



4th Report – UN Climate Change Conference COP30 14th – 16th Nov. 2025 Belém, Brazil

The Conference is soon entering its second week, and Brazil's chief negotiator, Liliam Chagas, noted that the technical phase of the COP process is nearly complete. The political phase now begins, with ministers arriving—those who hold the real bargaining power at the negotiation tables. This shift is crucial, as there is very little funding available for transition and loss-and-damage efforts, and the current national CO₂ reduction pledges put the world on track for 2.6°C of warming—a catastrophic outcome for people and the planet.



Meanwhile, Brazil's environment minister, Marina Silva, has urged all countries to commit to a fossil fuel phaseout, calling it the "ethical" response to the climate crisis. The issue remains one of the most contentious at the COP30 summit, with countries divided over whether—and how—a phaseout roadmap should even be discussed. As host, Brazil is maintaining careful neutrality, given its own role as a fossil fuel producer. Panama's climate negotiator, Juan Carlos Monterrey, captured the frustration succinctly: "It's quite stupid that we talk about everything else, when fossil fuels are the actual problem."

The Global Climate March in Belem on Saturday, 15 Nov. gathered 70,000 people, demanding climate justice: 'We are the response. The historic mobilisation centred the voices absent from COP30's official negotiations.



Friday 14th Nov



Christiana Figueres came to our live studio for a pre-recording for the Climate Wisdom Studio. It was our privilege to have our long-term friend Christiana in the studio. She first met with Sister Jayanti in UNFCCC headquarters in Bonn and then later the same year in COP19 in Warsaw, and in 2013. Her recording will be played on Saturday, 22nd Nov, direct link:

Photo from June 2013- Gopi, Sister Jayanti, Christiana Figueres and Sonja

Workshop for Young Leaders: The Ownership Illusion – From Mine to Mutual

The workshop brought together young leaders from Brazil, the BK delegation, and partner organisations to explore ownership, connection, and shared values. After weeks of online collaboration, the group gathered at the Museum of Art in Belém for a reflective, heart-opening session on shifting from “mine” to “mutual.”



Participants began with a silent, sound-based exercise that fostered unity and the insight that what we call “mine” is often entrusted to us only temporarily. In rotating small groups, they reflected on four themes—Respect, Mutual, Reconnect, and Mine—sharing experiences that highlighted how loosening attachment creates space for empathy and deeper connection. Sister Maureen offered reflections on indigenous and dominant worldviews, emphasising that the planet does not need saving but loving, and that the illusion of ownership creates sorrow. Acting from self-dignity allows one to draw from a higher source rather than cling to possessions. The gathering closed with a meditative sitar performance by Alex from Salvador and a guided reflection on reconnecting with one’s original self and the planet.

People's Summit Tapiri

Goreth participated in the panel Climate Justice and Rights in the Amazon: How Organizations Can Help Address Violations, Environmental Racism, and Ensure Popular Participation.



The panel included Martha Jarvis (ACC/UN), Alcidema Magalhães (Dorothy Committee), Athena Peralta (World Council of Churches – WCC), Socorro Chaves (UFAM and Renew Our World), Dr. Raimundo Moraes (Public Prosecutor's Office of Pará), and Goreth.

In her contribution, Goreth emphasized **five essential pillars of climate justice** and clarified that her main focus was to bring these principles into the personal dimension, stressing the responsibility of each individual in addressing the climate crisis.

1. She discussed equity in the **distribution** of impacts, highlighting that vulnerable groups must not bear a disproportionate share of climate risks.
2. She addressed **social and racial justice**, drawing attention to historical inequalities reflected in environmental racism and in the lack of access to dignified living conditions for traditional peoples.
3. Goreth reinforced the importance of **community participation**, stating that Indigenous, quilombola, and riverine communities must be active agents in shaping climate solutions grounded in their own lived realities.
4. She recalled the principle of historical **responsibility**, which requires countries and corporations that have contributed most to greenhouse gas emissions to support vulnerable nations and communities through financing and capacity-building.
5. She concluded by stressing the need for a **just transition**, advocating for a shift to a low-carbon economy that ensures protection, support, and new opportunities for workers and communities at risk.

Her perspective, especially the **call for inner awareness** and individual accountability, resonated strongly with those present. Following her presentation, Professor Socorro Chaves invited her to contribute a chapter to UFAM's forthcoming book on climate justice. Goreth also used the moment to invite the approximately eighty participants to attend Sister Jayanti's public lecture in Belém.

