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Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition (OPCC)

II Parliamentary Summit on Climate Change and Just Transition of Latin America and the Caribbean

Concept Note – 29/July/2025

Main information

Date	August 6 and 7, 2025
Location	National Congress of Brazil
Time	9am – 6pm (Brasília, Brazil local time, GMT-3)
Realization	Parliamentary Observatory of Climate Change and Just Transition (OPCC) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Chamber of Deputies of Brazil Federal Senate of Brazil
Support	Open Society Foundations (OSF) Plataforma CIPÓ
Type	In-person event for guests and registered participants. Live streaming of the sessions on the first day, 08/06.
Event's link	https://opcc.cepal.org/en/news/ii-parliamentary-summit-climate-change-and-just-transition-latin-america-and-caribbean
Registration Link	https://forms.gle/UysNXsTu76Y1wmW79
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About OPCC

The Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition (OPCC) brings together parliamentary leaders from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) with the aim of promoting interparliamentary cooperation to strengthen legislation on climate change and just transition in the region. Through the exchange of experiences and sharing of information, the OPCC seeks to enhance climate ambition and ensure that its parliamentary participants join efforts in support of effective action.

The initiative, launched at COP26, emerged from the recognition of the need to strengthen cooperation among parliamentarians and to improve access to information regarding the status of environmental legislation and pending legislative proposals within LAC parliaments, as well as to foster the exchange of best practices among committed legislators. Aligned with the objectives of the Escazú Agreement, which guarantees the right to environmental information, the Observatory promotes transparency and accessibility of legislative data, key to encouraging public participation.

The OPCC is also a strategic platform for LAC legislators interested in promoting green and inclusive productive development solutions. Its scope includes technical activities such as peer review of draft legislation, specialized training sessions, and exchange spaces for technical teams working on environmental, climate, and legislative processes. The OPCC aims to support the strengthening of legislative frameworks that foster a more productive, inclusive, and sustainable development model. This requires the creation of policies and regulations that enable investments and actions in strategic areas of sustainability, thereby maximizing positive impacts and minimizing social, economic, and environmental risks.

The OPCC values the diversity of its participants and fosters a collaborative environment where common ground is built for advancing climate ambition and a just transition in LAC. OPCC Joint Statements are the instrument through which parliamentarians converge on a common voice to express their positions and commitments on climate change and just transition agenda. Through the OPCC, parliamentarians find ways to project and amplify their voice and engage with the global community in the main international forums, promoting the sustainable, just, and inclusive development of Latin America and the Caribbean.

In summary, the OPCC can be presented as:

1. **A parliamentary network for knowledge building and sharing:** The OPCC facilitates technical meetings, workshops, webinars, and other activities, including a permanent digital communication channel among parliamentarians in the region. These efforts provide an interactive space for participants to share their diverse expertise and engage in dialogue on good legislative practices.
2. **A dynamic digital repository of environmental and climate change legislative data:** The OPCC provides a fully free and online data platform featuring indicators, interactive charts, action dashboards, and comparison tools. To date, the OPCC hosts more than 2,600 environmental laws, bills, and proposals, as well as climate change framework laws from 28 LAC countries available on its [Legislative Tracker](#). The Observatory also collaboratively produces technical legislative studies, analyses, and dissemination tools that are available online.
3. **A forum to express a common voice of Latin American and Caribbean legislators and coordinate dialogue with the international community:** Through the OPCC Joint Statements in key international forums on climate change and the environment,



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Latin American and Caribbean legislators express their common voice, defend their positions and establish commitments on the most pressing climate change issues, as well as the challenges and opportunities related to the just transition processes to low-carbon economies. The OPCC promotes both technical and high-level dialogues aimed at shaping and advancing a regional and international climate agenda. This includes strategic participation in international forums such as the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties.

More information about the OPCC, as well as the Legislative Monitor, is available at opcc.cepal.org (available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese).

