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GLF Climate 2025: A New Vision for Earth

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CONCEPT NOTE

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Why now?

More than three decades after the Rio Earth Summit, the UN Climate Change Conference returns to Brazil. **Globally, up to 89% of the world's population wants their governments to do more to tackle the climate crisis.** And yet, climate action remains hamstrung by both domestic polarization and geopolitical tensions.

We must accept that even if we cannot limit global heating to 1.5°C, every fraction of a degree now counts. Policymakers, scientists, communities, financiers, civil society and media need to focus on how the world can adapt to these higher temperatures.

The world needs bold leadership to fundamentally transform and adapt our systems and devise solutions that not only address the climate, land and biodiversity crises but also the structures that drive them. This is an opportunity to build a more equal partnership, particularly between the Global South and Global North.

Pledges have been made, global initiatives launched, and local solutions spearheaded. But real change happens when action outpaces rhetoric. Communities are restoring forests, cities are redesigning energy and transport systems, and businesses are embracing regenerative models. Now is the time to implement and scale up these solutions.

About the event

At GLF Climate 2025, we aim to make COP30 accessible to everyone – not just those with a seat at the negotiating tables in Belém.

By blending science with Indigenous and local knowledge, and bringing youth and women's perspectives to the forefront, we will open doors for our growing global community to engage and take collective action – bridging the gap between policy, finance and on-the-ground implementation.

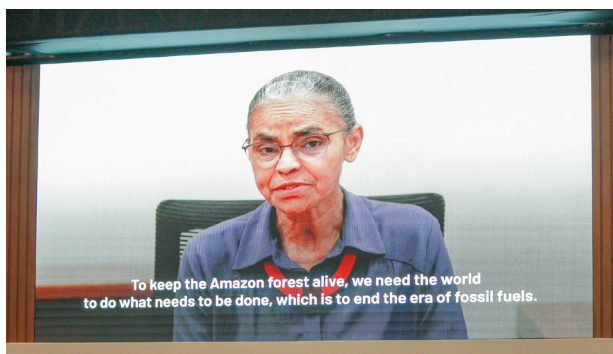
This **hybrid event**, to be held online and **in the COP30 Blue Zone in Belém on 17 November**, aims to:

- **Highlight successful, evidence-based, integrated and locally-led initiatives** that demonstrate effective action on climate, biodiversity and land restoration.
- **Address implementation challenges** by devising new innovations, navigating false solutions and engaging concerned and often marginalized stakeholders.
- **Invite exchange among diverse stakeholders** by sharing knowledge and co-creating ecologically sound, culturally respectful and contextually relevant solutions, as well as fostering South–South collaborations, emerging leadership across the Global South, and partnerships between Indigenous and local stewards and scientists.
- **Encourage action from multiple stakeholders on policy, finance and rights** with clear accountability frameworks to ensure policy commitments translate into real impact with human rights.

The GLF is the world's largest knowledge-led platform on sustainable landscapes. Leveraging the Forum's momentum and growing global community, the GLF will work closely with the Brazilian government and its 35 Charter Members in organizing its 10th GLF Climate Hybrid Conference inside the Blue Zone at COP30, creating a global event that opens the COP30 process.

Connected to parallel events around the world, GLF conferences aren't just a series of lectures. They're packed with intergenerational dialogues, activism, lively debates and participatory spaces designed to involve all participants around the world in co-producing knowledge.

Bringing together over **5,000** online participants and **150** in-person speakers, partners and attendees, the event will be supported by a global campaign reaching more than **120 million** people in **130** countries through social and traditional media, with over **5 million** direct engagements worldwide. We work with **240** social media ambassadors and influencers globally in **20+ languages**.



“We are indeed living a historic moment in the course of humankind, in which the ideals that brought us here are proving insufficient for us to be able to continue our journey on Earth with minimal conditions of dignity for human life and other forms of life. Now, the ideals that can help us save life and the planet are those that enable us to use natural resources wisely, to nurture, while also preserving these resources, safeguarding the necessary sufficiency of ecosystem services.”

MARINA SILVA

Brazil's Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, joining virtually Day 2: Climate of GLF Nairobi 2023

Key questions to be explored

- **Beyond pledges:** What are examples of collective action that showcase systemic changes? How can coalitions align their goals to influence policy effectively and create real transformation?
- **Reimagining governance:** How can collective action nurture trust and influence decision making? How can implementation move from 'command and control' toward participatory leadership approaches and collective decision making?
- **Food, forests and the climate nexus:** How do forests and water regulate the climate? How can integrated land use approaches strengthen food sovereignty, forest resilience and social justice? How can food systems and forest stewardship serve as pillars of climate action?
- **Regenerative economies:** How can we harness Indigenous knowledge to build climate-smart, community-led economies? How do we develop inclusive business models to underpin just transitions? What is the business case for locally-led climate action and conservation?
- **Monitoring and evaluating impact:** How to harness new technologies, innovations and AI solutions to monitor progress, predict outcomes and guide policy?

Who is this event for?

- Government representatives and negotiators from the Rio Conventions
- Civil society organizations and social movements
- Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant and traditional communities
- Youth
- Policymakers and academics
- Media and influencers
- The private sector and sustainable investors
- International agencies, development banks and multilateral bodies



About Global Landscapes Forum

The Global Landscapes Forum (GLF) is the world's largest knowledge-led platform on integrated land use, dedicated to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Paris Climate Agreement and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and committed to the landscape approach. The Forum takes a holistic approach to create sustainable landscapes that are productive, prosperous, equitable and resilient and considers five cohesive themes of food and livelihoods, landscape restoration, rights, finance and measuring progress. It is led by the Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry (CIFOR-ICRAF), in collaboration with its co-founders UNEP and the World Bank and Charter Members. members: CIAT, CIFOR-ICRAF, CIRAD, Climate Focus, Conservation International, Crop Trust, Ecoagriculture Partners, The European Forest Institute, Evergreen Agriculture, FAO, FSC, GEF, GIZ, ICIMOD, IFOAM - Organics International, The International Livestock Research Institute, INBAR, IPMG, IPAM Amazonia, IUFRO, Rainforest Alliance, Rare, Rights and Resources Initiative, SAN, SouthSouthNorth, TMG-Think Tank for Sustainability, UNCCD, UNEP, Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation part of Wageningen Research, World Farmer Organization, World Bank Group, World Resources Institute, WWF International, Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL).

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