

**Statement from the Faith-Based Organisations To the High-Level Ministerial Segment of the 30th Session of the Conference of the Parties – COP30 to the UNFCCC 18 November 2025 Belem, Brazil**

**COP 30 Interfaith Call to Action**

Mr President, Distinguished Participants, Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the planet confronts an existential emergency, faith communities are alarmed by the international community's inaction. Our traditions hold no self-interest in global climate negotiations. We advocate for all life on Earth.

A decade after the Paris Agreement, we stand firmly for our planet, for the most vulnerable, and for future generations of every species. Our communities are united by moral teachings calling us to work for climate justice and uphold a human-rights approach that prioritises the voices of the most impacted.

Only 10% of the world's population has been responsible for two-thirds of all greenhouse gas emissions since 1990. Those most responsible must take the lead in reducing emissions and providing the financial resources for a just transition.

Today, 3.4 billion people live in countries that spend more on servicing debt than on responding to the climate emergency and on essential services. The debt crisis intensifies the climate crisis, and the climate crisis worsens the debt crisis. This must stop!

We welcome the Brazilian presidency's Global Ethical Stocktake. But ethics must be more than symbolic; they must shape decisions and outcomes.

In the spirit of *Mutirão*—walking together, supporting one another, and leaving no one behind—we call upon **COP 30 to**

- Secure that all climate actions are founded on equity and human rights, including gender equity and the protection of Indigenous Peoples' rights;
- Submit ambitious NDCs in line with climate science;

- Deliver on climate finance to the levels of 1.3 trillion dollar yearly without generating new debt, advance levies as a cornerstone of climate finance, and include debt cancellation in climate finance negotiations;
- Adopt a Just Transition Work Programme that accelerates the transition to renewables while tackling inequalities; and
- Phase out fossil fuels by adopting the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Schöngart, S., Nicholls, Z., Hoffmann, R., Pelz, S., & Schleussner, C. (2025). High-income groups disproportionately contribute to climate extremes worldwide. *Nature Climate Change* DOI: [10.1038/s41558-025-02325-x](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-025-02325-x)