

Highlights from the COP30 Presidency Youth Climate Champion

**YOUTH
MUTIRÃO**



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Back in 2022 – at COP27 in Egypt – I watched eagerly as President Lula announced Brazil’s intention to host COP30, while sitting on the floor of one of the overflow rooms on the side of the main plenary.

There was an immediate understanding that this would be a challenging undertaking. Yet the Government, civil society, and, especially, Amazonian peoples and communities never stepped back from welcoming the world to Brazil and to experience firsthand the Amazon Rainforest, the largest tropical forest on Earth, and a living embodiment of the nature so many are working to protect.

COP27 was my first COP (or Conference of the Parties in full). It was also where I first connected with young people from the peripheral communities beyond my own. I am from Rio de Janeiro, in the Atlantic Forest. Building friendships across all of Brazil’s biomes reshaped my understanding of my own country. And it highlighted that environmental struggle is also a fight for basic and non-negotiable human rights.

Accepting the invitation to be the Presidency Youth Climate Champion (PYCC) of COP30 meant choosing to face the challenges of a role only recently institutionalized within the UNFCCC process. In a short period of time, the role required engaging across many contexts, languages, and approaches to showcase Youth Mutirão – our collective efforts. It also meant being involved in dialogue with Brazilian leadership and imagining better paths forward together.

This truly was a collective effort, with supporters and partners who helped me and others stand back up after every stumble. The following pages aim to capture part of our shared dream – the Youth Mutirão – which did not begin or end at COP30.

I hope you enjoy reading more about our journey over the past year.



Marcele Oliveira
 Presidency Youth Climate Champion COP30

“During COP30, we sought to bring youth to the center of decision-making, with our Youth Climate Champion, Marcele Oliveira, acting as a link between the presidency and youth stakeholders. This commitment deepened our responsibility and sharpened our focus on what truly matters: addressing the climate crisis and avoiding further burdens on future generations. Marcele not only understood her role very well but also elevated the relevance of the Presidency Youth Climate Champion’s role to another level. Long live Marcele!”

André Corrêa do Lago
 COP30 President



COP30 President – @ COP 30 Presidency



@ Marceus Fernandes – PYCC Team



President Lula – @ Ricardo Stuckert/PR



What is Youth Mutirão?

The theme for the COP30 PYCC comes from the Brazilian and Indigenous tradition of mutirão. This is where communities come together to tackle challenges no one can face alone. It reflects a way of acting based on shared responsibility, collective agency, and moving forward together. More than a moment, the Youth Mutirão is an ongoing call for young people, communities, and allies to shape climate action through unity, cooperation, and purpose.



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ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY YOUTH CLIMATE CHAMPION

IN THIS SECTION:

- > **What does the PYCC do?** Including the role and important focus areas
- > **Who is Marcele Oliveira?** Introducing the COP30 PYCC and her background
- > **Why Youth Mutirão?** Focusing on the mission and strategy behind the collective ideal of mutirão
- > **Who are the members of the PYCC Team?** Hearing from the young people who supported Marcele's journey as the PYCC

What does the PYCC do?

The decision to institutionalize the role of the Presidency Youth Climate Champion (PYCC) was adopted at COP28 in the United Arab Emirates.

Under this mandate, each incoming COP Presidency appoints a PYCC to serve for a two-year term.

The primary objective of the PYCC is to facilitate the enhancement of the meaningful, inclusive engagement of youth in climate action, including within the UNFCCC process.

The key areas where the PYCC works are:

- Enhancing the inclusion, participation, and representation of children and youth in climate policy and action through advocacy and awareness-raising.
- Empowering children and young people to usefully contribute to decision-making on climate through capacity-building and education opportunities.
- Elevating and amplifying the voices of children and youth on climate policy within the COP Presidency, UNFCCC and beyond.
- Catalyzing action by leveraging the COP to advance, resource, and monitor child- and youth-led climate action.

The PYCC performs its role in close and regular consultation with YOUNGO, the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC, to avoid duplication of efforts and identify opportunities to create synergies and elevate their work.

Leyla Hasanova served as the first appointed PYCC after the role was institutionalized. Followed by Marcele Oliveira as the COP30 PYCC (hereafter referred to as the PYCC or the COP30 PYCC). Each PYCC has a two-year term so there is continuity across the activities carried out under the role. This also makes for stronger synergies between successive Presidencies and ensures that workplans build on the progress made in previous years.



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“ Working with Marcele and her team over the past year has been a deeply rewarding experience. The continuity between PYCC mandates was strengthened through her commitment, openness and genuine respect for youth and children’s voices. Our collaboration reflected a shared determination to ensure that youth engagement is not symbolic, but meaningful, structure, and influential within the UNFCCC process.

Leyla Hasanova
COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion

Who is Marcele Oliveira?



Marcele is a Brazilian activist, a Black woman, and the daughter and granddaughter of women named “Maria”. She was born and raised on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro, in a neighborhood called Realengo. At 19, she participated in the advocacy for the implementation of the Realengo Green Park and led actions in the Parquinho Verde Occupation, building the Agenda Realengo 2030 project together with other neighborhood residents and using art, culture and communication as a mobilization strategy.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in Cultural Production from the Federal Fluminense University and has completed several training programs, including the “Public Policy Course” of Casa Fluminense and the “Young Climate Negotiators” of the Rio de Janeiro City Hall’s Secretariat for the Environment and Climate Change. She continues to deepen her work at the intersection of culture and environmental activism, from local to global landscapes.

Marcele was a member of the “O Clima é de Mudança” Coalition and now is Executive Director of the Perifalab Institute. She has been engaged in COPs since 2022, focusing on confronting environmental racism and bringing forth the leadership of the Global South and the social participation of youth in international climate governance. Her work for climate justice and environmental education for children and youth is part of the reinvention of the world she believes in.

In line with its commitments to social participation, the Government of Brazil launched an innovative open call for the COP30 Presidency Youth Climate Champion (PYCC) position, led by the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic and facilitated by the National Youth Secretariat. Hundreds of young activists applied, including Marcele, and a large mobilization campaign grew around the nomination of a young Black or Indigenous woman.

In early May 2025, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, appointed Marcele Oliveira as the COP30 PYCC. She then assembled a team reflecting racial, gender and territorial diversity, including persons with disabilities, showcasing to the world the creativity and competence of the Brazilian youth climate movement.

What shaped the COP30 PYCC agenda?

Through conversations with key stakeholders, regional and local consultations – including across Brazil’s six biomes – and with support of the UNFCCC secretariat, the [COP30 PYCC’s work plan](#) was designed as a strategic, adaptive roadmap.

One that would facilitate the meaningful engagement of children and youth across multiple levels of climate governance.

A key priority for Marcele was to encourage participation through national, regional, and global convenings while promoting dialogue in which youth voices could inform decision-making, build alliances, and influence the COP30 and the [Global Action Agenda](#).



Through sustained engagement across diverse geographies, sectors, and institutional contexts, the COP30 PYCC workplan focused on translating what the team had listened into action, connecting territorial realities with multilateral processes and positioning youth as co-creators of climate solutions. Through this approach, and guided by the spirit of the *mutirão*, the COP30 PYCC coordinated activities throughout Brazil and around the world.

During COP30, Marcele Oliveira and the PYCC team achieved significant media coverage. This helped increase the visibility and relevance of the role of young people in climate action and the importance of the role of the PYCC.

928
media pieces were published

55
international articles

26
consultations/conversations

4200
youth engaged directly

i The term “Mutirão” – originally from the Tupi-Guarani language and translated here as “Global Mutirão” (meaning “collective efforts”) – was [adopted by the COP30 Presidency](#) as a slogan to encourage climate action worldwide.

