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COP30 **GLOBAL ETHICAL STOCKTAKE**

A GUIDED JOURNEY



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An Urgent Ethical Call

Since the Earth Summit – Eco-92, held in Rio de Janeiro – which gave rise to the Rio Conventions on climate, biodiversity, and desertification, and introduced the Earth Charter as an ethical reference for sustainable development, the multilateral process of climate negotiations has been marked by decisive cycles and agreements.

Among these, the Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015 at COP21, stands out. It established the commitment to limit the rise in global average temperature to 1.5°C and to create climate finance mechanisms to support developing countries in mitigating and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

In 2023, COP28, held in the United Arab Emirates, reaffirmed these commitments and set concrete goals, such as tripling global renewable energy capacity and doubling the rate of improvement in energy efficiency by 2030, in addition to advancing the transition away from fossil fuels and deforestation. These targets, aligned with the UAE Consensus, reinforce the urgency of collective action to confront the climate emergency.

COP30, to be held in Belém and presided over by Brazil, is part of this trajectory and represents a historic opportunity for the effective implementation of the global consensus built over more than three decades of negotiations.



It is in this context that the Global Ethical Stocktake (GES) emerges as one of the four Pillars of the COP30 Presidency, inspired by the Global Stocktake process under the UN Climate Convention.


The GES aims to bring political decisions closer to the urgency of their implementation by introducing ethical, cultural, intergenerational, and territorial dimensions into the climate agenda.

Structured around six in-person Regional Dialogues and various self-organized initiatives, the GES will bring together leaders and representatives from different sectors to reflect—democratically, inclusively, and through an ethical lens—on how to turn existing commitments into concrete and just actions, while respecting diversity and strengthening global cooperation toward the 1.5°C Mission.

Through these Dialogues, the Global Ethical Stocktake seeks to contribute to strengthening global climate action in the context of the current climate emergency. It offers alternative perspectives to technical and political processes—especially from an ethical standpoint—centered on people's lived experiences.

The goal is to expand both the pathways and the ways of walking toward COP30 in Belém.






The Dialogues conducted by the Global Ethical Stocktake (GES) will bring together voices from all continents to:

- reflect on ethical questions related to the multiple crises we face—climatic, ecological, and social;
- explore the moral foundations of the global responses that are urgently needed;
- exchange perspectives among different ways of being and existing in the world, encompassing cultures, generations, knowledge systems, economic practices, and spiritualities;
- envision pathways toward a more just, inclusive, and sustainable future;
- welcome proposals from society so that the consensus reached over the past three decades can finally be transformed into real actions and tangible benefits.

The method for achieving these outcomes is to seek answers to five strategic questions, presented later in this guide.

Each person invited to participate in the Global Ethical Stocktake may respond to one or more of these questions, and their responses will contribute to the content to be compiled in the report for each Regional Dialogue.



Global Ethical Stocktake *North America*

Co-leader

Karenna Gore

Date and Time

September 19th, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be offered to all participants after the conclusion of the event.

Location

American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), in Manhattan, New York City.