Event Description

The 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be held in Belém do Pará, Brazil, from November 10 to 21, 2025. As the first COP hosted in the Amazon, the largest forest biome on the planet, and the first to take place in Latin America in over a decade, expectations are high that the Conference can establish a turning point, ushering in a new decade of climate action and transforming commitments into tangible results.

Taking place 33 years after the Earth Summit, 20 years after the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol, and 10 years after the Paris Agreement, COP30 represents a historic and symbolic milestone. More than a celebration, the conference reflects the urgency of translating commitments into concrete outcomes, considering the aggravation of the climate crisis and the need to transform productive and governance systems on a global scale.

The strengthening of multilateral mechanisms such as COP30 is essential to prevent setbacks in global progress and commitments in the fight against climate change. In a letter, the Brazilian presidency of COP30 calls on the international community for a joint and urgent effort to tackle climate change. Drawing inspiration from the Brazilian Indigenous concept of *mutirão* (or *motirão*, in its original language), the presidency proposes a global mobilization that goes beyond promises, fostering concrete and collaborative actions among governments, businesses, civil society, and traditional communities.

The main themes of the 30th edition of the Conference of the Parties will include: (i) reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; (ii) adaptation to climate change; (iii) climate financing for developing countries; (iv) renewable energy technologies and low-carbon solutions; (v) forests and biodiversity preservation; and (vi) climate justice and the social impacts of climate change. In a cross-cutting manner, COP30 will address social and economic inequalities, ensuring that climate policies contribute to the inclusion and sustainable development of the most vulnerable communities.

Specifically in the case of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), although the region generates less than 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions¹, it is one of the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Considering the Latin American and Caribbean economic profile heavily based on the extraction and exploitation of natural resources, climate risks are especially threatening to the region.

Given this scenario, it is imperative to rethink development strategies, seeking a model that

¹ UNFCCC. (2024). National greenhouse gas inventory data for the period 1990–2022. Report by the secretariat. FCCC/SBI/2024/17. Retrieved from <https://unfccc.int/documents/640524>



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reconciles economic growth with socio-environmental sustainability and the right of people to life and well-being. In this context, green productive development investments are key to transforming the region's economy. This involves investing in the creation of productive, technological, and innovative capacities, leveraging the vast natural resources and technical expertise of Latin America and the Caribbean. With the proper direction, the region can not only develop low-carbon solutions but also promote a more productive, inclusive, and sustainable growth model.

For this potential to become a reality, it is essential to implement innovative regulatory frameworks and innovative legislation that foster technological advancement and the strengthening of sustainable value chains. These initiatives will enable both the decarbonization of the productive sector and the promotion of competitiveness, increased productivity, job creation, and other socio-economic benefits associated with a new development strategy. Building this new model requires a robust legislative framework that stimulates investment in strategic sectors, aiming to maximize positive impacts across social, economic, and environmental dimensions while mitigating risks and adverse effects.

The Brazilian government has emphasized that COP30 will be the “COP of implementation”, focused on delivering tangible actions and plans for the commitments already made. In this regard, parliament plays a strategic role in ensuring that international commitments are translated into effective legislation and public policies. Legislative work is essential to create a legitimate and reliable institutional environment, enabling and enhancing the formulation and implementation of sustainable development policies. Therefore, the active participation of legislators in COP30 will be crucial to driving a just and sustainable ecological transition.

To prepare LAC parliamentarians for the region's specific challenges and foster their engagement with COP30, the II Parliamentary Summit on Climate Change and Just Transition of Latin America and the Caribbean will be held in Brasília, Brazil, on August 6–7, 2025. Over two days, parliamentarians from various countries will come together to align priorities and strategies for the Climate Conference in the Amazon. The Summit will also offer a unique opportunity for dialogue between legislators and high-level representatives of the COP30 presidency.

