

UN Climate Change Conference - COP 30 - Belém, Brazil

HIGH-LEVEL/MINISTERIAL EVENT

“The fundamental role of combating hunger and poverty for climate justice”

Concept Note

DATE: November 10, 2025

TIME: 14:30-16:00 (90 minutes)

ROOM: Special Event Room 3 – Parnaíba Auditorium

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Event Description:

The Belém Declaration on Hunger, Poverty and Human-Centred Climate Action focuses on the need to address the unequal impacts of climate change on the most vulnerable. Representatives from signatory states and partners will debate on a human-centred approach to climate action for a just transition.

Headline:

Countries and International Organisations issue their support towards the Belém Leaders' Declaration on Hunger, Poverty and Human-Centred Climate Action.

Outcome to be announced/launched:

On November 7, the Leader's Declaration on Hunger, Poverty and Human-Centred Climate Action will be launched to be voluntarily adopted by willing countries at the COP30 Leaders' Summit in Belém, Brazil.

The Declaration will recognize linkages with earlier frameworks (e.g., COP28 UAE Declaration; Baku Guiding Principles) while avoiding duplication. It will focus on the imperious need to address the unequal impacts of climate change through a human-centred approach:

1. Make Social Protection a Foundation of Resilience;
2. Support Small-Scale Food Producers as Agents of Resilience;
3. Enable Just Transitions for Peoples in Regions of Forests and Sensitive Ecosystems.

It will call on countries to embed these elements in NDCs/NAPs and call on climate finance actors to contemplate them as central aspects of just climate transitions.



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Expected Outcomes:

1. Provide higher visibility of the Belém Leader’s Declaration on Hunger, Poverty and Human-Centred Climate Action, inviting more UNFCCC parties to join.
2. Mobilise financial and knowledge partners to issue concrete actions in support of the Declaration, its implementation and tracking.
3. Promote and highlight the importance of including programmes for the fight against hunger and poverty into national climate strategies.

List of speakers:

- H.E. Wellington Dias, Minister for Social Development and Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger of Brazil
- H. E. Reem Alabali Radovan, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany.
- Mafalda Duarte, CEO of the Green Climate Fund.
- Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Pieter Nel Boogaard, Managing Director of the Office of Technical Delivery, IFAD
- Sreng Sophornreasmey, Deputy Secretary General, General Secretariat for the National Social Protection Council of Cambodia

Target audience:

Policy makers, UNFCCC parties, UN Agencies, MDBs, researchers and implementation institutions

Organisers:

Ministry of Social Development and Assistance, Family and Fight against Hunger; Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty



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Prospective Agenda:

Timing (90 mins)	Segment	Speaker suggestions
5 min	Opening Remarks <i>The Belém Declaration on Hunger, Poverty, and Human-Centred Climate Action and the need for joint climate action and human development</i>	H.E. Wellington Dias , Minister for Social Development and Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger of Brazil
30 min	Our Commitments: The Declaration's 3 focus areas and their importance <i>Speakers will be called to share their views on the three pillars of the Declaration and their importance for a just transition.</i> <i>Areas of commitment:</i> <i>I. Make Social Protection a Foundation of Resilience</i> <i>II. Support Small-Scale Food Producers as Agents of Resilience</i> <i>III. Enable Just Transitions for peoples in regions of Forests and Sensitive Ecosystems</i>	Speakers: H. E. Reem Alabali Radovan, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany. - Pieterneel Boogaard, Managing Director of the Office of Technical Delivery, IFAD - H.E. Marina Silva, Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Brazil
10 min	Q&A session with audience	
30 min	Means of Implementation: How to make progress <i>Speakers will be called to share their views and experiences on implementing concrete solutions for climate resilience and the fight against hunger and poverty.</i> <i>Areas of Implementation:</i> <i>I. Delivering Scaled and Equitable Finance for Human Centered Climate Action</i> <i>II. Integrating Human-Centered Action into National Strategies</i> <i>III. Human-Centered Climate Action in Fragile Situations and Protracted Crises</i>	Speakers: - Mafalda Duarte, CEO of the Green Climate Fund - Sreng Sophornreasmey, Deputy Secretary General, General Secretariat for the National Social Protection Council of Cambodia - Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)



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10 min	• Q&A session with audience	
5 min	Closing Remarks <i>Moving forward and next steps</i>	H.E. Wellington Dias , Minister for Social Development and Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger of Brazil