



## 6th Report – UN Climate Change Conference COP30 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2025 Belém, Brazil



As of Saturday evening, it appears the end of the fossil fuel era has inched a little closer. Talks were pulled back from the brink of collapse during an all-night session following a bitter standoff in a deeply divided conference. In the end, the global community managed only a voluntary agreement to begin discussions on a roadmap toward the eventual phase-out of fossil fuels—far less than experts had hoped for. A roadmap for halting deforestation was also dropped from the final deal, a major disappointment for nature advocates. Efforts to keep global heating below 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels were acknowledged in the final text, but in a far weaker form than vulnerable countries had called for. Campaigners expressed deep disappointment, though many also noted relief that the talks produced at least some progress. Observers commented that, against an increasingly fractured geopolitical backdrop, the continued lack of climate finance from the developed world is putting a major spanner in the works of global climate action. COP30 delivered a few baby steps in the right direction, but given the scale of the climate crisis, it fell short of what the moment demands.

Our activities have come to an end. We have completed 30 events, 24 interviews in the Climate Wisdom Studio, and a one-week-long exhibition. We hope they have offered you new insights—and, most importantly, inspiration for inner transformation. The next climate conference will take place in November 2026 in Antalya, Turkey, and we hope to be there to continue our service.



## Interfaith Press Conference



*Left to Right: Margareta Koltai, Church of Sweden; Budi Tjahjono, Franciscans Intl; Sister Jayanti, Rev. Henrik Grape, World Council of Churches; Lindsey Cook, Quakers' UN Office*

The collective message of this press conference, "Faith voices' concerns on the outcome from COP30", was a moral plea for ambitious action as COP30 moved into its final week, focusing on issues of climate justice, the need to keep the 1.5 degrees target alive, and the urgency of finance for vulnerable nations. Watch [here](#)

### **Children and Youth Pavilion 18-19 Nov.**

Shantanau and Maria Paula participated in the session "Climate Communication: Building Resilience Through Storytelling" at the Children and Youth Pavilion. Around 6–7 youth leaders shared reflections on the importance of communication in climate action, emphasizing storytelling and spirituality as a channel for empathy, connection, and empowerment. BK contributed insights on the spiritual dimension of communication and the role of inner awareness in shaping narratives that uplift and inspire. New valuable contacts were made, including reconnecting with a scientist who completed the Raja Yoga course in Oxford.



The Human Library at the Children’s Pavilion was a small but meaningful event for visitors. Three people participated, and Nonie and Shantanu improvised the structure on the spot, engaging with them and establishing warm connections for future collaboration.

Nonie, Goreth, Brother Alex, and Shantanu attended a gala dinner organised by youth from various organisations. It was held at Parque de Residência, the cultural secretariat of Pará. Alex played the sitar, interwoven with guided reflections by Shantanu to help participants visualise and meditate. One participant shared that when she closed her eyes and simply tuned into the sitar and the words, she felt as if she were in heaven.



Brazil's First Lady Janja Lula da Silva meets Sister Jayanti




Colombia's Environment Minister Irene Vélez meets Maria Paula

2h ago 14.46 GMT

 Damian Carrington



 Mother Earth at Cop30 in Brazil today. "I am taking care to watch over all the decisions taken here about me" Photograph: Damian Carrington/The Guardian

Mother Earth is watching over Cop30. "I am taking care to watch over all the decisions taken here about me," she told the Guardian. The blessing card she presented said: "Knowing the powerful impact my thoughts can have on others and the environment, I choose to create a positive mindset."

This beautiful vision is in everyday life Nazaré Oliveira, an indigenous woman from Belém, and a descendant of the Potyguar people. She is part of the international spiritual organisation **Brahma Kumaris**, led by women and which uses meditation to emphasise the concept of identity as souls rather than bodies and the idea that humanity and nature are one.

[The Guardian Article on Mother Earth](#)



Ireland's former President Mary Robinson meets Sister Jayanti



Ocean Defender Heliosa Schurmann meets Sonja and Golo



Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India meeting Sister Jayanti and the BK Delegation

### **Climate Wisdom Studio**

This evening Sonja spoke with Vanessa Nakate, Project Dandelion and UNICEF Ambassador, Budi Tjahjono, Advocacy Director Franciscans International and Sister Jayanti.



*From Left to Right: Nonie, Vanessa Nakate, Sr Jayanti, Sonja, Budi and Golo*

Vanessa Nakate shared how witnessing climate impacts in her home country, Uganda, moved her to take action, leading her to organise climate strikes. She emphasised the importance of well-being and calm in climate activism, especially for young people facing the frustration of inaction.

Budi Tjahjono reflected on St Francis' care for all creation and the poor, noting that without human rights, there is no planet. He described how climate change affects people's rights and spoke of the value of daily silence and asking, "How can I be useful to God and others today?" to sustain hope and optimism.

Sister Jayanti highlighted the need to recharge our inner battery by making time for the self, remembering why we serve, and seeing ourselves as instruments for a higher purpose—especially as instruments for God's work, which keeps us energised and light.