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WHO WERE THE MEMBERS OF THE PYCC TEAM?



One of the first things Marcele did was to establish a team of young advisors and a Participatory Committee. The advisory team was responsible for coordinating day-to-day work, including institutional relations, monitoring international agendas, communication, and mobilization and dialogue with

partners and youth movements. The Participatory Committee, on the other hand, was made up of young representatives from Brazil's biomes, who were tasked with articulating their territories, representing the PYCC at events, and providing thematic advisory support.



Marcele Oliveira
 Presidency Youth Climate Champion COP30

ADVISORY TEAM:



Beatriz Triani
 International advisor



Luisa Barreto
 Chief of staff



Mikaelle Farias
 Advocacy and mobilization advisor



Thalia Silva
 Communications advisor



Gabrielly Santana
 Finance advisor

CITY OF YOUTH TEAM:



Tel Guajajara
 Local programme assistant



Natalia Mapuá
 Local programme assistant



Suane Barreirinhas
 Local programme assistant

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Youth leaders were selected from each of Brazil's biomes to form the Participatory Committee, with a focus on building a climate agenda rooted in local territories and connected to global issues. Drawing on their diverse skills and experiences, this group supported the PYCC's role and contributed to activities across the different thematic areas of the PYCC agenda. This Committee, with representation from Brazil's biomes, reflected the country's territorial and environmental particularities.

PARTICIPATORY COMMITTEE:



Amália Garcez

Representation of the Pampa biome



Ana Terra

Representation of the Cerrado biome



Gabriel Adami

Representation of the Pantanal biome



Rayane Xipaia

Representation of the Amazon biome



Sabrina Cabral

Representation of the Caatinga biome

The approach not only gave youth a voice but also created spaces for listening. In this sense, the Committee also brought its lived experiences and realities into all processes through sharing, debating, and strengthening demands made to decision-makers.

In the lead-up to COP30, the Committee undertook a series of preparatory activities to ensure that a diversity of voices guided the action that followed. Based on its experience in community mobilization and its understanding of regional priorities throughout Brazil, the Committee helped connect local and global youth perspectives. Through biome-based plenary sessions, organized by the National Youth Secretariat, and listening sessions in various countries, the Committee was able to involve young people from dozens of nationalities.

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Representation from Brazil's biomes



"In the Pampa Biome, we face extreme climate events more often, still rebuilding from the 2024 floods. Our biome is poorly protected and highly neglected in environmental policies. Being part of this team gave us visibility and the chance to share Pampa's perspective."

Amália Garcez, representative of the Pampa Biome



"Even though the Amazon biome is widely talked about and 'known', people still ignore many realities. Despite investments to protect it, there is an obsessive drive to exploit its resources, people, fauna, and flora. Amazonian youth have become spokespersons, revealing multiple Amazons and what is left out of debate."

Rayane Xipaia, representative of the Amazon Biome



"In the Cerrado, we are suffering from biome destruction caused by large-scale agriculture and real estate. Forest fires, increasingly frequent, threaten our health, homes, and quality of life. The diverse youth of the Cerrado are organizing to demand preservation and greater community participation."

Ana Terra, representative of the Cerrado biome



"The Pantanal faces increasing pressure from climate change, with 2020's fires still felt. Although public policies exist, they need further advancement to protect the biome. Pantanal youth play a key role in mobilizing efforts for conservation and floodplain development."

Gabriel Adami, representative of the Pantanal biome



"In the Caatinga, despite being exclusive to Brazil, significant gaps in protection remain. The biome faces desertification from agriculture, livestock, mining, and energy expansion. In the climate scenario and a social context marked by xenophobic discrimination and migratory flows. Caatinga youth need support to remain in their territories and protect them."

Sabrina Cabral, representative of the Caatinga biome

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**COP30 PYCC
ENGAGEMENTS
IN 2025**



MAY

- > **Climate Week – Panama City, Panama**
COP30 PYCC mutirão event
Bilateral meeting with Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, UN Climate Change

- > **62nd session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SB62) – Bonn, Germany**
PYCC consultations with young people
COP30 PYCC reception
Bilateral meeting with Noura Hamladji, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Climate Change

JUN

- > **Global Shapers World Social Forum – Geneva, Switzerland**
- > **Biomes Plenary – Cerrado, Brazil**
- > **Biomes Plenary – Caatinga, Brazil**
- > **Biomes Plenary – Pampa, Brazil**
- > **YOUNGO’s Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) – Tapajós, Brazil**
- > **Engagement with Special Envoys appointed by COP30 Presidency**

- > **London Climate Week – London UK**
PYCC consultations with young people
Global Ethical Stocktake of the Dandelion project
Engagement with The Elders and a bilateral meeting with Mary Robinson, President of the Mary Robinson Foundation, and Marina Silva, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil
- > **Roskilde Festival Climate Change workshop – Roskilde, Denmark**

JUL

- > **African Climate Week and African Climate Summit – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
PYCC regional consultations with young people
Youth Mutirão tree planting
Youth Global Ethical Stocktake
Regional stocktake for Africa

- > **Biomes Plenary: Atlantic Forest – Brazil**
- > **Biomes Plenary: Pantanal – Brazil**
- > **Biomes Plenary – Amazônia, Brazil**
- > **Rio Climate Action Week – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
- > **YOUNGO’s Local Conference of youth – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
- > **YOUNGO’s Local Conference of Youth – Salvador, Brazil**
- > **Climate Reality Training – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
- > **YOUNGO’s Local Conference of Youth – Porto Alegre, Brazil**

AUG

- > **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and New York Climate Week – New York, USA**
Youth plenary of the UN Youth Office
PYCC reception with UN Youth Office and Youth Climate Justice Fund

SEP

- > **Mondiacult – Barcelona, Spain**
MondiaYouth: Meeting of culture-based climate action groups
Global Ethical Stocktake, with a focus on culture
Third High-Level Dialogue on Culture-Based Climate Action of the Group of Friends for Culture-Based Climate Action (GFCBCA)

OCT

- > **Pre-COP – Brasília, Brazil**

NOV

- > **Local Leaders Forum – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
- > **YOUNGO’s 20th Global Conference of Youth (COY20) – Belém, Brazil**
- > **COP30 – Belém, Brazil**
- > **Global Climate March – Belém, Brazil**
- > **World March of Black Women – Belém, Brazil**



YOUTH MUTIRÃO

PRIORITIES AND **IMPACT**

- > Enhance inclusion across the COP30 agenda
- > Catalyze action across diverse themes
- > Elevate climate action in Brazil
- > Strengthen networks



Young people and children remind us that time is not abstract – it is embodied, urgent and theirs.

André Corrêa do Lago
COP30 President

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ENHANCE INCLUSION ACROSS THE COP30 AGENDA

IN THIS SECTION:

- > **Enhance integration of youth perspectives across the COP30 action agenda** by launching the multilingual Youth Mutirão website and aligning themes to the COP30 Action Agenda
- > **Boost accessibility and support for youth participation** by securing subsidized accommodation, interpretation services, and establishing the City of Youth
- > **Support the Global Youth Statement** by getting involved in Local Conferences of Youth and promoting the GYS to policymakers
- > **Co-host the youth-led climate forum** and promote spaces for children and youth to present their needs and demands
- > **Facilitate the Children and Youth Pavilion** by mobilizing resources and monitoring construction while introducing the new 'mental health corner' and high-impact events
- > **Launch COP30 tree-planting *mutirões*** by raising the profile of these global events and the positive impact they can have
- > **Promote the meaningful engagement of children** by launching an open call for 'MiniCOPs' with child-friendly spaces and facilitating spaces for children in headline events

Enhance the integration of youth perspectives across the COP30 Action Agenda



“Ten years after the Paris Agreement, COP30 launched a new decade of the climate regime: one accelerated implementation and commitments turned into action.

