

GLOBAL GREENGRANTS FUND

AT COP30





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Global Greengrants Fund believes that solutions to environmental harm and social injustice come from people whose lives are most directly impacted. Every day, our global network of people on the frontlines and donors comes together to support communities to protect their ways of life and our planet. Because when local people have a say in the health of their food, water, and resources, they are forces for change.

Since 1993, Global Greengrants Fund has been one of the leading organizations in the world supporting grassroots-led efforts to protect the planet and the rights of people. Together with our diverse community of people on the frontlines and our supporters, we've impacted the lives of millions of people.

Global Greengrants Fund differs from other international organizations in that we don't dictate an agenda from afar. Instead, we trust local people to develop solutions and strategies that best fit their needs, providing them with the resources to bring their ideas to life. To get money into the hands of people with the most effective solutions, we designed a grantmaking model that allows us to invest in ideas without bureaucracy or red tape.

We offer a 30-year track record of success, funding decisions made by a trusted network of dedicated global advisors who act as our eyes and ears on the ground. They deliver knowledge of context and first-hand expertise, connecting resources to local solutions that promote environmental justice and climate solutions.

As a result, we can work in some of the most remote areas of the world, with groups and individuals who lack access to financial resources through other means. For at least 50 percent of our grantees, Global Greengrants Fund is their very first funder. Our ability to connect with frontline solutions that other organizations cannot reach or support is wholly unique. This nimble, time-honored model is the heart and soul of Global Greengrants Fund.

In 2024 alone, Global Greengrants Fund made 2,000 grants across 125 countries, totaling almost US\$25 million.

You can read our 2024 annual report here.



Global Greengrants Fund @ COP30

Supporting grassroots participation at COP30 is a crucial step in a much longer journey—a journey toward redistributing power in climate governance, fostering intersectional advocacy, and establishing alliances that will endure beyond any single negotiation.

Following the momentum of the <u>3rd Global Nyéléni Forum in Sri Lanka</u> in September, where hundreds of farmers, fishers, Indigenous leaders, feminists, workers, and funders from 102 countries gathered, COP30 presents a rare opportunity to continue linking social movements across continents that share common struggles.

Global Greengrants Fund's COP30 engagement is a coordinated movement-building and narrative-change strategy, centered on grassroots leadership, feminist and Indigenous perspectives, and solidarity from the Global South.

We're proud to support nearly 50 partners from across Africa, Latin America, and Asia in attending COP30—not as observers, but as protagonists in shaping what a just transition truly means. This COP is expected to see unprecedented engagement from movements and communities across the region, Brazil, and hopefully internationally. We are also providing funding support to several key movement spaces and infrastructure initiatives during COP30, including the People's COP, the Global South House, and the Socio-Environmental Journalism House. These spaces are groundbreaking and yet a testament to decades of social movement organizing and action.

Our decades of support to grassroots movements deepen networks, relationships, and impact, making transformation possible.

Through grants that support the participation of social movements, Global Greengrants is fostering exchanges between African and Afro-Brazilian environmental defenders, Indigenous leaders, and women's organizations working at the intersections of land, gender, and justice. We believe that the transnational connections emerging in these spaces are transformative—the very fabric from which social movements arise.

Their participation is part of a deliberate, long-arc strategy to build people power, strengthen transnational solidarity, and ensure that grassroots voices influence global climate decision-making far beyond a single COP.



Strategic Pillars

GGF's COP30 engagement is organized around six key pillars:

- 1. **Meaningful Participation:** Ensure meaningful participation and engagement of funded partners.
- 2. **Support for Pledges**: Support grantee organizations to learn about and contribute to pledges in international negotiations.
- 3. **Transnational Global South Connections:** Strengthen relationships between African, Amazonian, and Afro-Brazilian environmental defenders.
- 4. **Intersectional Advocacy:** Explore the development of intersectional advocacy strategies, building on potential outcomes from COP3O.
- 5. Media and Visibility: Mobilize media and journalists to amplify grassroots leadership through coordinated communications and journalist engagement, including a new, groundbreaking, independent media alliance with nearly 30 journalists reporting in real-time.
- 6. **Donor Engagement:** Share COP30 learnings and outcomes with donors during and after the conference.