Agenda

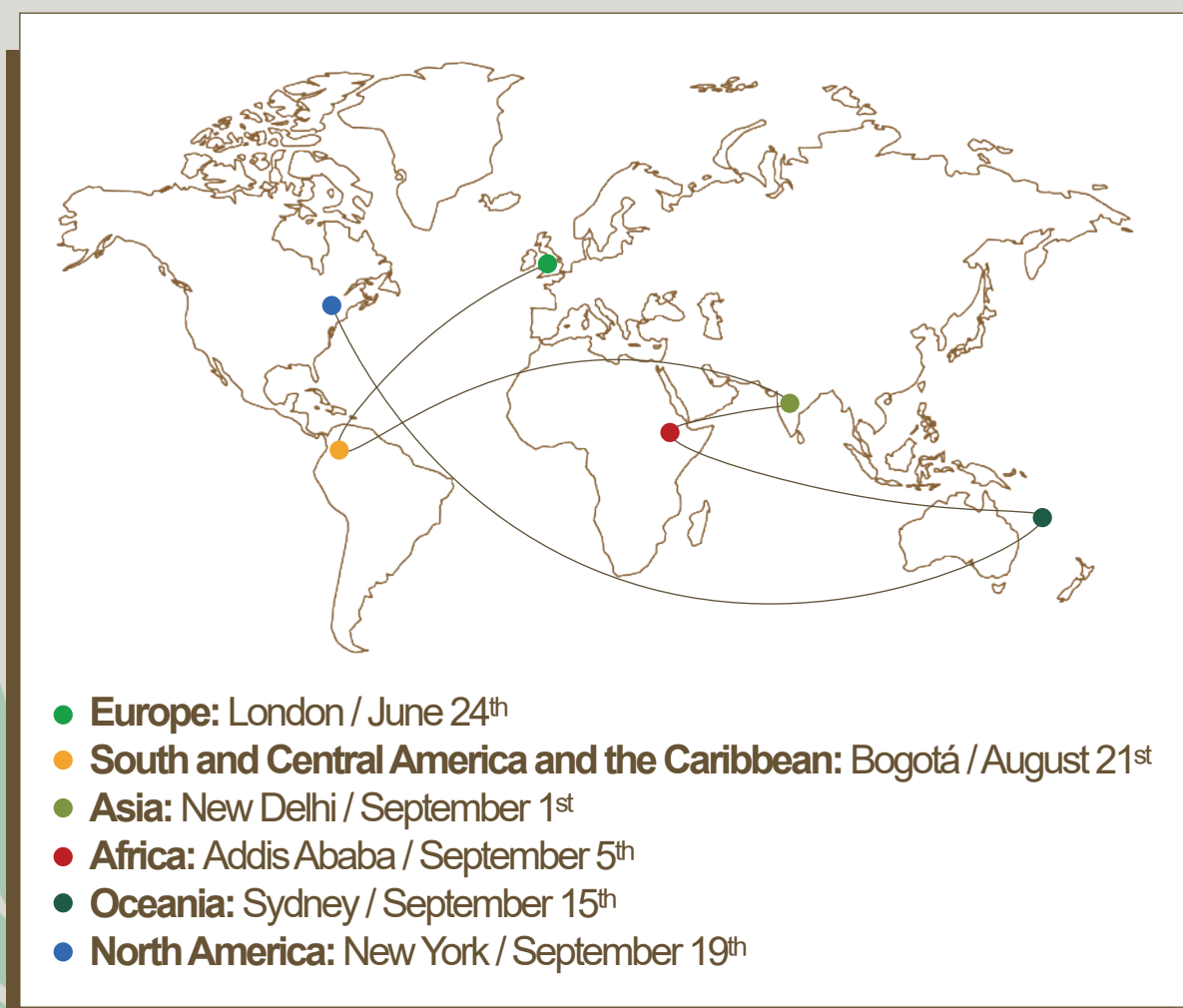
8:00 a.m. – Guest registration and reception
9:00 a.m. – Opening remarks
9:05 a.m. – Thanksgiving Address
9:20 a.m. – Welcome remarks of Authorities
9:40 a.m. – Dialogue session: first round
10:45 a.m. – Short break and Family Photo
11:00 a.m. – Cultural offering
11:15 a.m. – Dialogue session: second round
12:15 p.m. – Cultural offering
12:25 p.m. – Closing remarks by Karenna Gore and Minister Marina Silva
12:45 p.m. – Collaborative collage activity
1:00 p.m. – Closing
1:05 p.m. – Lunch

Notes

- The event will provide physical, communication, and linguistic accessibility.
- The conversation will be conducted in English, and participants may answer questions in English, Portuguese, Spanish or French.

The Global Ethical Stocktake

The Global Ethical Stocktake comprises **six Regional Dialogues** involving civil society from around the world. In each region, the Circle will collaborate with a co-leader to promote and articulate the principles, objectives, processes, and results of the GES; contribute to the guest list; conduct the Dialogue using a methodology common to all regions, while ensuring the necessary space for customization to address regional specifics; prepare the documents to be delivered to the Circle's Global Leaders at the UN General Assembly in New York in September 2025.



Participants

The GES Dialogues will bring together a diverse range of participants from different generations, including religious leaders, artists, indigenous peoples and local communities, young people, scientists, business people, women, activists, and policymakers and climate negotiators. Participants will be selected to reflect diversity in terms of identity, geography, sector, and worldview.

The Role of the GES

The GES aims to present the views of society's various sectors, perspectives, and languages to the COP on:

- how mitigation, adaptation, financing, and ecological transformation goals are being achieved;
- the level of ethical commitment, effectiveness, and inclusion involved.