Guided by the Global Stocktake, our Action Agenda coordinated initiatives from subnational governments, businesses, banks, academia, and civil society to establish a comprehensive pathway for transformative initiatives across various sectors, with the submission of 120 Plans to Accelerate Solutions and the launch of a Granary of Solutions to showcase and inspire results.

As we enter 2026, the COP30 Presidency will ensure that momentum is sustained and that we continue to drive impactful climate action. There should be no climate debate without the active participation of the leaders of the coming decades.

Our youth will directly experience the impacts of climate change, regardless of whether they pursue careers as scientists, entrepreneurs, politicians, educators, artists, or parents. As part of Belém’s legacy, we must guarantee a livable planet for generations to come.”

Ana Toni
COP30 CEO

A central pillar of the COP30 PYCC work was the Global Mutirão. Launched by the COP30 Presidency, this was an ambitious call to mobilize all sectors of society around a concrete agenda for climate implementation.

In June 2025, the Global Mutirão was anchored by the launch of the COP30 Action Agenda. This was divided into six priority axes, with 30 key objectives aimed at guiding collective efforts toward an ‘Implementation COP’. Within this framework, youth – as one of the groups most impacted by climate risks and being powerful agents of transformation – held a central place.



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Out of this vision emerged the initiative #Mutiraodasjuventudes – also referred to as the multilingual Youth Mutirão website available in English, Portuguese and Spanish. Launched on 12 August 2025, International Youth Day, the platform was designed to identify and recognize youth-led initiatives from around the world aligned with the COP30 Action Agenda and rooted in territorial and grassroots action.



As **Dan Ioschpe, COP30 High-Level Climate Champion**, explains, “The protagonism of youth is fundamental for accelerating solutions that dialogue with the different segments of society.

Through the Action Agenda, we have an immense opportunity to connect solutions to stimulate sustainable socioeconomic development, both locally and globally. The broad participation of youth at COP30 revealed the true spirit of mutirão, strengthening implementation and dialogue to accelerate climate action.”

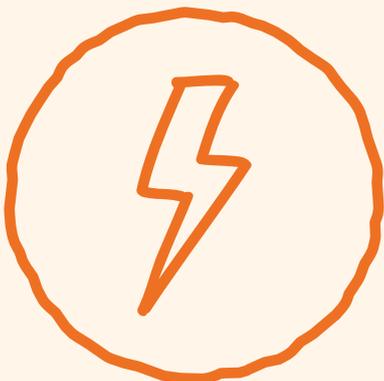
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CONSOLIDATED DATA



YOUTH MUTIRÃO WEBSITE:

- ★ Number of visits (as August and November 2025)..... **3,869**
- ★ Peak user visits (27 August) **231**
- ★ Number of submissions **307**
- ★ Countries represented..... **46**



THEMES ALIGNED WITH THE COP30 ACTION AGENDA AND NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS:

- ★ Activism and political advocacy for climate justice **76**
- ★ Climate education, culture, combating disinformation **75**
- ★ Research, science, technology, NBS, and ancestral knowledge **63**
- ★ Reforestation, agroecology, combating hunger and environmental racism **47**
- ★ Territorial activities, collective care, mental health..... **45**
- ★ Resilient cities, adaptation, just transition, and NDCs..... **36**



OUTCOME ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

- ★ Total followers..... **31,063**
- ★ Video views..... **8,304**
- ★ Interactions **1,555**

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Boost accessibility and support for youth participation

The COP30 Presidency placed strong emphasis on ensuring that the COP30 conference was inclusive and accessible to all. In this context, and with a clear commitment to facilitate youth participation, Marcele and her team played a central role in expanding access for young people from diverse backgrounds. In the run-up to COP30, the PYCC team organized a series of online listening sessions for each Brazilian biome. These conversations brought together more than 400 young people from across the country. In addition, five international listening sessions were held to clarify how the COP functions and its participation zones.

As part of a broader strategy to facilitate youth access, the PYCC team strengthened dialogue with the authorities responsible for Brazil's accreditation in the UNFCCC process. Paying particular attention to the overflow modality and highlighting the importance of expanding access and ensuring the effective participation of Brazilian youth in the official spaces of COP30. In addition, Marcele supported the allocation of dedicated spaces in the Green Zone for youth-led activities. As a result, young people organized and led more than 30 events during COP30.

Language

Language barriers can often hinder meaningful participation by children and youth. Marcele and her team worked on securing interpretation services for youth events. This included PYCC-led regional consultations ahead of COP30 as well as sessions such as the Third Thematic Session of the Youth-led Climate Forum in Belém.

Adapted schools

In addition to the City of Youth initiative, the COP30 Presidency offered subsidized accommodation at a budget rate in an adapted school in Belém. This was made available to delegates of the Conference of Youth (COY20) and COP30, and benefited at least 200 young delegates.



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City of Youth

The Government of Belém built an unprecedented initiative called the City of Youth. This provided fully subsidized accommodation for 200 young people from 80 countries. The space was co-designed by the COP30 PYCC team, the National Youth Secretariat, and the Curro Velho Foundation, and was implemented with the support of the Ministry of Women and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Beyond accommodation, the city was designed in every detail to welcome, care for and connect youth, with spaces for self-managed activities, plenaries, workshops, common areas, and cultural events. The City of Youth also had a dedicated safeguarding and care structure, including psychologists and social workers and an infirmary with complementary medicine such as Reiki, massage and cupping therapy.

Developed in partnership with the Curro Velho community and nearby communities, the City of Youth aimed to leave a legacy for the community after COP30. Legacy contributions included improvements to Curro Velho's infrastructure, such as air-conditioning and lighting, as well as donated materials like beds and mattresses for the community.

“Building a just transition requires, precisely, that we come together and share experiences with people who think differently from us. And I sincerely believe that the camp made this possible: bringing together young people from different social and racial backgrounds and with diverse gender identities. This camp is a milestone for the COPs and, without a doubt, it must be repeated from now on – always!”

Agustin Böhm
City of Youth participant from Argentina

Support the Global Youth Statement



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“ We welcome the collaboration between YOUNGO and the PYCC Team during COP30 in ensuring the recognition of the intergenerational equity principle as well as the interests of children, youth and future generations in the mutirão decision.

Mara
Member of the YOUNGO Policy Team

YOUNGO has historically advocated, and continues to advocate, for the consideration of children and young people’s voices, perspectives, and demands in the UNFCCC process.

Through the endorsement and organizational support of local and regional Conferences of (Children and) Youth (L/RCOYs), YOUNGO supports structured children and youth preparation ahead of each COP. These are spaces for capacity-building, policy dialogue, and articulating priorities grounded in national and regional contexts. They culminate in the Global Conference of Children and Youth (COY) which precedes the COP, where children and youth delegates from around the world consolidate their perspectives into the Global Youth Statement (GYS).

Marcele participated in various LCOYs in Brazil and in COY20 in Belém. In her role as PYCC, she actively promoted consideration of the GYS by policymakers and decision-makers, and facilitated support for COY20.

Co-host the youth-led climate forum



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To support the fulfilment of paragraph 65 of the [Glasgow Climate Pact](#), a youth-led climate forum was once again convened at COP30. Co-hosted with YOUNGO and supported by the UNFCCC secretariat, there were three thematic dialogues:

- › Climate finance and energy
- › Food, agriculture, adaptation, and biodiversity
- › Cross-cutting issues, including gender, children and youth, and Indigenous Peoples

These dialogues culminated in a headline event that cast a spotlight on mainstreaming child rights within the UNFCCC process, the GYS and children, and youth-centered climate action.

