

COP 30 POLICY BRIEF

Centering Peoples-Led Solutions: Our Common Agenda for a *Decolonized Climate Future*



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This brief outlines **six pillars** of ESCR-Net's collective agenda to advance **peoples-led, rights-based, and decolonial climate solutions** rooted in **justice, care, and solidarity**. These pillars challenge the dominance of corporate-driven proposals that commodify nature and deepen inequality.

They also build on ESCR-Net's broader advocacy — from the Binding Treaty on Human Rights and business process to the global movement for debt justice — reaffirming that **climate justice, economic justice, and human rights are inseparable**. Advancing real solutions requires **dismantling corporate impunity**, confronting the **interconnection between climate and debt**, and establishing **binding obligations** for those most responsible for the crisis.

“Peoples-led solutions reclaim sovereignty and redistribute power away from corporations and toward peoples.”

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Six Pillars to *Decolonize* Climate Action

1. Advance Peoples-Led Solutions Beyond Profit and Commodification

From agroecology to food and energy sovereignty, communities are restoring ecosystems and care economies. COP30 must end carbon markets, reject “green” extractivism, and strengthen the legal recognition of the rights of Nature.

2. Center Feminist, Intersectional Analysis in our Common Struggles for Climate Justice

The climate crisis is gendered — women and gender-diverse people sustain life yet remain largely excluded from climate negotiations and finance. COP30 must guarantee safe participation, recognize care work, and make feminist leadership central to just transition.

3. Demand Access to Justice, Remedy, Reparations for Climate Destruction, and Protection of Defenders

Environmental defenders are being criminalized while corporations profit. COP30 must operationalize reparations for climate harm, align with international court rulings, and make protection of defenders a non-negotiable condition for hosting COPs.

4. Reclaim Rights-Based and Reparative Climate Finance

Climate finance must repair, not indebt. The Global North owes an ecological debt to the South — COP30 must deliver grant-based finance, cancel illegitimate debt, and set at least USD 1.3 trillion/year by 2030 for peoples-led solutions.

5. Expose the Cost of Militarism, Extractivism, and Systemic Inequalities

Wars, occupations, and the military-industrial complex fuel both emissions and oppression. COP30 must demand transparency on military emissions and redirect military budgets toward care, repair, and community solutions. It must also confront how energy systems are weaponized to sustain violence and occupation, from fossil fuel profits funding wars to the blockade and exploitation of energy resources in Palestine. ESCR-Net supports the Global Energy Embargo for Palestine (GEEP) campaign, calling to cut financial and political ties with corporations and states complicit in war crimes, genocides, and ecological destruction.

6. Confront Corporate Capture of Climate Negotiations

Fossil fuel lobbyists have no place in climate negotiations. COP30 must adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy, ban corporate sponsorships, and ensure climate policy is shaped by peoples — not polluters.



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This briefing note is developed based on a series of discussions of ESCR-Net members, particularly via the Environment and ESCR Working Group composed of more than 100 organizations working together to advance climate justice through human rights.

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