The OPCC Summit will contribute to the 2025 climate agenda through the development of **two key documents**:

- At the beginning of the event, parliamentarians will present a Letter of Support for the organization of COP30, highlighting the strategic role of legislators in promoting and implementing effective climate action. The letter is open for signature and endorsement by any legislator interested in supporting the COP30 presidency. It can be signed virtually by completing the form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/Yqn82d735g2FD2XMA>
- At the end of the Summit, the discussions held are expected to outline a preliminary structure for the next OPCC Joint Declaration, including priority themes and points of convergence among Latin American and Caribbean parliamentarians. The Declaration will be drafted and refined in the months following the Summit and will be formally presented in November at COP30. At that point, the document will also be open for signature by parliamentarians, authorities, and institutions from around the world.

The event therefore aims to promote interparliamentary cooperation around the climate agenda and just transition, by creating spaces for dialogue on priority issues and identifying opportunities to align positions among Latin American and Caribbean parliamentarians in preparation for COP30. It will also seek to discuss strategies for green productive development and regional integration, with a focus on future transitions.



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The Summit will convene OPCC members, Brazilian parliamentarians, and leaders of environmental committees, along with legislators committed to climate action and socio-environmental justice. Participation is open to parliamentarians from Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as from other regions of the world. Parliamentarians who are unable to attend in person are still welcome to endorse the Letter and the forthcoming Joint Statement for COP30.

The sessions on the first day will be open to the public and livestreamed online, while the second day's sessions will be closed for participants only. The entire event will feature simultaneous interpretation in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Objectives

The Summit provides an opportunity for dialogue among LAC legislators, intending to prepare them for COP30 and strengthen climate ambition in the region.

The main objectives of the Summit include:

- i. Presenting a letter from Latin American and Caribbean legislators in support of the Brazilian presidency of COP30.
- ii. Identifying priority issues and opportunities for aligning parliamentary positions to structure the OPCC Joint Declaration to be launched at COP30.
- iii. Discussing opportunities for green productive development and regional integration, with a focus on future transitions.
- iv. Presenting the OPCC and expanding its network of participating legislators to strengthen interparliamentary cooperation for climate action and just transition in the LAC region.

Target audience

Summit's target audience includes:

- Parliamentarian participants of the OPCC.
- Parliamentarians and leaders of parliamentary committees related to environmental issues in parliaments in Latin America and the Caribbean and across the world.
- Parliamentary technical advisors, academics, experts, decision-makers, government officials, and other stakeholders interested in regional and global climate agenda issues.

Format and duration

The Summit will be held exclusively in person. Open sessions may be broadcast online (to be defined).

The duration will be 2 (two) days.

Languages

The Summit will be conducted in English, Spanish, and Portuguese with simultaneous interpretation.



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Agenda

DAY 1 – 06/08 (Wednesday):

Brasilia, Brazil local time (GMT-3)

Time	Activity
Location: Plenary of the Federal Senate of Brazil	
08:30 – 09:00	Accreditation
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Solemn Session of the Brazilian Congress – COP30 33 years after the Earth Summit, 20 years after the Kyoto Protocol, and 10 years after the Paris Agreement</p> <p>Senator Davi Alcolumbre, President of the Federal Senate of Brazil (to be confirmed)</p> <p>Senator Jaques Wagner, Brazil</p> <p>Congressperson Nilto Tatto, Brazil</p> <p>Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago, President of COP30</p> <p>Javier Medina Vásquez, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC</p>
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Official Photo: COP30 President and Latin American and Caribbean Legislators</p> <p><u>Delivery of the Letter of Latin American and Caribbean Legislators to COP30</u></p>
Location: Committee Plenary, Federal Senate	
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Meeting of the Senate Environment Committee</p> <p>Senator Fabiano Contarato, Brazil</p> <p>Keynote I – Overview of the Brazilian Presidency: COP30 at the epicenter of the climate crisis and in defense of multilateralism</p> <p>Ana Toni, COP30 Chief Executive Officer (CEO)</p> <p><u>Commentators:</u></p> <p>Senator Alfonso de Urresti Longton, Chair of the Committee on Environment, Climate Change, and National Assets, Chile</p> <p>Senator Edith Terenzi, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, Argentina</p>
Location: Noble Hall, Chamber of Deputies	
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
Location: Interlegis Auditorium, Building (Bloco) 2 of the Federal Senate	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Panel I – A COP guided by the Southern Cross – what changes and what can we do within the scope of the five guiding stars (mitigation, adaptation, financing, technology, and capacity building)?</p> <p><u>Moderator host: Congressperson Nilto Tatto, Brazil</u></p> <p>Congressman Martin Maquieyra, Argentina</p> <p>Senator Cecilia Requena, Bolívia</p>