The event also showcased three youth movements from Africa, Asia, and Latin America, highlighting the collective power of Youth Mutirão. Across all four sessions, dynamic intergenerational conversations enabled children and youth to present their positions and questions directly to negotiators and decision-makers.



Facilitate the Children and Youth Pavilion

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“The Children and Youth Pavilion has become an integral part of COPs, serving as a meeting point for young people, a space for them to curate and lead their own events and an avenue of engaging with policymakers.”

Joy Mlambo
Associate Programme Officer at UNFCCC

The Children and Youth Pavilion (CYP) is a space created by youth, for youth, and has been present for its fourth iteration since its inception at COP27.

It offers a safe environment for children and youth in the Blue Zone, away from the conference’s intense rhythm. The space also promotes conversations among young people, placing their priorities at the center of discussions.

COP30 PYCC worked closely with partners and the CYP steering committee to mobilize resources for the pavilion. To support the full deployment of the CYP, Marcele personally liaised with the construction company involved and prioritized dedicated staff time to monitor progress until completion.

At COP30, the CYP introduced the ‘mental health corner’, an initiative supported by dedicated partner organizations and volunteer mental health professionals. The mental health corner initiative proved to be vital even after a fire that led to the closure of the pavilion space on the penultimate day of the conference

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In terms of programming, Marcele convened high-impact events at the CYP. These included a high-level session on concrete pathways toward a sustainable future and intergenerational justice with Minister Marina Silva, representatives of national and international organizations, and Brazilian parliamentarians. As well as a breakfast with children, Zé Gotinha and Curupira, on the thematic day dedicated to children and youth, which created a space for listening, reflection, and co-creation.



The COP30 CYP was only made possible by a wide range of partners.

> Institutional partners:

Greenhouse; Climate champions team; Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF); UNICEF; Save The Children; UNFCCC; and Alana.

> Funding partners:

COP30 Presidency, COP30 Presidency Youth Climate Champion, CIFF, NAMYO, British Council, IKEA Foundation, and UNFCCC.

> Accommodation partners:

Youth Climate Collaborative, Oxfam Novib, and Global Citizen’s Assembly.

> Mental Health Corner partners:

Connecting Climate Minds, ASEC Brazil, AHAM Education, ClimateWarriorz, Brahmakumaris, and UNOPS.

> Outreach partner:

UN Youth Office

To see the full list of funding partners from previous iterations and the full list of volunteer steering committee organizations, please refer to the [Children and Youth Pavilion website](#).

Launch COP30 tree-planting *mutirões*



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One active way that perfectly captured the spirit of Youth Mutirão was the tree-planting *mutirões*, also known as [#MutirãoCOP30](#).

Over the year, *mutirões* were organized, resulting in at least 500 trees being planted on three different continents. Tree-planting took place during the Africa Climate Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and COP30 in Belém do Pará, Brazil.

These events engaged youth delegates attending the conferences as well as volunteers, observers, mobilizers, children, students, teachers, activists, and other civil society stakeholders. Several news articles covered the story and helped raise the profile of caring for our collective home: the planet.

As Marcele stated during a reforestation *mutirão* at Serra do Vulcão, Rio de Janeiro, with Instituto EAE and Visão Coop, *“It is necessary to have a hand on the pen, but also a hand in the soil.”*



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“In response to the call of the COP30 Mutirão, we connected those who are already making climate action happen on the ground with an intergenerational group of renowned scientists, decision-makers and policymakers. This year, we collectively built climate resilience activities in communities that have become symbols of climate regeneration.”

Lennon Medeiros
Visão Coop

Promote the meaningful engagement of children

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“ Climate policy, action and finance must respond to children’s lived experiences and those of their communities, which is only possible when children are meaningfully and safely engaged in climate decision-making. The participation of children and youth strengthens ambition, intergenerational equity and long-term climate outcomes.

UNICEF

COP30 was marked by the expressive, ongoing participation of children throughout the two weeks of the conference. The ‘Children’s COP’ emerged from the realization of a fundamental right: the meaningful participation of children in the world’s largest multilateral forum for addressing climate change.

During the preparatory days of Pre-COP, more than 600 letters written by children and adolescents were delivered to negotiators and the COP30 Presidency in the presence of over 1,000 children. Throughout the two weeks of the COP, Belém became the stage for a historic legacy of engagement by those who will inherit the future yet already experience the impacts of the climate crisis in their daily lives.

In addition, Marcele launched an open call for ‘MiniCOPs’ that would enable children and adolescents to organize local climate dialogues in their own territories ahead of COP30. These child-centered processes created safe and meaningful spaces for collective reflection, expression, and proposal-building while remaining rooted in lived experiences across diverse social, cultural, and ecological contexts.



Engagement went beyond the children-focused event organized by the COP30 PYCC team at the CYP and through other dedicated engagements. Efforts to include children's voices in COP30 discussions also extended to a high-level event led by the COP30 Presidency and partners titled "From Voices to Action: Children Shaping the Future of Climate Leadership".

Carolina Maciel of the Alana Institute noted, *"The participation of children and adolescents at COP30 was historic. The Children's Declaration, the High-Level Intergenerational Dialogue with the COP30 Presidency, and events featuring children on the main stages placed them at the center of the negotiations. This momentum advanced cross-cutting guidelines that incorporate intergenerational justice and recognize children as an absolute priority in decision-making on Collective Action (mutirão), Just Transition, Adaptation, and Gender."*

Lastly, the Youth-Led Climate Forum encompassed a series of events intentionally designed to include children. Dedicated speaking slots were reserved for children to present their demands and lived experiences and engage in structured intergenerational dialogue with policymakers. The forum's headline event focused on children's rights mainstreaming in the UNFCCC process.



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CATALYZE ACTION ACROSS DIVERSE AGENDAS

IN THIS SECTION:

- > **Raise awareness of Nationally Determined Contributions** by expanding public awareness of its importance for ambitious climate action
- > **Promote information integrity** by contributing to activities at the London Climate Action Week and the COP30 Presidency ACE event
- > **Advocate for climate finance for youth** by elevating the 'Climate Finance for Youth' campaign
- > **Connect the climate crisis with health** by helping to launch the Belém Health Action Plan, and Beat the Heat initiative promoting sustainable cooling
- > **Place culture at the center of climate action** by supporting culture-based climate initiatives and the Global Ethical Stocktake
- > **Mobilize efforts around climate education** by supporting relevant youth-led initiatives
- > **Inspire dialogue on environmental racism** by promoting greater participation Afro-descendants at COP30
- > **Elevate Indigenous Peoples and local communities' voices** by enabling the COP30 Presidency to receive the 'Indigenous Youth Statement for COP30'
- > **Promote gender-responsive approaches** by ensuring strong female representation within the PYCC team and supporting gender-related activities

Raise awareness of Nationally Determined Contributions



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A central element of the COP30 PYCC agenda was its focus on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). This was grounded in the understanding that NDCs are not merely reporting instruments under the Paris Agreement, but the principal political commitments through which governments define ambition, allocate responsibility, and shape long-term development pathways. In this context, Marcele helped to launch the #NDCNOW campaign to mobilize society and encourage countries to submit and update their NDCs.

The #NDCNOW campaign sought to raise public awareness of the importance of fair, transparent, and ambitious NDCs that address climate change with social responsibility, equity, and participation. It also reinforced the role of children and youth, not only as beneficiaries of climate action, but as essential contributors to shaping, monitoring, and strengthening national climate commitments.

