



5th Report – UN Climate Change Conference COP30 17th – 18th Nov. 2025 Belém, Brazil



COP30 team second week: Burhan, Fatima, Alex, Goreth, Golo, Sonja Sister Jayanti, Maureen, Carolin, Maria Paula, Nonie, Shantanu, Francis (Nazare missing)

COP President Do Lago is in a hurry as the endgame of COP30 has started. His 11th letter, released late on Monday, calls on countries to “accelerate the pace.” He later outlined plans for two major decisions in Belém: the first is a broad **“Mutirão decision”** addressing contentious issues such as trade, finance, and NDCs; the second is a potential agreement on a fossil fuel phaseout “roadmap.” He is pressing delegates hard for a positive outcome, and it remains to be seen whether his negotiation tactics will succeed.

A recent investigation revealed that more than 300 industrial agriculture lobbyists are attending this year’s UN climate talks—the same industry responsible for major global deforestation. Experts have also criticised the paradox of excluding civil society from key negotiations while fossil fuel lobbyists continue to be granted access.



Bhutan's Prime Minister, Tshering Tobgay, announced that the country remains the world's first carbon-negative nation. He emphasised that Bhutan is doing "far more than our fair share" and urged Western countries to cut emissions "for the happiness of your people." It was a powerful reminder and an example of true climate leadership.

Meanwhile, Australia has withdrawn its offer, and Antalya in Turkey will host COP31.

Facing Ethical Challenges



An open and honest dialogue took place early Monday morning at COP, bringing together faith stakeholders to discuss some of the most pressing ethical challenges of our time. Sister Jayanti reflected on ways to renew trust and strengthen international cooperation in these critical times.



Higher Education Pavilion

The side event “**Transforming Higher Education for Climate Action**” addressed how integrating inner and outer transformation can strengthen responses to the climate crisis. Moderator Carolin engaged participants through reflective exchanges that helped ground the presentations. Prof. Christine Wamsler (online) highlighted the need to integrate inner dimensions into sustainability science, noting that external solutions alone have failed and that emerging research, now recognised by UNEP, offers scalable approaches. Laila Martins introduced the Inner Development Goals as a practical framework for embedding inner competencies into higher education and climate education, explaining her efforts to bring this perspective into UNFCCC processes. Prof. Mark Lawrence emphasised the need for transdisciplinarity, showing why complex crises demand diverse knowledge sources beyond academia. Sister Jayanti concluded by illustrating how consciousness and spiritual practice support deep societal transformation through a lived sense of interconnectedness.



Prof. Mark Lawrence, Laila Maritns, Sister Jayanti and Carolin



Ancestral Wisdom, Contemporary Solutions

A public program with Sister Jayanti was arranged at the historic venue MABE (Belém Art Museum) by our Brazilian team. More than 80 people attended this vibrant event, including Indigenous leaders such as Chief Agoho and Chief Rayo, a priest from the Hare Krishna temple, and many members of the local community. Sister Jayanti also met with the Raja Yoga students who had been attending Brahma Kumaris online.



Sister Jayanti speaking at public talk in Belem

Climate Wisdom Studio



The topic of tonight livestream was Inner Resilience, Planetary Renewal. Golo interviewed Heliosa Shurman, a well-known sailor, 79 years old, speaking about courage and determination. In the second session Lindsey Cook was asked how she can translate her profound Quaker spiritual belief into the often secular, politically driven, and complex language of UN climate negotiations. [Watch live.](#)



Tuesday 19th Nov. – Press Conferences

Sonja moderated the press conference **Ethics and Peace Accelerating Climate Action** with Golo, Sister Jayanti and Suresh Yadav, Dir. Climate Change Division, The Commonwealth Secretariat, as speakers. [Watch live.](#)



Shantanu moderated the press conference called **Conscious Food, Conscious Planet: Policies, Practices, and Ethics Driving Climate Action** organised by the Plant-based Treaty in collaboration with Brahma Kumaris. Shantanu moderated with Sister Jayanti, and Dr. Larissa Correiro and Enric Noguera from the Plant-based Treaty. [Watch live](#)





Alan Dubner , Director of the Observatory of Climate and President of SOL in Brazil with Sister Jayanti



Sônia Guajajara, Minister of Native People, Brazil meeting with Goreth



Director General of International Solar Alliance Mr Ashish Kanna, meeting Golo



Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Marina Silva meets Maureen



Maureen meeting former president of Ireland Mary Robinson



Satya S Tripathi, Former Asst. Secretary General for UN, meeting Maureen

Capacity Building Hub

Around 20 participants joined the creative activities of **“Where Art Meets New Possibilities,”** organised by the Reinventing Futures Institute, LB Cultura Circular, and the Brahma Kumaris. The session offered a participatory experience integrating art, music, meditation, and collective reflection, exploring creative circularity as both a cultural practice and an inner pathway to climate resilience. Alex, Goreth, Nonie, Liu Berman, and Indigenous artist Val Munduruku contributed with artistic and musical elements that formed the heart of the event.



Climate Wisdom Studio

Golo interviewed Sister Jayanti, Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director GreenFaith on the topic of **Global Solidarity in the Climate Decade**. [Watch Live](#)



In the second session, Golo interviewed Sister Jayanti and Santosh Gupta, the Director of the Indian Social Responsibility Network. [Watch Live](#)

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