



COP31 Briefing for Observers: Advocacy Actions

Wednesday, 14 October 2026

What are advocacy actions?

Visual displays • Performances • Demonstrations



A space for admitted observer organizations to raise awareness and bring climate-related messages into the UNFCCC process.

Advocacy Actions at COP 30

124

Eligible applications



118

Authorized actions



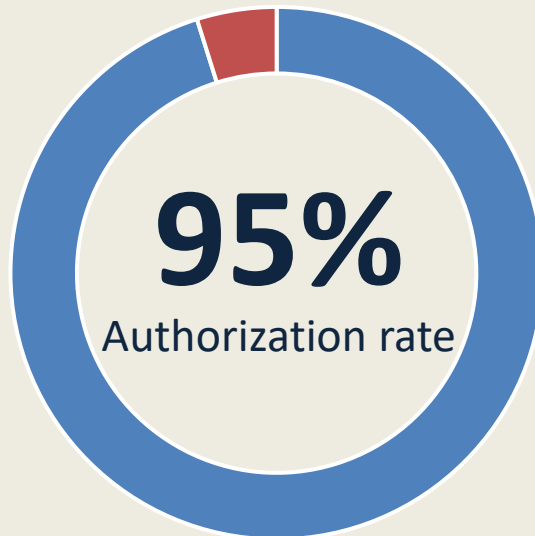
4,800

Estimated participants



95%

Authorization rate





Trust and Collaboration



Longstanding cooperation

Between observer organizations, UNDSS and the secretariat



Joint planning and coordination

Venue walk-throughs, consultations and ongoing communication



Shared responsibility

Following agreed guidelines helps preserve this unique space for advocacy



This longstanding trust enables the UNFCCC to facilitate advocacy actions within UN conference venues.

Preparing your Application

Organization & contact

*Admitted observer
organization and on-site
contact person*



Action details

*Description, link to climate
change, proposed date and
time*



Location & participants

*Preferred location and
expected number of
participants*



Materials & equipment

*List of materials, photos of
visuals and any equipment
needed*



10:00 a.m.

Local time, the day before the proposed action

Key guidelines for advocacy actions



Content

- Actions must be linked to climate change
- No naming of countries, cities, organizations or individuals, except as outlined below
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct



Location & Timing

- Actions only at authorized locations and times
- Comply with participant limits



Noise & Movement

- Follow agreed noise levels
- Comply with movement restrictions



Stewards & Materials

- At least 1 steward per 15 participants
- Only materials for authorized actions
- Remove all materials afterwards



Naming is permitted for:

- Factual references to extreme weather events and their locations
- Honorary or memorial references
- Self-identification by participating organizations or individuals

Clearance Process

1. Venue walk through

Identify action locations jointly with UNDSS, the secretariat and observer organizations

2. Submit application

Online form by 10:00 a.m. the day before

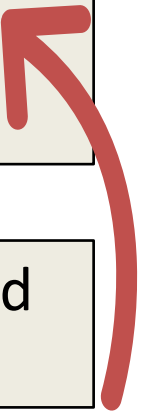
3. Clearance

Secretariat and UNDSS review, with consultations and revisions as needed

4. Authorized action

Proceed at the authorized time and location, in coordination with the secretariat and UNDSS

Applications may require further consultation or revisions before authorization.



Blue Zone



Resources and Contacts

Observers' Guide to Advocacy Actions

Full guidelines, requirements and
authorization process



Code of Conduct

All participants agree to adhere by the Code of
Conduct



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