

The 30th UN Climate Change summit (COP30)

The 30th UN Climate Change summit (COP30) is taking place between the 10-21 November 2025 in the city of Belém, Brazil, at the edge of the Amazon rainforest.

It has been ten years since the adoption of the Paris Agreement, and the focus of this 2025 summit is on implementation and how to turn climate pledges into concrete action.

COP30 Theme is - “The Climate and Biodiversity Conference” – with a strong focus on the Amazon, deforestation, and nature-based solutions.

The main goals of COP30 are to finalise rules for the global carbon market (Article 6 of the Paris Agreement) and to advance climate finance. A new post-2025 goal to replace the \$100 billion/year pledge will be determined and the Loss and Damage Fund operational details agreed at COP29 will be launched. Negotiations on carbon markets and finance are already tense with countries (including Brazil, India, and Small Island States) pushing for at least \$1 trillion per year in public climate finance from ‘developed’ nations.

New Zealand’s new 2035 nationally determined contributions (submitted in February 2025) commits to 50% reduction below 2005 levels by 2035 while Pacific Island neighbours such as Fiji, and Tuvalu are pushing for a 1.5 °C alignment and loss-and-damage funding.

Yesterday the UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell held an open press conference <https://unfccc.int/news/transcript-of-opening-remarks-of-un-climate-change-executive-secretary-at-cop30-opening-press> and stated that the Paris Agreement was delivering real progress and that the “curve of planet heating emissions was curving downwards”. Despite the progress, Stiell noted the “devastating blows” of climate change affecting some countries such as the super typhoons in the Philippines and Vietnam and Hurricane Melissa. He ended his presentation by saying that the engine has been built and Paris is working to take us forward, but it was time to hit the accelerator.

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