Global Greengrants Fund's movement partners are participating in the following conversations at COP30:

Phase-out of Fossil Fuels and Just Energy Transition:

Movements asking for the complete elimination of the production and burning of fossil fuels, which are responsible for the majority of global emissions. Resistance is part of building a just energy model based on justice, equity, respect for Human Rights, and democracy.

Inclusion of Indigenous Rights and Forest Protection:

Movements are calling for the formal demarcation and titling of traditional territories, as well as an end to deforestation, and for integrating ancestral knowledge into official climate action plans.

Climate Reparations (Loss and Damage): Movements emphasize that the Global North countries and corporations are most responsible for the climate crisis and must pay for the damage they have caused.

Gender Inclusion: Movements are demanding dedicated, accessible climate finance for women, ensuring equal participation and leadership in decision-making processes, and integrating gender perspectives into all climate policies.

Disability Inclusion: Movements are demanding dedicated, accessible climate solutions for people with disabilities, ensuring equal participation and leadership in decision-making processes, and integrating disability justice into all climate policies.

Fair and Accessible Climate Finance: Movements are demanding that financial flows be restructured to benefit local communities and support on-the-ground adaptation projects directly.

Social Movement Participation: Frontline communities and civil society are heard and exert pressure on decision-makers to achieve more ambitious and just outcomes.



Social Participation in Action: Some of the Initiatives Shaping COP30 in Belém



People's Summit

Gathering more than 10,000 participants and 1,000 organizations from across the world, the People's Summit stands as one of the largest collective mobilizations for climate justice, food sovereignty, and just transitions.

Opening on November 12 and running through November 16, in parallel with the UN Climate Conference, the Summit brings together social movements, Indigenous peoples, and traditional communities to advance solutions rooted in equity, solidarity, and rights.

While official negotiations inside the COP focus on numbers and targets, the People's Summit speaks about lives, rights, and territories. It is a powerful call to action for a just and inclusive transition—one where no one is left behind.

Their full programme is now available, including the opening on the evening of November 12, the plenaries on November 13 and 14, the

Unified March for the Global Day of Action for Climate Justice on November 15, and the closing session on November 16.

Read the People's Summit Manifesto

Registration for People's Summit is now open.

Address: UFPA, Complexo Vadião, Travessa Igarapé Tucunduba, Guamá



<u>People's COP</u> (Grassroots Climate Organizations Movement)

The Grassroots Climate Organizations Movement, also known as the People's COP, is led by Claudelice dos Santos—an Environmental and Human Rights Activist, Amazonian Feminist, and General Coordinator at Instituto Zé Cláudio e Maria, an organization that honors the legacy of her brother and sister-in-law, environmental defenders killed in the Amazon in 2011.

A collective of over 40 Amazonian organizations and communities will host dialogues, cultural programs, and the People's Tribunal Against

Ecocide, including a closed-door convening and a public event bringing together African and Brazilian defenders to strengthen transnational advocacy.

The People's COP serves as a space for mobilization and leadership for traditional communities and environmental defenders in the fight against the climate crisis. Founded in Belém in 2024, the movement gathers around COP30 to denounce deforestation, violence against defenders, biome destruction, environmental racism, and labor exploitation, while proposing pathways toward a just and sustainable future.

The movement's main objectives are to:

- 1. Provide a space for collective political advocacy and coordination;
- Promote artistic activities and installations to raise awareness and inspire engagement;
- 3. Develop the People's Tribunal as a platform for accountability and environmental justice; and
- 4. Ensure sustained mobilization before, during, and after COP30.

Global Greengrants Fund's activities in partnership with them are as follows:

From Roots to Futures: African and Afro-descendant Paths to Climate Justice at COP30 and beyond

November 18, 4:30pm

Organized by COP do Povo, GGF, and Geledés

Address: People's COP, Travessa Piedade, 426, Reduto - Sala 1

<u>Creating Bonds: Environmental Defenders from the Amazon from</u> Africa, and Across the World

November 19, 8:30am

Organized by People's COP and GGF

Address: People's COP, Travessa Piedade, 426, Reduto – External area

The People's COP programme is extensive and can be found on their <u>website</u>. Some activities, such as the People's Tribunal Against Ecocide, require prior registration and are taking place in a different location.



