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## Belém, Brazil | Opening Day “The Amazon speaks, and the world must listen” A Hopeful and Challenging Beginning

The **30th UN Climate Conference (COP30)** opened in **Belém, Brazil**, the first-ever COP held in the Amazon.

With over **56.000 registered participants**—about 10 000 fewer than at the 2024 summit—the day began with a spirit of unity and purpose.

Thanks to effective pre-session consultations, the **agendas for the COP, CMP, CMA, and subsidiary bodies were adopted smoothly**, avoiding the procedural gridlocks that have hampered previous summits.

COP30 President **André Corrêa do Lago** hailed this as the beginning of a “COP of implementation, adaptation, and integration,” aimed at aligning climate policy with economic and social development.



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# Opening Highlights and Key Messages

## Simon Stiell – UN Climate Chief: “This will never be forgiven.”

UNFCCC Executive Secretary **Simon Stiell** delivered one of the day’s most powerful appeals:

“To falter whilst megadroughts wreck harvests and famines take hold will never be forgotten.”

He warned that climate disasters are already cutting national GDPs and fuelling inflation and migration.

Still, he offered hope, noting that **global emissions are finally starting to bend downward**, showing that “the Paris Agreement is working.”

His call to leaders was simple and urgent: *“Fight the climate crisis, not each other.”*

“We can and must bring temperatures back down to 1.5 °C after any temporary overshoot.”

## Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva – President of Brazil: “The Amazon is our test of truth.”

Host president **Lula** welcomed delegates to Belém with passion and symbolism:

“We brought the world to the heart of the Amazon to prove that when there is political will and commitment to truth, nothing is impossible.”

He condemned climate denial and misinformation, reminding leaders that the **USD 1.3 trillion needed for climate action** is far less than global military spending.

Lula called for a roadmap to end fossil-fuel dependence, reduce deforestation, and make **Indigenous peoples central to climate solutions**.

“The serenity of the forest must inspire clarity of thought.”



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## André Corrêa do Lago – COP30 President: “Evolve into one cohesive team.”

The Brazilian diplomat urged cooperation and unity:

“Your job here is not to fight one another—your job is to fight this climate crisis, together.”

He praised the **leadership of the Global South**, noting that while enthusiasm may be waning in some northern countries, developing nations are **advancing renewable energy and innovation**.

This, he said, must be the **COP of implementation**—turning words into real-world results.

## Ilana Seid – Chair of AOSIS (Palau): “This is about survival.”

Speaking for the **Alliance of Small Island States**, Ambassador Ilana Seid offered a stark reminder:

“The 1.5 °C target is our north star. For us, this is not about negotiation tactics—it’s about survival.”

Her words echoed the moral urgency of nations whose very existence depends on decisive global action.

# Voices from the Frontlines

Indigenous leaders reminded delegates:

“Without our knowledge and rights, there will be no solution to the climate crisis.”

Africa’s representatives and small-island states echoed calls for **climate justice**, debt-free finance, and equitable access to technology.

Brazil pledged **the largest Indigenous participation in COP history**, highlighting the Amazon’s people as central to global climate resilience.



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# China's Clean-Energy Surge Redefines the Landscape

One of the day's striking narratives came from **China's clean-energy expansion**. Having already **surpassed its 2030 targets** for wind and solar, China's renewable capacity now **exceeds fossil fuels**, reshaping the global energy map.

By 2030, the country will account for nearly **60% of new renewable capacity worldwide**, driving down the costs of solar, wind, and batteries.

While this progress signals opportunity, it also raises questions about **fairness and dependency**, since China now controls more than 80% of global solar manufacturing.

For developing nations, the challenge is to benefit from Chinese technology **without** deepening reliance—ensuring that the clean-energy transition is truly **just and inclusive**.





# Key Messages of Pope Leo XIV to COP30

*(Delivered by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, 7 November 2025 – Belém, Brazil)*

Pope Leo XIV calls the ecological crisis a moral and spiritual challenge demanding global solidarity, responsible leadership, and renewed hope.

He links peace, creation, and the human person, reminding delegates that “if you want to cultivate peace, care for creation.” Environmental degradation, he warns, erodes both human dignity and social harmony. True peace depends on how humanity treats nature and one another.

The Pope urges a multilateral response grounded in respect for life, the common good, and human dignity, warning that selfish and short-sighted interests threaten both the planet and peace. He calls for solidarity between rich and poor nations, since the poorest bear the gravest effects of climate change, pollution, and deforestation—making ecological care an act of justice and compassion.