#NDCNOW also built on the NDC campaign led by the COP29 PYCC in 2024, demonstrating continuity amongst the PYCCs towards enhancing overall impact. The videos were produced in collaboration with Care About Climate.

Reach and engagement of the #NDCNOW campaign:

381,000

video views

231,662

total reached

37,567

total interactions

1,000

pins delivered during UNGA80

Promote information integrity



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Strengthening priority agendas related to Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) was a key focus area for the COP30 Presidency. Information integrity lies at the heart of the effective and ambitious implementation of climate action. Societies need access to reliable, science-based information, and must be protected from climate mis- and disinformation, which undermines public trust, civic engagement, and informed decision-making.

Young people are great allies of information integrity. They share information on their networks, use technology, conduct academic research, and produce content for communication platforms, yet they still encounter many difficulties accessing funding to expand their work. Through participation in key events, Marcele maintained focus on information integrity and advocated for support for young people.

London Climate Action Week

During London Climate Action Week, Marcele joined the launch of the 'Transforming Climate Narratives' blueprint alongside Frederico Assis, the Special Envoy for Information Integrity. She also supported the Global Initiative on Information Integrity on Climate Change, established at COP30 by UNESCO, the Government of Brazil, and the United Nations. The PYCC team also joined efforts to meet this goal by mobilizing resources for youth engagement within the UNFCCC process.

ACE Presidency event at COP30

The conversation continued on 13 November 2025 during the ACE Presidency Event at COP30, titled '*Empowering an Informed and Engaged Society for Effective Climate Action*.' Marcele co-moderated the event, helping to reinforce the global call for information integrity. She supported efforts to counter climate disinformation by inviting governments to integrate information integrity within ACE and into climate change plans and strategies, promoting synergies with other international agendas and strengthening action at local, national and global levels. She also encouraged delegates – particularly children and youth – to continue supporting ACE implementation as a key enabler of informed, inclusive, and equitable climate action.

Advocate for climate finance for youth

In the months leading up to COP30, '5% for Youth' – led by the International Youth Organization for IberoAmerica and the PYCC team – provided space to connect youth movements with funders, scientists, and stakeholders for more inclusive and intergenerational dialogue. Under the banner, 'Climate Finance for Youth', this activity was successful in providing different ways to engage with the COP30 Presidency and negotiators.

“ In the year of the COP focused on implementation, we reaffirmed the strategic role of youth in global climate governance. The mapping of youth-led climate initiatives revealed structural funding gaps, marking the launch of the ‘5% for Youth’ campaign as a driver of intergenerational climate justice.

Alexandre Pupo
The International Youth Organization for Ibero-America



Connect the climate crisis with health

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For the first time in the history of the COPs, there were two thematic days dedicated to health and climate. The Belém Health Action Plan was launched for adoption with Marcele alongside the Brazilian Minister of Health, Alexandre Padilha, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) director, Jarbas Barbosa, the UNFCCC Deputy Executive Secretary, Noura Hamladji, and the COP30 CEO, Ana Toni.

This commitment was the main contribution to the global climate and health effort proposed by the COP30 Presidency and is also part of the COP30 Action Agenda, responding to Goal 16, which promotes resilient health systems in the face of the climate crisis. The commitment supports efforts under Article 7 of the Paris Agreement, which establishes the global goal on adaptation, resolutions of the World Health Assembly (WHA61.19, WHA77.14, and WHA77.2), and the UAE–Belém Work Programme.

Through the Global Mutirão, shared perspectives about climate change and health were incorporated in Global Mutirão Against Extreme Heat / Beat the Heat. This campaign was launched by the COP30 Presidency and the Cool Coalition, led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The initiative seeks to accelerate the implementation of sustainable cooling and heat-resilience solutions in cities around the world, translating the commitments of the Global Cooling Pledge into concrete action to ensure a world where it is possible for everyone to live.



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The COP30 PYCC and team amplified the Beat the Heat initiative and supported the campaign, ‘The climate crisis is a health crisis’ in partnership with Doctors Without Borders – highlighting the importance of this debate for women and girls.

“ The climate crisis is unequivocally a health crisis. In this context, youth engagement is essential. Strengthening youth leadership is crucial to building lasting solutions that place life, health, and the future at the center of climate action.

Doctors Without Borders Brazil

Place culture at the center of climate action

“The Entertainment + Culture Pavilion is deeply grateful to Marcele Oliveira and her entire team for their dedication, kindness, openness and transparency. Since we began collaborating earlier this year, we have co-created multiple activations, co-led intergenerational dialogues and, with their support, helped accelerate culture-based climate action within the COP agenda.”

Entertainment + Culture Pavilion

Culture is climate, and climate is culture. This topic is part of the Marcele’s ongoing research and advocacy work, including direct mobilization with Brazil’s Ministry of Culture and key partners.

In November 2025, Marcele attended the Global Artivism Convening in Salvador, Bahia, where activists from around the world came together to strengthen the integration of culture, climate action, and social justice. These conversations were directly linked to the Entertainment and Culture Pavilion in COP30 at the Blue Zone.

“In the Amazon, culture and climate are not separate issues: they are part of daily life, ways of living, and resistance strategies in the territories. With COP30, this debate overflowed institutional spaces and reaffirmed that climate justice is only possible when built with Amazonian voices at the center.”

Matheus Botelho
Na Cuia, Amazon organization



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Beyond the official COP spaces, a #MutiraoCOP30 event took place at Praça Ver-o-Rio in Belém, featuring a strong cultural programme with live music and community participation. Participants were introduced to MORFO, a technology-supported tree-planting operation. The film *Como Sobreviver* was also launched with the special presence of two activists featured in the film – Regina Ferreira from Quilombo Nossa Senhora de Nazaré in Pará and Tochi Benítez from San Salvador de Jujuy, Argentina.

Musical performances included a carimbó circle led by Silvan Galvão, a performance by Thaline Karajá, DJ sets by DJ Eric Terena, and the sound system Tudão Crocodilo. The event concluded with the distribution of seedlings after gathering more than 3,000 people in a public square, united by the chants: “What do we want? Climate justice. When do we want it? Now.”



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To close the year, Marcele joined efforts with the global campaign, *We Make Tomorrow*. In partnership with Instituto Ayika, she supported the youth gathering, ‘Resenha Climática,’ held inside Greenpeace’s iconic ship, the *Rainbow Warrior*. This event featured a hip-hop battle and a performance of *Rainha das Matas*, underscoring culture’s role as a driver of climate action and youth engagement.

Advancing Climate Action through the Global Ethical Stocktake

Another key element of the work connecting culture and climate action of the COP30 Presidency was the Global Ethical Stocktake (GES). The GES featured artistic performances and a participatory methodology, with each gathering bringing together leaders and representatives from various sectors. People across – spirituality, youth, science, culture, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, social movements, the private sector, and policymakers – were able to reflect, in a participatory manner and from an ethical perspective, on how we are advancing toward the goal of limiting the average global temperature rise to 1.5°C, in line with the decisions of the UAE Consensus.

In the context of the GES, two key events were hosted. One on 6 September in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, supported by UNFCCC and UNICEF, on the margins of UNFCCC Climate Week and the Africa Climate Summit. The other took place as part of Mondiacult, supported by the Entertainment and Culture Pavilion and the Culture Ministry of Brazil, with the presence of the Minister Margareth Menezes. The results of these dialogues were presented at the Global Ethical Stocktake Pavilion during COP30.