Global South House

The Global South House is an initiative of the Alianza Socioambiental Fondos del Sur and Rede Comuá networks, dedicated to influencing financial flows and transforming financing into a tool for socioenvironmental justice in the territories of the Global South.

Its first edition will take place during COP30, in partnership with the Brazilian Amazon Community Funds Network and the #ShiftThePower movement. The House will foster dialogue and collective action among key actors in philanthropy, climate, and nature-based finance—always centering local solutions. It will remain active across major

philanthropy and finance forums, connecting ideas, people, and resources through a Global South lens.

The daily programme will feature conversations ranging from lessons learned by Global South-led funds advancing socio-environmental justice, to community-based responses to climate emergencies supported by agile funding, and much more.

Find the full schedule and registration links <u>here</u>.

Address: Manoel Pinto da Silva Building, Av. Serzedelo Corrêa, 15 -Nazaré, Belém



Socio-Environmental Journalism House

The Socio-Environmental Journalism House is an unprecedented collaborative initiative that brings together more than 20 independent Brazilian media outlets—alongside international partners—to strengthen environmental journalism and amplify the voices of those most affected by the climate crisis.

Conceived by InfoAmazonia, #Colabora, Envolverde, Eco Nordeste, ((o))eco, Amazônia Vox, the Digital Journalism Association (Ajor), and Open Knowledge Brasil, the project unites a wide range of outlets—including Agência Pública, Alma Preta, Ambiental Media, AzMina, Carta Amazônia, Ciência Suja, Intercept Brasil, Nexo, O Joio e O Trigo, and

Repórter Brasil, among others—in a joint effort to produce and share stories from the Amazon and across Brazil.

The House will operate as a central hub for content production, collaboration, and distribution during COP30, reducing redundancies and expanding reach through shared coverage and multilingual dissemination.

Global Greengrants Fund is supporting this effort to strengthen independent journalism, which is fundamental to climate justice and collective action.

Follow the coverage on Instagram (#CasaDoJornalismoSocioambiental) and through the media outlets' own channels.



Global Greengrants Fund and Socio-Environmental Journalism House activities:

COP30 & Defenders at the Center of the Climate Discussions

November 13, 5-6:30pm

Media roundtable at SocioEnvironmental Journalism House Address: Casa de Jornalismo Socioambiental, R. Arcipreste Manoel Teodoro, 864 - Batista Campos

Ken Saro-Wiwa, 30 Years Later: Reflections on Justice and Energy at COP30

November 20, 10:00am

Media roundtable at SocioEnvironmental Journalism House, in partnership with OilWatch International

Address: Casa de Jornalismo Socioambiental, R. Arcipreste Manoel Teodoro, 864 - Batista Campos



Global Greengrants Fund proudly supports the following organizations at COP30:

Africa Albinism Network (AAN) - Canada / Africa

Advocates for the rights and inclusion of people with albinism in Africa, focusing on capacity development, leadership training for women, and the intersection of albinism with climate change.

Aliança dos Povos pelo Clima - Brazil

Mobilizes communities toward COP30 through grassroots training, campaigns, and forest-based gatherings, inspired by the 1980s Forest People's Alliance—led by youth and women.

Alliance for Empowering Rural Communities (AERC) - Ghana

Supports local communities through youth-led initiatives on energy access, pollution reduction, and sustainable rural development.

<u>Amazon Research and Development Institute</u> (IPDA/GTA) – *Brazil*

Supports sustainable development in the Amazon by strengthening community organizations, promoting conservation, and influencing public policy for social and environmental justice.

Artivist Network - Spain

Uses creativity and culture as tools for social and climate justice movements, training both artists and organizers to use the arts strategically.

<u>Citizen Network for Community Development Zambia</u> – Zambia

Empowers youth to lead positive social change by organizing peer groups focused on civic engagement and leadership.

Climate Rangers Jakarta - Indonesia

Advocates for intergenerational climate justice in Indonesia, focusing on energy transition policy, forestry, and low-emission development through campaigns and advocacy.

