

COP 30 Observer Engagement Briefing

Advocacy Actions and Code of Conduct

Q&A Summary

Advocacy Actions

1. Is the walkthrough mandatory? What if we are not accredited for the first week or arrive after 9 November?
 - The walkthrough is not mandatory. It is a time for interested NGOs, UNDSS, and the secretariat to co-determine advocacy action locations for the session. It helps organizers understand the locations and security parameters for actions. If your team cannot attend, photos and descriptions of all approved areas will be shared afterward. You can still apply for actions once on site.
2. How do we register for the walkthrough on Sunday, 9 November?
 - To join, email cool@unfccc.int with the names, emails, and registered organizations of participants by Friday, 7 November CoB. This allows the team to include you on the access list for the registration team.
3. Do we need to notify you before joining the walkthrough, and where should we meet?
 - Yes, please notify the secretariat in advance by email. Participants will meet at the venue entrance; details will be confirmed directly with those registered.
4. Is there a possibility to change the walkthrough timing from 15:00 to 10:00 a.m.?
 - The current time is 15:00 based on coordination with UNDSS and venue access. The secretariat is reviewing whether an earlier time is possible and will inform observers if it changes.
5. If we cannot attend the walkthrough on 9 November, can we get acquainted with everything later?
 - Yes. The secretariat will circulate visuals, photos, and descriptions of approved areas after the walkthrough. All key information will also be included in the advocacy action application form, which will be available [here](#).
6. Do you have the link for the online application form for advocacy actions?
 - The form will be shared by email with all designated contact points of registered organizations after the walkthrough, once action locations are confirmed. The application form will also be available [here](#).
7. Can you please share the email address for attending the walkthrough?
 - Yes, please email cool@unfccc.int to register.
8. Are any materials such as microphones or chairs provided for advocacy actions, or do we have to bring everything?
 - No materials are provided. Organizers must bring all items needed for their action. Please note that electricity access is not guaranteed and may be difficult.
9. Can outside people who are not accredited be brought in just for the advocacy action?
 - No. Only individuals with valid COP 30 Blue Zone accreditation may participate in advocacy actions. The organizing organization is fully responsible for ensuring all participants are duly registered.
10. How can we bring large banners, sticks, or speakers into the Blue Zone?
 - Photos of all props must be attached to your application form. Props for authorized advocacy actions will be sent to UNDSS to facilitate access into the venue.

11. What if people who are not from my organization join the action spontaneously? Am I responsible for them?
 - Yes. The organization listed on the application remains responsible for all participants, including any who join spontaneously. Organizers must ensure that everyone involved adheres to the Code of Conduct.
12. Could you give examples of advocacy actions?
 - Examples include symbolic performances, singing, use of placards or banners, creative visuals, or distributing awareness materials such as *ECO* newsletters or small items (e.g. chocolate bars). Actions must remain respectful, safe, and within the approved 30-minute timeframe. For further information, please see the [Observers' Guide to Advocacy Actions](#).
13. So permission is necessary to do advocacy actions in the Blue Zone? How do we know if we have permission, and what about in the Green Zone?
 - Yes. All advocacy actions in the Blue Zone require prior authorization through the official application process. Once approved, the secretariat will send the applicant an authorization. The Green Zone, managed by the COP 30 Presidency and host government, has its own procedures—please contact them directly for actions outside the UN area.

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14. Is there a clear notion of what we can bring regarding the increased regulation on camera use at recent COPs?
 - There are no new UNFCCC restrictions this year. Photography and filming for personal or reporting purposes are permitted unless otherwise indicated. Some negotiation rooms or high-security areas may restrict recording; signage and staff announcements will make this clear.
15. How can young people be safeguarded in the Blue Zone?
 - The [Code of Conduct](#) applies equally to all participants, including minors. Additionally, a dedicated youth safeguarding focal point will be available at the Children and Youth Pavilion. UNDSS and the secretariat will also brief youth groups on safety procedures and available support.
16. Other than the Blue Zone, what other areas fall under the scope of the Code of Conduct?
 - The [Code of Conduct](#) applies to all UNFCCC-organized spaces, including the Blue Zone, official meeting rooms, side events, and online platforms managed by the secretariat. The Green Zone and other host-government areas follow national laws but are expected to uphold similar standards of respect and integrity.