He appeals for decisive action, moving from promises to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, with responsibility shared by governments, local communities, businesses, youth, and faith groups.

Inviting all to an ecological conversion inspired by *Laudato Si'*, he envisions a human-centred financial system that values dignity over profit and links ecological debt with external debt. Education in integral ecology and simpler, sustainable lifestyles are vital for transformation at every level of society.

Finally, Pope Leo XIV expresses hope that COP30 will be a sign of unity and courage, setting aside self-interest for the sake of future generations. He assures participants of his prayers and support as they work for the care of our common home.



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# Fr. General's Message to the Congregation for COP30:

## *Guardians of Our Common Home*



### **1. A Call to Protect Our Common Home**

Fr. Mathew Vattamattam, CMF, Superior General, invites all Claretians to unite in prayer and action as nations gather for COP30 in Belém, Brazil. The planet, God's precious gift, is groaning under greed, neglect, and violence. Healing the earth begins with restoring fraternity through dialogue, love, and care.

### **2. Conversion and Healing**

Fr. General reminds that ecological restoration demands deep personal, communal, and structural conversion. Our broken communion with God, others, and creation must be renewed through genuine reconciliation and compassion.

### **3. Shared Responsibility**

Restoring the world is a collective task. We cannot heal creation without healing human hearts. True ecological conversion requires rebuilding relationships founded on fraternity and justice.

### **4. Claretian Missionary Commitment**

Claretians are called to defend life and human dignity, promote harmony among all beings, and act for the care of creation. This mission must permeate our preaching, formation, community life, and prophetic witness.

### **5. A Decisive Moment for Humanity**

COP30 offers a critical, perhaps final, opportunity to prevent irreversible damage. Fr. General urges world leaders to rise above narrow interests and take courageous decisions for the common good and the future of life on earth.



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## ✚6. Ongoing Commitment Beyond COP30

The call to care for creation continues beyond the summit. Every Claretian community, parish, and institution must reflect the Kingdom's values—where care replaces consumption and communion triumphs over exploitation.

## 🙏7. Gratitude and Blessing

Fr. General expresses gratitude to the Claretians in Belém and Church networks promoting justice, peace, and the integrity of creation. He concludes by invoking the Spirit to make us *pilgrims of hope and artisans of a reconciled creation*.



# Coordination Meeting between the Holy See Delegation and Catholic Climate Organizations

The Network of Catholic Climate and Environmental Actors (NCCEA), representing Catholic organizations engaged in climate advocacy, held a coordination meeting on the opening day of the conference. The NCCEA submitted to the Holy See Delegation key messages for negotiations at COP30, reinforcing Catholic perspectives on climate justice, ecological education, and a just transition.

The session focused on developing a structured framework for collaboration between the Holy See delegation and participating Catholic organizations during the COP and beyond. Discussions led to a refined proposal for effective coordination, communication, and joint advocacy, followed by announcements on networking and media engagement.

Paolo Conversi, Official for Environment at the Vatican's Secretariat of State, led the discussions with the NCCEA.



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# Key Outcomes

## a. Establishment of Thematic Working Groups

Participants agreed to **form thematic working groups** focused on specific negotiation areas such as the **Global Stocktake (GST)**, **Agriculture**, and **Article 6**. These groups will enable more focused, technical discussions and practical engagement throughout the COP.

## b. Designation of Contact Points

Each working group will **appoint one contact person** to liaise directly with the corresponding member of the Holy See delegation, ensuring streamlined communication and coordinated advocacy.

## c. Scheduling of Regular and Consolidated Meetings

Thematic groups will meet throughout the week, with a **larger coordination meeting** planned for **Saturday or the following Monday** to review progress, align messages, and strengthen the unified Catholic position on key negotiation issues.

Prior to this coordination session, the **NCCEA held a preparatory meeting** on the morning of the first day to finalize the **key messages** submitted to the Holy See delegation. This year's participation saw a **notable increase in the number of Catholic** actors, including the presence of several **Cardinals and Bishops**, reflecting the growing commitment of the global Catholic community to climate action.



Day 1 of COP30 blended **moral challenge with practical optimism**.

From the heart of the Amazon, world leaders, civil society, and Indigenous voices together called for **courage, honesty, and unity** to turn promises into action.

✿ ***The message was clear:***  
**The time for promises is over—  
now is the time for  
implementation, for people, for  
the planet, and for peace.**



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# COP30 BRASIL AMAZÔNIA SIDE EVENT

## RESPONDING TO THE GLOBAL SOUTH CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCES' CALL FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

### COP30 SIDE EVENT



Tuesday, November 11



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