Coalición Juvenil para la Emergencia Climática – Ecuador

Prevents mining in Quito, a youth coalition born from Ecuador's 2023 referendum victories against extractivism defending the closure of Yasuní (and Indigenous territory in the Ecuadorian Amazon).

Coalition pour la Promotion des Énergies Renouvelables en Afrique Francophone – *Togo*

Collaborates with civil society across Francophone Africa to promote renewable energy solutions that align with the Paris Agreement.

Common Threads Indigenous Peoples Organization - Australia

Advances Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership, justice, and self-determination through collective advocacy, a newly registered First Nations-led nonprofit.

<u>Dhrubotara Youth Development Foundation (DYDF)</u> – Bangladesh

Empowers youth through leadership and management training, fostering civic engagement and sustainable national development.

<u>Forum for Young Professionals in Policy and Development (YouPaD) – Nigeria</u>

Engages youth in policy, governance, and climate issues to amplify their voices in global and national decision-making.

Friends of the Earth Brazil - Brazil

Aims to create an ecologically sustainable and socially fair society through actions in defense of the environment.

Fundación Tierra Viva - Honduras

Strengthens socio-environmental movements throughout Central America to improve livelihoods and ensure environmental conservation.

Fundo CASA Socioambiental - Brazil

Supports community groups spearheading efforts to protect threatened ecosystems and address the deep social inequalities in Brazil and throughout South America. A Global Greengrants funding partner in Brazil.

Girls for Climate Action (G4CA) - Uganda

Empowers young women and girls as climate leaders through education, advocacy, and policy engagement.

<u>Global Initiative for Food Security and Ecosystem Preservation</u> (<u>GIFSEP</u>) – *Nigeria*

Mobilizes communities for climate adaptation, renewable energy, and environmental conservation while fostering green jobs and food security.

GRAIN - Spain / Global South

Supports small farmers and movements advocating for community-controlled, sustainable food systems through research and alliance-building in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Green Development Advocates (GDA) - Cameroon

Provides legal and advocacy support to communities affected by environmental degradation, promoting good governance in environmental management.

Green Generation Foundation (GGF) - Jordan

Cultivates youth-led environmental leadership, education, and advocacy for sustainable change in local communities.

<u>Greenish Foundation for Development</u> – Egypt

Promotes environmental awareness and empowerment through advocacy, education, and capacity-building in Egypt and the broader MENA region.

<u>Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict</u> <u>Transformation (IMPACT Kenya)</u> – *Kenya*

Strengthens Indigenous rights, mediates land and resource conflicts, and builds women's leadership among pastoralist communities.

Instituto Climainfo - Brazil

Enhances the public debate on the climate crisis by providing reliable, clear, and evidence-based information.

Lekeh Development Foundation (LEDEF) - Nigeria

Advances environmental protection and community health through peaceful advocacy in the Ogoni region.

Nodo Regional Latinoamérica y el Caribe WGC – Brazil

Amplifies feminist and intersectional voices from Latin America and the Caribbean in international climate negotiations, as the regional chapter of the <u>Women & Gender Constituency</u>.

<u>Oilwatch Africa</u> – Nigeria

Resists the harmful impacts of oil and gas extraction through community action, advocacy, and accountability campaigns.

O.N.G. Observatorio Latinoamericano de Conflictos Ambientales (OLCA) – Chile

Defends the rights of communities facing environmental injustice and promotes grassroots democratization in Latin America, particularly in the context of extractive industries.

Peace Point Development Foundation (PPA) - Nigeria

Addresses environmental, health, and educational issues through community trainings, cultural programs, and advocacy.

Roots - Mexico

Empowers marginalized and Indigenous youth to participate in civic life and lead locally driven social and political change.



The Samdhana Institute - Philippines

Supports individuals and groups securing equitable access to natural resources through grants, fellowships, and capacity-building programs across Southeast Asia.

Women Action Towards Economic Development (WATED) - Tanzania

Empowers women through leadership, entrepreneurship, and awareness of their rights, advancing social and economic equality.

<u>Women on Environment Mission (WEM)</u> – Uganda

Promotes women's empowerment and climate resilience through advocacy, community mobilization, and media engagement.

World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP) - Sri Lanka / Global

Supports fisher communities to secure livelihoods, protect ecosystems, and influence fisheries policy worldwide.







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