and Nonie. She was approached by many people from different countries to be photographed and gave interviews to newspapers and TV channels. She even appeared on yesterday's local Globo news.



Global Ethical Stocktake Pavilion

Sister Maureen was invited to guide a meditation during the event “The Role of Faith Communities in Building Ethics of Care and Justice,” organised by the **Women, Faith and Climate** Network. The dialogue was moderated by Laura Cook from Project Dandeligion under an innovative format: three empty seats were reserved — one for Mother Nature, one for future generations, and one for those unable to attend COP30. These symbolic seats reminded everyone of who must not be forgotten in climate decision-making. Panellists and participants were invited to reflect on two key questions:

1. What is the role of faith communities in responding to the climate crisis?
2. How can faith communities work together more effectively?

Sister Maureen highlighted that faith communities are often the first to support people without resources, especially during disasters. She emphasised the urgent need to bridge the gap between policymakers and those who are suffering the most. H.R.H. Princess Esmeralda of Belgium offered the closing remarks.



Women, Faith and Climate Network side event in Global Ethical Stocktake Pavilion

Water and Forests

The Conference of Water and Forests was organised by several civil society groups, including the primary partner, *100,000 Youth for Water*. The Brahma Kumaris were invited to participate in the Sacred Water Ceremony and the round-table discussion. Representatives from different regions of Brazil shared their reflections as they offered their local waters. Alex contributed water from the southwest of Brazil, while Shantanu added sacred Ganga water and spoke about the connection between water and human consciousness.

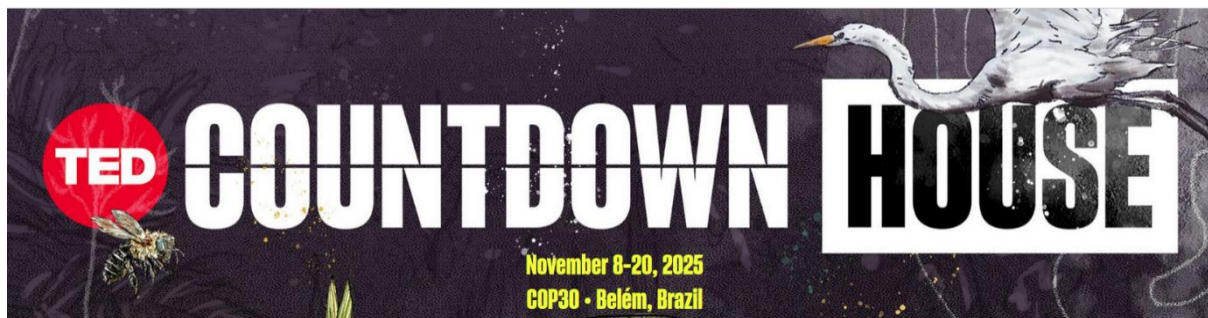




At the round table, host Maira Fernandez de Melo performed “the voice of the water,” creatively expressing five ways in which water cries out to humanity. Shantanu then spoke about respect as the foundation of harmonious action, emphasizing that true climate action begins with a shift in awareness. He invited participants to briefly reflect on three questions: *Who am I to the world? Whom do I belong to in the context of climate change? What do I need to do now?* When the answers were rooted in love and respect, every action becomes a climate action. Shantanu also shared findings from research conducted during the 2025 Mahakumbh Mela in India, later presented at the World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi.

Dinner event at TED Countdown House

Carolin and Ananya were invited to the dinner event organised by Project Dandelion, focusing on how women are leading climate adaptation, especially in food systems, health, and community resilience. Speakers from The Rockefeller Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Instituto Alana, BGI Agriculture, and ONE Campaign shared insights on gender equity, climate-resilient agriculture, and the power of storytelling in shaping a liveable future.



The Laudato Si’ Movement organized a symbolic action in the Blue Zone, continuing the recent gesture by His Holiness Pope Francis in which faith leaders waved a blue fabric



representing a “river of hope.” A joyful, united chain of people quickly formed, holding and waving the blue fabric. Carolin and Shantanu participated.

The Climate Wisdom Studio

On Wednesday evening Golo interviewed Bishop Holmberg from the Diocese of Stockholm and Enric Noguera from the Plant Based Treaty along with sister Maureen on "Conscious Choices for a World in Transition". Tune in [here](#)



Hanna Soldahl, Sonja, Maureen, Golo, Bishop Andreas Holmberg, Enric Noguera, Burhan

Bishop Holmberg emphasised the need to bring values into the decision-making process, re-learn contentment, and distinguish between what we need and what we desire (so that we don't take more than we need). He feels that faith leaders should be at the negotiating table, as there are people of faith in all countries, and we all share a love for nature and a concern for future generations. Maybe this would change the mood of the negotiations.

Maureen Goodman shared about the law of cause and effect and being aware of the impact of our actions. If we make decisions by asking if this will benefit the most vulnerable of us, our choices would be more compassionate and creative. It calls for us to have spiritual courage and strength to make the choices for all humanity. Inner spiritual empowerment enables us to act of love and bring Divine Love into the world. Divine love is a great healing power, and our world needs healing.

Enric Noguera, emphasised that we all have a choice. We actually have the power to change things every day through our choices; for example, choosing a plant-based diet reduces each individual's carbon footprint by around 50%. Our choices progress society. We need to share information and educate others, so they can make more sustainable choices. Individual responsibility matters and has an impact. Personally, he also shared how choosing to be vegan brought a positive transformation in his life and more inner peace.



Maureen meeting with Vegan activist

Wednesday 13th November

Press Conference



Sonja moderated the press conference *Ethics Driving the Transition to Renewable Energy*. The three speakers — Maureen Goodman, Golo Pilz, and Akash Deep, Deputy General Manager of the GRIHA Council — highlighted the essential role of ethics in climate action. Their reflections underscored that while technology, finance, and policy are critical, the transition to renewable energy must be guided by values and moral responsibility. With the Brazilian Presidency bringing ethics to the forefront through the Global Ethical Stocktake, the discussion reinforced that the climate crisis is not only scientific and political, but fundamentally human and ethical. Recording of the event can be found [here](#).

March and Vigil for the Land





This evening event brought together hundreds of people at Praça Square in the heart of Belém for a powerful interreligious call for climate justice. Organised by ISER through the Faith in Climate initiative, the event brought together religious and community leaders for a vibrant celebration of unity and care for the Earth. The Vigil is part of a national journey that has already passed through Brasília, Porto Alegre, Rio de Janeiro, Manaus, Natal, and Recife, culminating now in Belém during COP30. Nonie and Goreth joined the march, and as a final closing, Maureen offered a guided meditation, invoking the healing power of divine love for the world — a moment of collective intention to heal the planet and all living beings. The atmosphere throughout the evening was

joyful and uplifting, filled with singing, dancing, and expressions of gratitude.

The Climate Wisdom Studio



On Thursday evening, Golo interviewed Vinícius da Paixão, Jesuit and LSRI Researcher, from Oxford University and Ms Shabnam Bassi, Dir. Sustainable Buildings TERI in the studio on the topic Wisdom for a World at a Crossroads.



At the **Children and Youth Pavilion**, Ananya Tomar from the Brahma Kumaris led a guided meditation session titled "*Finding Our Inner Stability Amidst Chaos.*" Ten young participants attended. The session included a brief reflection, a short writing exercise, a 15-minute guided meditation, and concluded with a Q&A and feedback



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