These contributions will benefit governments, businesses, financial institutions, negotiators, and society at large by proposing ethical, fair, and well-planned pathways to promote progress aligned with the 1.5°C Mission—so that we can change before we are changed by the worst kind of devastation: the destruction not only of life itself but of the very conditions that make life possible.

Guiding Questions for the GES

Each participant will have up to **five minutes** to respond to one or more questions in a variety of expressive forms, such as oral, written, poetic, visual, or performative.

1. Climate Denial and Disinformation

Given the consensus that science should prevail over misinformation in guiding the ecological transition and defining climate goals, whether based on denotative postulates of right/wrong or derived from the ancestral roots of narrative knowledge, why does climate denial remain prevalent in public and private decisions, even when millions of lives are at risk or have been lost?

2. Production – Consumption Models and Just Transition

Given that current production and consumption patterns do not align with the 1.5°C Mission, nor support a fair, planned, and inclusive transition, why are we continuing to reproduce unsustainable models when faced with evidence that it is the vulnerable who pay the price for this model with their lives? What do we need to do to create a new cycle of prosperity that is better adapted to conditions and more synergistic and ethical towards diverse ways of life?

3. Climate Finance

To ensure compliance with climate agreements and Mission 1.5°C, we must transition away from fossil fuels and deforestation. How can we encourage wealthy nations, which are major producers and consumers of fossil fuels, to speed up this transition by decommissioning assets, shifting investment to renewables, diversifying energy sources, and taking other measures?

4. Culture and Spirituality

Since culture and spirituality can be powerful allies in tackling the climate crisis, are there any cultural or spiritual traditions, stories or practices from your community or region that teach us how to live in greater harmony with nature?

5. Mobilization for Sustained Change

Recognizing that effective change requires collective and diverse participation, how can we mobilize the largest number of people, leaders, corporations and nations to embrace the ethical and cultural changes necessary for a fair transition in the context of the climate crisis? Which ideals, from political, social, cultural, spiritual, philosophical, aesthetic, and ethical perspectives, would best help to bring about this transition?

COP30

A Turning Point for Humanity

The 30th UN Climate Change Conference, COP30, is one of the most important events for humanity right now. The issue it addresses is supported by tragic statistics of: death, destruction, and social, economic, geopolitical, and cultural disruption. Heatwaves alone cause nearly 500,000 deaths each year. Therefore, COP30 should set a **new standard**, similar to COP21 in Paris (2015).

But what should the milestone be for COP30?

Undoubtedly, it should be the implementation of decisions based on over 30 years of debates and complex negotiations. Mission 1.5 should guide the ambition of countries' NDCs.

The same principles should underpin the implementation of donations from developed countries to finance developing countries' efforts to:

- adapt to the climate emergency
- transition to more sustainable development models

Inclusive Participation is Key

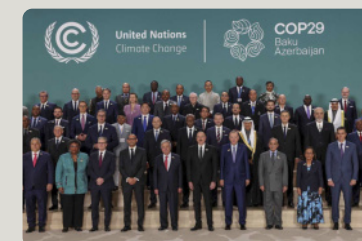
The Brazilian presidency of COP30 is particularly concerned with: encouraging the participation of various social sectors, as this is essential for finding real solutions to the major problems and multiple crises affecting all of humanity.

The GES is aligned with the COP30 presidency's proposal for a major global joint effort, so that COP30 be remembered as "the COP of implementation". In other words, it is the COP that, in the context of a serious climate emergency, will contribute to align the framework and negotiation processes of the UN Climate Convention with the urgent mission of implementing the decisions already taken, particularly those arising from the Global Stocktake:

- Keep the global temperature rise below 1.5°C;
- Triple renewable energy capacity and double energy efficiency;
- Transition away from fossil fuels and deforestation;
- Promote an ecological transformation and a just transition in production and consumption;
- Implement a \$1.3 trillion annual climate fund to support developing countries in planning and executing their own transitions.

The Four Circles of COP30

The conference structure includes four thematic circles designed to broaden the scope of debate; gather the most valuable insights from our collective intelligence; formulate solutions to the major challenges of our time.



The Circle of Presidents
Composed of former COP Presidents.



The Circle of Finance Ministers
Contributing to the development of the Roadmap from Baku to Belém.



The Circle of the GES
Led by the Secretary-General of the UN, António Guterres, and the President of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.



The Circle of People
Consisting of Indigenous and Local Communities.

GES Amplification

Throughout its preparation, the Global Ethical Stocktake (GES) received a warm welcome and numerous expressions of interest. As a result, the modality of Self-Managed Dialogues was created.