Climate Wisdom Studio

In this 5th live session, Golo Pilz spoke with Kumi Naidoo, President, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, Karenni Gore, Director, Centre for Earth Ethics and Sister Maureen. The conversation on the topic **Empowering Communities, Protecting the Planet**. The conversation covered: learning from indigenous communities, what inspires change, the impact of prayers and meditation to create positive change and the Global Ethical Stocktake as a self-transformative tool. [Link to sessions](#)



Karenni Gore, as the Co-Leader for the North American Global Ethical Stocktake (GES), shared that the GES is truly a tool for transformation, as it incorporates human perceptions and behaviours. Data and science alone are insufficient to create change. It prompts us to consider our societal and collective perceptions. Additionally, it is a call for a different way of knowing — embodied knowing and a deeper, holistic understanding of ourselves.



Saturday 15th
Team trip into the Amazonas



The climate crisis is a spiritual crisis

TED Countdown House in Belem hosted a Global Ethical Stocktake Dialogue highlighting the role of faith communities in climate action. Sister Maureen of the Brahma Kumaris opened with a guided meditation, inviting participants to reconnect with themselves, the Divine, and nature. Reflections followed on the need for not just a just transition, but a just transformation, and speakers explored how faith, spirituality, and traditional knowledge can meaningfully support climate action when governments fall short. The event closed with Archbishop Marinez Bassotto, who shared insights from the Amazon and reminded everyone of our personal responsibility to care for our shared home.



Archbishop Marinez; Dr Lorna Gold, Laudatio Si Movement; Thaynah Gutierrez, Geledés Black Women's Institute; Samira Siddique, Women, Faith, Climate Network; Nika Sinai, Bahai Organisation.

People's Summit Tapiri

Alex presented Brahma Kumaris "Reflection on the Global Ethical Stocktake" at the Peoples Summit, in the Project Launching session. He read the statement in Portuguese, highlighting the need for a pause to connect with your inner compass. [Link to our statement](#)

Climate Wisdom Studio



"Women Leading with Ethics in Climate Action" was the topic of the Saturday evening session in the studio. Sonja interviewed Maureen, Laura Cook, Senior Strategist at Project Dandelion, and Fernanda Sossai, a Brazilian Environmental Engineer. [Link to sessions](#)

Sunday 16th Nov.

Sister Jayanti has arrived for the second week in Belém. We had a special morning class at our rented villa with Sister Jayanti, Maureen, and 15 green angels from 7 different countries.



Our halfway meeting included a warm welcome to Sister Jayanti and a goodbye with thanks to Ananya and Patricia. We reflected on what we have learned and observed over the past week, and discussed what we need to prepare for the week ahead.



Faiths for a Fossil Fuel Treaty

The *Faiths for a Fossil Fuel Treaty* Celebration and Rally took place in the Amazon Hub Sunday evening, featuring an inspiring lineup of speakers from diverse faith traditions. Opening the event, Reverend Fletcher Harper from GreenFaith highlighted the urgency of a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. He invited Maureen to begin with a short meditation to ground themselves in God’s love, healing, and transformative power for the Earth. Other speakers included Kumi Naidoo, who was a guest speaker in our climate wisdom studio the day before, who used a vivid metaphor to illustrate the crisis: if you come home to find the bathtub overflowing, you don’t start by sweeping the floor—you turn off the tap. He noted that people tend to fall into three camps: some believe there is still a small but real chance to turn things around; others are determined to proceed with “business as usual”; and a third group fears that the moment for meaningful action has already passed. Fletcher closed by encouraging everyone to sign and support the treaty, emphasizing the collective responsibility to act now.



Reception in Art Museum MABE

The reception "From Mine to Mutual" brought together civil society representatives from across Brazil and COP30 delegates. Following an informal meet-and-greet with homemade vegan snacks, the group moved to a historic museum hall. Jacob Johns, a Hopi and Akimel O'odham wisdom keeper, spoke about the significant effort Indigenous peoples must make to gain visibility and urged focusing on creating the new. Sister Jayanti reflected on how Indigenous communities recognised climate change long before others listened, and emphasised filling oneself with inner power, connecting with the Divine, and enabling transformation from within. The event ended with guiding words for meditation from Sister Jayanti accompanied by beautiful sitar music by Alex.



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