As Luciano Frontelle of Plant for Planet observed, *“Thanks to the openness of the COP30 Presidency and the strong engagement of civil society organizations, we adapted the Global Ethical Stocktake listening processes and conducted self-managed consultations with children and adolescents in 12 countries across four continents. This process culminated in a report and in the effective participation of children who were able to represent these voices during COP30 in Belém.”*



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Mobilize efforts around climate education

“ The Climate Education Coalition applauds all 150+ countries which have embedded climate education to the NDCs in 2025. On behalf of more than 100 organizations, we thank the COP30 Youth Climate Champion, Marcele Oliveira, for her representation of young people at the UN climate negotiations. We believe that education and skills are the cornerstone of all responsible and effective environmental actions.

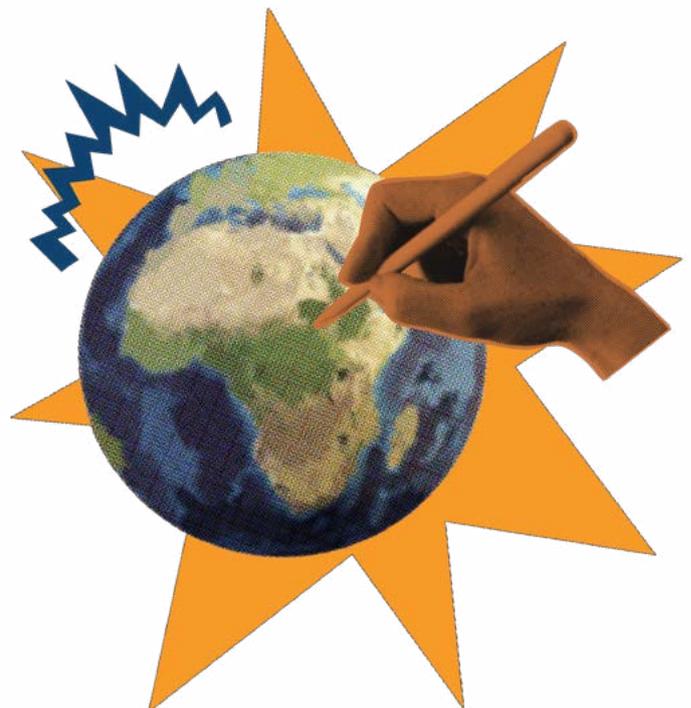
Climate Education Coalition

Climate education is a fundamental tool that enables individuals and communities, including children and young people, to understand climate challenges and to develop climate solutions that address social inequalities. In this context, Marcele supported youth-led initiatives that advanced environmental and climate education in both formal and non-formal settings. These efforts centered on youth as essential contributors to educational processes and to the development of inclusive, context-responsive solutions.

During COP30 in Belém, the ‘Mutirão for strengthening collective action through Environmental and Climate Education’ event was held at the Belém+10 Pavilion in the Green Zone. This event provided a space for raising awareness, sharing experiences and good practices by stimulating collaboration and inspiring collective action on climate education.

“During COP30, some reflections were important to me to amplify the understanding about climate change in one decolonized and feminist perspective. Malcom Ferdinand, Ailton Krenak, Negô Bispo, Lélia Gonzalez, Mary Robson, and Carolina Maria de Jesus are examples of why we need to be connected with the past for a better future, respecting the science and locally based solutions.”

Marcele
COP30 Presidency Youth Climate Champion.



Inspire dialogue on environmental racism

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“ Afro-descendant populations continue to be disproportionately affected by the climate crisis, despite being on the frontlines of solutions. Recognizing and strengthening Afro-descendant and youth leadership is an indispensable political condition for building an anti-racist climate justice grounded in equity. The challenge lies in turning approved texts into real change.

Ester Sena
Climate and Youth Advisor, Geledés Institute

Environmental racism disproportionately affects historically marginalized populations. This results in greater exposure to climate risks and unequal access to resources, services and decision-making processes. In Brazil, this reality reflects a history of colonization, enslavement, and marginalization of the Black, peripheral, Afro-descendant, Indigenous, and quilombola communities, who are more likely to live in environmentally vulnerable territories.

Set against this backdrop, Marcele committed to incorporating racial justice as a cross-cutting focus for her agenda, recognizing the importance of inclusive participation and representation in climate-related processes.

With the support of civil society organizations, she was able to promote the consideration of Afro-descendants in climate discussions at the international level during COP30. For example, through the ‘Youth in Confronting Environmental Racism’ event that took place in the Green Zone, discussing the impacts of climate change on Black territories and on people and traditional communities while also highlighting the importance of representativeness in climate-related decision-making processes. On top of this, a high-level event on 20 November 2025 (Black Awareness Day in Brazil), titled *‘Towards a People-Centered Climate Action: Recognizing the Role of Women and Girls of African Descent’*, took place in the Blue Zone. This provided a space for discussion on this key topic, in which Marcele shared her own insights.

All of these efforts contributed to including conversations about the roles of Afro-descendant women, youth, and communities in discussions taking place during COP30 and to reinforcing the link between inclusive and equitable participation and effective climate action.

Elevating the voices of Indigenous Peoples and local communities

The International Indigenous Youth Forum on Climate Change (IIYFCC) is an extension of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC). It is composed of Indigenous Youth from the seven sociocultural regions who engage in the UNFCCC process, follow the negotiations, and articulate collective priorities. Grounded in Indigenous principles of collectivity, intergenerational dialogue, and Indigenous knowledge systems and values, the IIYFCC strengthens the broader Indigenous Caucus and supports structured youth participation.

Marcele engaged directly with the IIYFCC to facilitate dialogue, resulting in the delivery of the 'Indigenous Youth Statement for COP30' to the COP30 Presidency. This statement underscored the importance of the effective participation of Indigenous Youth within UNFCCC processes, the protection of Indigenous knowledge systems, attention to cultural loss and damage affecting Indigenous Youth and future generations, and the need for a just transition to safeguard young Indigenous defenders and traditional communities.

During SB62 (62nd sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies to the UNFCCC), the PYCC engaged closely with the Kuntari Katu delegation – an initiative led by Brazil's Ministry of Indigenous Peoples to prepare Indigenous negotiators for participation in the UNFCCC process.

This interaction highlighted the importance of structured training that equips Indigenous leaders with the technical and political tools to navigate climate negotiations while maintaining their ancestral knowledge and territorial perspectives.

Through dialogue and exchanges, Marcele recognized Kuntari Katu as an important step for inclusive climate diplomacy. In particular, she emphasized how the delegation's presence strengthened discussions on adaptation, mitigation and equity, while reaffirming the central role of Indigenous peoples and Indigenous youth in shaping fair, effective and just climate policies.



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Promote gender-responsive approaches



The PYCC team was predominantly composed of women, reflecting a concrete commitment to women’s representation and expanding women’s voices across the COP30 PYCC agenda. This majority was not only symbolic. It ensured that women and girls’ lived experiences, needs, and leadership informed the PYCC vision, strategy, and activities.

The team also formed collaborations on data and policies to strengthen gender diversity and ensure multiple perspectives on the Global Mutirão. This included an opening speech at a workshop hosted at SB62 to facilitate the design of gender action plan activities, dialogues with the women and gender constituency, and subsequent activities with women’s networks and organizations, for example, the Project Dandelion, which focuses on women’s leadership.

Using the momentum created by the discussions and later adoption of the Gender Action Plan at COP30, Marcele led the ‘Women’s Plenary’ at the City of Youth. In partnership with Brazil’s Ministry of Women, she convened women leaders from diverse territories to exchange experiences and co-create approaches to strengthen women’s participation and leadership in climate decision-making processes. In addition, 80% of the spots in the City of Youth were reserved for young women and LGBTQIA+ youth – reinforcing Marcele and her team’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.