Using the same methodology and document production, these independent events can be organized by civil society, the private sector, and national or subnational governments. They foster debate on climate change and ethics in local or regional settings, in a self-managed way, with proposals to be prioritized and welcomed by the regional leadership of the GES.

In this spirit, we also invite you to become a mobilizer of a Self-Managed Dialogue and take part in the collective effort convened by the COP30 presidency.

Each gathering contributes to bringing the COP30 processes and decisions closer to the real lives of people, making climate agreements more connected to territories, rights, and the everyday realities of those experiencing the impacts of the crisis.

By promoting dialogue, the GES also encourages a sense of cooperation, interdependence, and trust—all essential for fairer and more effective global responses.



Mobilize your network!

We know that regional dialogues have limited participation, so take this opportunity to engage your network of colleagues and friends through the self-managed dialogue format. You can record a 30-second video inviting others to contribute to the Global Ethical Stocktake through this modality and post it on social media using the hashtags:

- #MutiraoCOP30
- #BalancoEticoGlobal
- #GlobalEthicalStocktake

The impact of self-managed dialogues

Each dialogue expands the reach of society's participation in the COP30 preparation process and adds to the global collective effort, strengthening cooperation and reinforcing the moral commitment to the agreements already established.

Self-Managed Dialogue Guide

Access the guide to learn about the methodologies and recommendations for organizing your own self-managed dialogue.

English



Portuguese



Spanish



GES Dialogues

Europe



The first Dialogue of the Global Ethical Stocktake was held in London on June 24th, co-led by Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and a renowned international voice for climate justice.

The event brought together leaders and experts from various fields and regions across Europe, including Alexandre Antonelli, Sébastien Duyck, Mara Andreea Ghilan, Emilie Laurence Tubiana, Eamon Denis Ryan, Emmanuel Guérin, Jennifer Lee Morgan, Jutka Bari, Lorna Tevnan Gold, Nicholas Stern, Tom Clements, Malcom Ferdinand, Elisa Morgera, Mate Coban, Daze Aghaji, Paul Polman, Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah, Kate Hampton, Brice Böhmer, and Hannah Martin.



GES Dialogues

South and Central America and Caribbean



Held in Bogotá, Colombia, on August 21st and co-led by Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, the second GES Dialogue brought together 25 participants from politics, science, Indigenous and local communities, youth, the arts, civil society, and the private sector.

Participants included Ana Maria Gonçalves, Angela Mendes, Babalawô Ivanir dos Santos, Bárbara Saavedra, Blanca Lucía Echeverry, Brigitte Baptiste, Daniel Buchbinder, Diosmar Filho, Fany Kuiru, Frida Muenala, Gisela Hurtado Barboza, Juan David Amaya, Juan Esteban Belderrain, Julieta Martínez, Laura Bermúdez, Lola Cabnal, Luana Génot, Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Maria Fernanda Lemos, Patricia Gualinga, Ricardo Abramovay, Shannon Music, Tasso Azevedo, Viviana Krsticevic, and Xiomara Acevedo.

GES Dialogues Asia



New Delhi, India, hosted on September 1st the third Regional Dialogue of the Global Ethical Stocktake. Co-led by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi, also founder of the Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion (SMGC), the Dialogue brought together 22 participants, including activists, artists, scientists, civil society representatives, and authorities.

The Dialogue featured leading voices from across the region, including: Ajay Mathur, Arunabha Ghosh, Farzana Faruk Jhumu, Ishitashri Shandilya, Kailash Satyarthi, Leo Horn-Phathanothai, Manjyot Kaur, Nik Nazmi, Nitin Desai, Rajendra Singh, Ravi Shankar, Ridhima Pandey, Rodne Galicha, Seruni Salsabila, Soumya Swaminathan, Sumaiya Binte Selim, Vibha Dhawan.

Collective Artwork of the GES An Invitation to Art



At each Dialogue, participants will be invited to collaborate in the creation of a collective collage artwork, led by Brazilian artist Alexia Ferreira. The mural, made with hand-cut pieces, builds a visual narrative of the Global Ethical Stocktake's memory and highlights the role of art as a source of reflection, connection, and transformation.

In the Blue Zone at COP30, a video showcasing the events and the co-created artworks will be displayed, along with possible creations that emerge from other self-managed ethical stocktakes around the world, bringing visual expressions of community concerns, filled with symbols of diversity, empathy, and collectivity.

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