Thursday 20th Nov: In the session on *"Transforming Systems Through Ethical Leadership"* in the SDG Pavilion, Carolyn brought together speakers from Africa, China, Europe, and India, representing science, spirituality, carbon finance, and negotiation training. They reflected on what ethical leadership and system transformation mean in their fields. Ethics emerged as a contested concept, prompting debate on whether negotiators should prioritise national interests or global needs—and whether ethical positions are realistic in negotiations. Sister Jayanti emphasised the severity of the global situation, arguing that true ethical action leaves little room for compromise. [Watch live](#)

### Climate Wisdom Studio

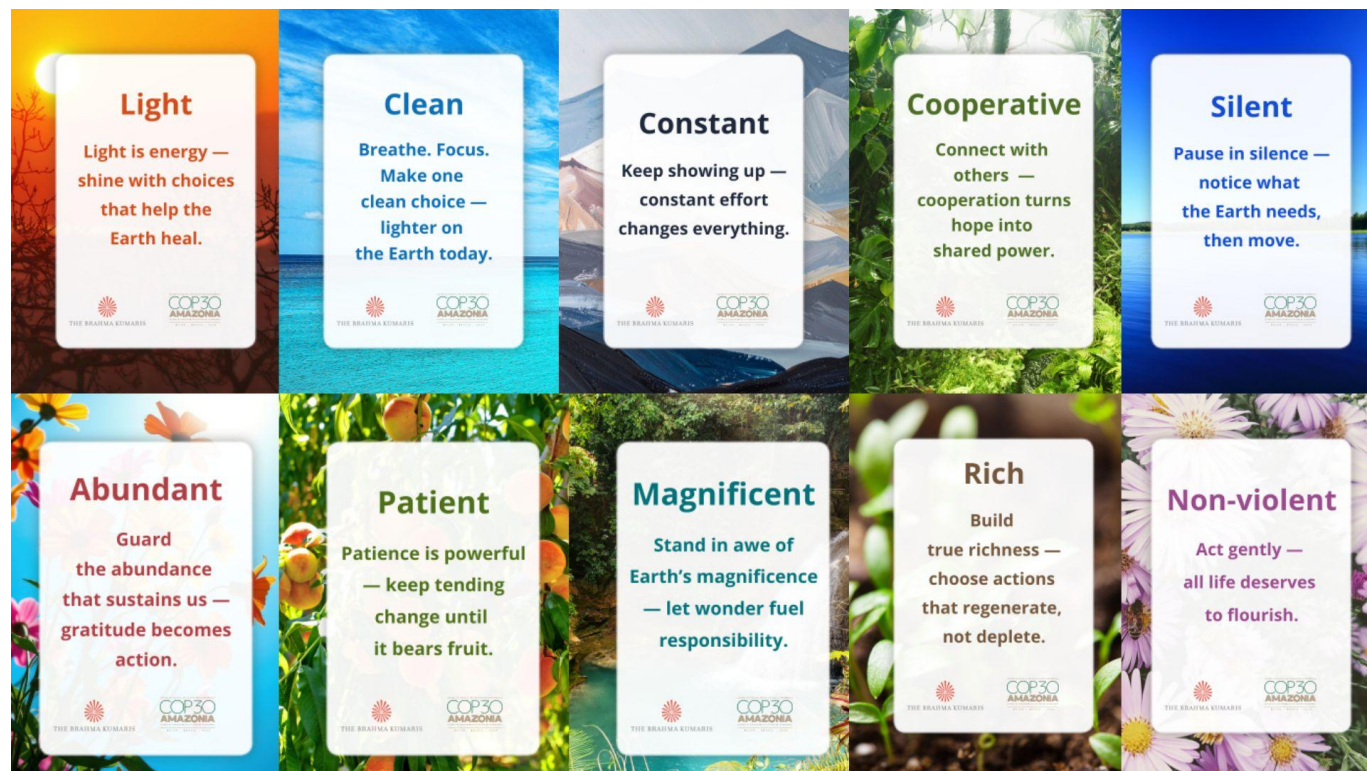
Sonja moderated the session on Spiritual and Indigenous Voices for the Earth with Sister Jayanti, Isabel Pereira, Religion and Environment ISER and Abigail Quic, Maya Tz'utujil Tribe and Co-Executive Dir. SERES. [Watch live Abigail](#) [Watch live Isabel](#)



## Global Meditation for the Climate

From 11 to 21 November, the Global Meditation for the Climate was held online in cooperation with The Pavilion for People and hosted daily by the **BK Halifax Centre, Canada**.

Participants from around the world joined each session, forming a global circle of peace, awareness, and values-driven climate care. Each gathering combined a guided meditation with an experiential workshop, daily themes such as Clean, Light, Constant, Cooperative, and participants to connect inner transformation with meaningful climate action, from simple daily choices to compassionate engagement with the world. In line with the mission of the Pavilion for People, an experiential virtual platform, the collaboration added a human-centered dimension to COP30, highlighting the power of personal transformation and shared intention of those unable to attend in Belém.



BK Nazaree, dressed as Mother Earth, drew a lot of attention at COP, also from the media. The dress, created by Goreth, was truly a highlight of COP30.



## Climate Wisdom Studio

The last evening at our studio was with Vibha Dhawan, PhD, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) India and Tatiana Trevisan, PhD, a business development manager at Industry & Innovation at the University New South Wales, Australia. Golo interviewed the guest speakers and Sister Jayanti on the theme of Integrating Ethics, Science, and Innovation for Climate Resilience. [Watch live](#)



The recorded sessions "Ethics at the Heart of COP30" with [Lourenço Bustani, Brazil](#) and [Christiana Figueres](#) will be played on 22nd Nov.



*Nonie, Maureen, Christiana Figueres, Golo, Sonja, Burhan from 14. Nov.*

Feedback meeting on a boat on the river Para



Special thanks to the Kitchen team



*Nazaree, Madalena, Sister Jayanti, Luciana, Jose Ricardo ( Thomasin missing)*

Greetings from your reporting team, Sonja, Burhan and Golo. See you again next year.



## Goodbye to the Amazing Amazonia



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