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Additionally, the COP30 PYCC supported the integration of race, gender and disability perspectives is essential in the fight for climate justice. Especially given that the impacts of the climate crisis are not distributed equitably. Black, Indigenous, LGBTQIA+, peripheral youth, people with disabilities, and women already face daily structural barriers to accessing information, political participation and decision-making spaces.



“Why is it that, unfortunately, people with disabilities, the trans population, and people from traditional peoples and communities... are not the agents at the center of this discussion? We are not the ones being heard, we are not setting the agenda for our demands, nor are we involved in building public policies.”

Jarê Aikyry
Engajamundo



“If we are not taking part in decision-making, if we are not discussing these issues, then we are

clearly not included in mitigation actions, adaptation actions, or decision-making processes. Where are people with disabilities when we discuss impacts and adaptations in the context of climate issues?”

Luciana Viegas
Instituto VNDI

An activity implemented by Marcele was the Pre-COP listening process, focused on the collective development of inputs to inform her agenda at COP30. This space identified specific demands related to racial exclusion, gender inequalities, barriers faced by people with disabilities, and the systemic exclusion of trans people and traditional communities within the climate agenda. The process also reinforced the need to move beyond symbolic inclusion and toward meaningful participation in agenda-setting and policy formulation.

As an outcome of the listening process, Marcele took part in the panel ‘Climate Justice for Brazilian Youth and Children: perspectives on race, gender, disabilities, and territories’. This event brought together diverse stakeholders to discuss how structural inequalities intersect with climate policies and restrict the effective participation of diverse youth.



Some of the recommendations provided to Marcele for promoting diversity and inclusion in climate debates, included:

- ★ Accessibility as a cross-cutting principle of climate governance
- ★ Recognition of chosen names in accreditation processes
- ★ Meaningful participation of historically marginalized groups
- ★ Production and use of disaggregated data for climate policies
- ★ Human rights-based approaches to climate adaptation
- ★ Accessible and decentralized climate finance
- ★ Continuity of dialogue and participatory monitoring

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ELEVATE CLIMATE ACTION IN BRAZIL

IN THIS SECTION:

- > **Host youth plenaries across the six biomes** by bringing people together and supporting training efforts
- > **Mobilize youth before COP30** by hosting events where people can meet and discuss priorities

Host youth plenaries across the six biomes

Holding youth plenaries in the six Brazilian biomes was central to the PYCC team’s agenda for reaching and mobilizing young people nationwide in the lead-up to COP30. This process was led by the National Youth Secretariat, CONJUVE (National Youth Council), and the COP30 PYCC team in partnership with UNICEF and local youth authorities.

Held between July and August 2025, these decentralized gatherings brought together local youth, secondary and university students, social movements, academia, and civil society organizations to debate climate impacts in their biome and local public policies and priorities for COP30. At the end of each of the two-day plenaries, participants elected two young representatives per biome to attend COP30 in Belém, with the costs covered by the Federal Government. In total, 12 young people were elected.

The first day of the event was dedicated to a training space on climate change, the challenges of local biomes, and the UNFCCC process. On the second day, delegates elected the biomes’ representatives and visited the biome where the plenary was hosted, to learn about the diversity of local fauna and flora.

“The partnership between the National Youth Secretariat and the PYCC was strategic in strengthening youth leadership. The biome-based plenaries and the Youth City at COP30 played a central role in this journey, ensuring meaningful listening spaces, territorial diversity, and articulation to strengthen demands for climate and territorial justice.”

Guilherme Barbosa
Director of Coordination and Promotion of Youth Programs and Projects, National Youth Secretariat

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Mobilize youth before COP30



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During the ‘Pre-COP’ ahead of COP30, Marcelle played a central role in political articulation, mobilization, and visibility of the agendas of Brazilian and Ibero-American youth within the context of climate action. This work was carried out in partnership with the National Secretariat of Youth (SNJ), the National Youth Council (CONJUVE), the International Organization of Youth for Ibero-America (OIJ), and other civil society actors.

On 13 October 2025, the PYCC and OIJ brought together Ibero-American youth in a convened Climate Future Lab. This event contributed to the discussions on priorities in the youth agendas and to strengthening dialogue between youth, multilateral organizations, and governments. The Climate Future Lab highlighted initiatives and social technologies led by young people from different territories and biomes, connecting youth delegates elected through Brazil’s Youth Biomes Plenaries with Ibero-American youth leaders from projects awarded by OIJ.

The following day, the PYCC team also participated in the ‘Youth from the Biomes Speak to the World: On the Road to COP30’ event. In partnership with the CONJUVE, this event was held at the auditorium of Brazil’s Ministry of the Environment. It aimed to provide national and international visibility to the Youth Biomes Plenaries process and to launch a synthesis document as the political position of Brazilian youth.



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The final event organized by the PYCC team in advance of COP30 was the meeting, ‘Youth at the Center of Climate Action on the Road to COP30.’ This promoted an intergenerational dialogue among youth, government ministries, and multilateral actors, with a focus on youth engagement and leadership in climate decision-making. In this space, Marcelle helped connect young leaders with decision-makers, promoting the recognition and presentation of youth-led climate action initiatives from their territories. The most significant moment came when youth movements presented their statements and demands to different Ministers of the Brazilian Federal Government and to the COP30 President, Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago.

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STRENGTHEN NETWORKS AND CONNECT YOUNG PEOPLE

IN THIS SECTION:

- > **Encourage conversations with young people**
by translating technical information into digestible sources for more inclusive dialogue
- > **Create spaces to bring people together**
by reaching out to youth from different backgrounds worldwide

Encourage conversations with young people



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Marcele was clear on the importance of listening to the views and perspectives of children and young people by engaging in direct conversations with them.

Both at SB62 in Bonn and at COP30 in Belém, Marcelle held conversations with youth in observer groups and Party delegations to the UNFCCC to give young people a space to provide feedback. Through these conversations, Marcelle was able to gather thoughts on how to enhance the role of the PYCC as well as the programming, implemented activities, and priorities in thematic areas under the UNFCCC. These dialogues have become valuable networking spaces where youth can engage with each other, share ideas, and collaborate in the future.



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Create spaces to bring people together

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“Creating intentional spaces for youth collaboration is essential to ensure young people are not only heard but equipped to shape global climate governance. Young people are not defined by the borders that separate them, but by the solidarity that unites them. These spaces foster trust, amplify leadership, and turn participation into collective action for a more inclusive and impactful future.”

Felipe Paulier
ASG

In recognition of the diversity of youth movements, organizations, and institutions, Marcele hosted informal convenings, receptions, and dialogues to bring together children, youth, funders, UN agencies, governments, and stakeholders. These spaces expanded the reach of the Youth Mutirão, strengthened the understanding of the PYCC’s role, and encouraged collaboration for climate action.



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**THE LEGACY OF
THE COP30
YOUTH MUTIRÃO**



No one achieves anything alone

In 2025, Marcele, the PYCC team, and numerous collaborators worked collectively to meet ambitious goals:

- > To grow engagement on the climate change agenda,
- > To expand the sense of urgency,
- > To raise climate ambition, and
- > To contribute to the adoption of decisions aligned with the sustainable and resilient future we seek to build.

It is no coincidence that a 70.000-person rally, led by the People’s Summit, took to the streets of Belém do Pará. In a range of ways, civil society sent a strong message to decision-makers at COP30.

This is the legacy of the Youth Mutirão: Highlighting the importance of our meaningful engagement for multilateralism to continue advancing effectively.



“The participation of youth in climate negotiations is essential for the world to move forward in making decisions toward a just global ecological transition. Young people will inherit the impacts of the choices made today, and therefore their voices, ideas, and courage must be at the center of building solutions to address climate change.”