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	<p>Representative Juan Carlos Losada, Colombia</p> <p>Senator Ricardo Lagos, Chile</p> <p>Benito Wheatley, the British Virgin Islands</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Panel II – The role of legislators in the global effort to combat climate change: a look at constructive collective action</p> <p><u>Moderator host: Senator Leila Barros, Brazil</u></p> <p>Congressperson Arlindo Chinaglia, President of the Mercosur Parliament (ParlaSur)</p> <p>Congressperson Cecilia Nicolini, Mercosur Parliament (ParlaSur)</p> <p>Congressperson Rolando González Patricio, President of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament (Parlatino)</p> <p>Senator Nelsinho Trad, President of the Amazon Parliament (Parlamaz)</p> <p>Congressperson Socorro Neri, Vice President of the Amazon Parliament (Parlamaz)</p> <p>Andean Parliamentarian Gustavo Pacheco Villar, President of the Andean Parliament (Parlandino)</p> <p>Senator Iván Flores, President of ParlAmericas</p>
17:30 – 18:00	Closing Remarks Day 1

*All Day 1 sessions are open to the public and will be streamed live through Brazil’s TV Channel and YouTube channel.

DAY 2 – 08/07 (Thursday):
Brasilia, Brazil local time (GMT-3)

Time	Activity
Location: Nereu Ramos Auditorium, Annex IV, Chamber of Deputies	
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Keynote II – Levers for Climate Ambition and Implementation: Strategies for Green Productive Development and Anticipatory Governance for Future Transitions</p> <p>Javier Medina Vásquez, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC</p>
9:30 – 10:00	<p>Presentation of the OPCC</p> <p>Camila Gramkow, Director a.i. of the ECLAC Office in Brazil</p>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
Location: Committee Plenary 6, Chamber of Deputies	
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Discussion Panel I – Need for innovative responses in LAC: legislators for green and inclusive productive development</p> <p><u>Moderating host: Congressperson Duda Salabert, Brazil</u></p> <p>* Participating parliamentarians will be invited to make interventions.</p>



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Interventions will follow the alphabetical order of the countries represented.

Location: Senators Restaurant, Annex II of the Senate

12:30-14:00

Lunch

* Lunch on a self-pay basis

Location: Committee Plenary 6, Chamber of Deputies

14:00 – 16:00

Discussion Panel II – Defining Collective Legacy of LAC Legislators: A Shared Agenda for COP30

Moderator host: Senator Fabiano Contarato, Brazil

*Participating parliamentarians will be invited to make interventions.

Interventions will follow the alphabetical order of the countries represented.

16:00 – 17:00

Outline Proposal for the OPCC Joint Statement for COP30 and Next Steps

Moderating host: Congressperson Célia Xakriabá, Brazil

Location: Noble Hall, Chamber of Deputies

17:00 – 18:00

Closing remarks and Cocktail

Camila Gramkow, Director a.i. of the ECLAC Office in Brazil

Senator Fabiano Contarato, Brazil

Congressperson Célia Xakriabá, Brazil

Congressperson Duda Salabert, Brazil

Congressperson Leila Barros, Brazil

Congressperson Jaques Wagner, Brazil

Congressperson Nilto Tatto, Brazil

* The sessions after 10 a.m. on Day 2 will be closed to invited participants only.