Marina Silva
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change of Brazil



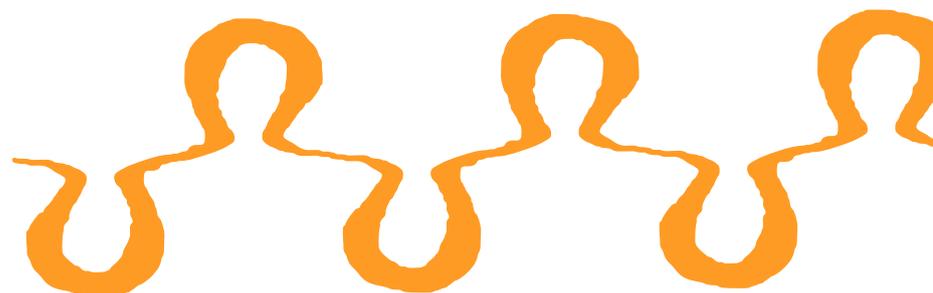
“We must confront climate change, always placing people at the center of our response.

Nothing is more just and necessary than “transversal” attention to children and youth in climate policies. As they have a future ahead of them, no one has the right to steal from them a healthy and prosperous future. On the contrary, we need to change now so that future generations can continue to enjoy our planet.”

Liliam Chagas
Ambassador and Director of the Climate Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil

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The institutional support of the Brazil Youth National Secretariat and Brazil General Secretariat of Presidency also highlighted the value of collaboration for developing engagement and real impact for youth participation.

The support of the COP30 Presidency leadership team was instrumental. Especially in ensuring coordinated efforts to facilitate the meaningful engagement of children and young people throughout the year.

We are grateful for the support of the COP29 PYCC, Leyla Hasanova, and her team for ensuring a smooth transition. And for the continued collaboration across joint efforts towards amplifying children and youth voices.

We also acknowledge the essential role of YOUNGO in representing and supporting children and young people for over 15 years, serving as an important mechanism for amplifying their position and the Constituency’s consistent engagement with the PYCC to collaborate on advocating for the meaningful engagement of children and young people.

I am also grateful for the support from partners like Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), Climate Emergency Collaboration Group (CECG), IKEA Foundation, Earth Alliance, Youth Climate Justice Fund (YCJF), Alana Institute, Instituto Amazônia Açu, PerifaLab, Arab Youth Center, ClimateWorks Foundation, Geledes Black Women Institute, TBA21, LACLIMA, Iyaleta Institute, Greenpeace Brazil, Climate and Society Institute and National Youth Council of Brazil.

A big thanks must go to the UN partners who provided technical support and collaboration—including UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, and UNYO together with UNFCCC. This was instrumental in facilitating coordinated efforts to catalyze children and youth climate action.

Thank you and well done for all the youth movements – notably the activists who were finalists for the Brazil PYCC nomination –, organizations, civil society mobilizations, family, and friends, who supported the delivery of COP30 PYCC activities in 2025 from the very beginning. None of this would have been possible without you!

A big hug, charged with the energy of a job well done. Let’s move forward together for a future with adaptation, implementation, and climate justice on the road to COP31!

From our team in Brazil to all of you: Thank you so much!

Marcele Oliveira
COP30 PYCC

GLOSSARY

ACE – Action for Climate Empowerment

Term adopted by the UNFCCC under Article 6 of the Convention and Article 12 of the Paris Agreement. The overarching goal of ACE is to empower all members of society to engage in climate action, through the six ACE elements – climate change education and public awareness, training, public participation, public access to information, and international cooperation on these matters.

Blue Zone

All of the official sessions, meetings, side events, and press conferences are taking place in the “blue zone”, the formal conference and negotiation space managed by UN Climate Change. Only Party delegations, Heads of State, admitted observers, and the accredited press can enter the blue zone.

Conselho de Desenvolvimento Econômico Social Sustentável

Brazil’s National Council for Economic, Social, and Sustainable Development. An advisory multistakeholder body that informs national policy discussions, including sustainable development and climate-related agendas under the Brazilian Presidency context.

COY – Conference of Youth

The annual global youth conference organized by YOUNGO immediately before the COP.

COP – Conference of the Parties

The COP is established by Article 7 of Convention and serves as “the supreme body” of the Convention, constituting its highest decision-making authority. It supervises and provides guidance to all bodies, institutions, and arrangements established under the Convention, ensuring their effective operation in line with relevant mandates

Curupira

A figure from Brazilian Indigenous folklore known as a guardian of the forest. It was the COP30 mascot.

CYP – Children and Youth Pavilion

A dedicated space at COP that hosts events, panels, and activities led by and for children and youth, facilitating participation and visibility within the broader conference ecosystem.

Global Climate Action Agenda

The Global Climate Action Agenda brings together and mobilizes voluntary climate action by civil society, businesses, investors, cities, and other subnational authorities, and countries to intensify emission reductions, climate adaptation, and the transition to sustainable economies, as set out in the Paris Agreement.

Global Ethical Stocktake

High-level initiative jointly launched by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and UN Secretary-General António Guterres, supported by the COP30 Presidency and Brazil’s Ministries of Environment and Foreign Affairs, and inspired by the Paris Agreement’s Global Stocktake. It convened social, cultural, spiritual, business, scientific, and political leaders through intercontinental dialogues and society-led events to generate civil society contributions to COP30 and accelerate implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Green Zone

The area at COP managed by the host country (outside the formal UN negotiation space). It hosts exhibitions, side events, cultural programming, and activities open to a broader range of stakeholders.

GYS – Global Youth Statement

YOUNGO’s policy document drafted by children and youth throughout the year, outlining key demands and recommendations to Parties.

Climate High-Level Champion

The Climate High-Level Champions’ core role is to act on behalf of the President of the Conference of the Parties to facilitate, through high-level engagement, the scaling up and strengthening of voluntary efforts, initiatives, and coalitions.

IIPFCC – International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change

The caucus representing Indigenous Peoples within the UNFCCC process.

IIFYFCC – International Indigenous Youth Forum on Climate Change

The youth chapter of the IIPFCC.

LCOY – Local Conference of Youth

National or sub-national youth climate conferences endorsed by YOUNGO.

NAMYO – Non-Aligned Movement Youth Organization

NAM Youth Organization is an international youth platform uniting the youths of Non-Aligned Movement Member States.

NDCs – Nationally Determined Contributions

National climate action plans submitted by Parties under the Paris Agreement, outlining mitigation targets, adaptation measures, and implementation strategies. The Paris Agreement (Article 4, paragraph 2) requires each Party to prepare, communicate, and maintain successive nationally determined contributions that it intends to achieve.

National Youth Secretariat (Brazil)

Managing body responsible for the coordination, execution, and implementation of the Federal Government’s National Youth Policy since 2005, established by Law No. 11.129 of June 30, 2005.

Pre-COP

In preparation for the annual conference, the host country (incoming Presidency) organizes a pre-COP meeting, usually in its territory and lasting two to three days, to exchange views on key political issues that will be considered at the upcoming conference.

Parties

Countries and regional economic integration organizations that have ratified, accepted, approved, or acceded to the UNFCCC and, where applicable, the Paris Agreement.

RCOY – Regional Conference of Youth

Regional youth climate conferences endorsed by YOUNGO.

UNFCCC – United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

The international treaty adopted in 1992 that establishes the global framework for addressing climate change.

UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund

The UN agency focused on protecting children’s rights and well-being.

YOUNGO – Youth Non-Governmental Organizations

The official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC.

Zé Gotinha

A Brazilian public health mascot symbolizing civic mobilization and public engagement.

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