

Engaging at COP30: What the Humanitarian Sector Can Expect in Belém

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Key Messages and Context

- **Sylvie Wabbes (FAO)** outlined entry points for humanitarians through the COP30 Action Agenda, particularly through thematic spaces and working groups.
- **Mattias Söderberg (DCA)** highlighted that this COP is different with new initiatives that are not part of the formal negotiations process. Last COP was a Finance COP, this COP needs to work on resource mobilization. Loss and damage and climate finance risks being loans and not grants, need for advocacy and for community access. The Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) review of indicators will take place and adaptation already taking place needs to feed into the GGA.
- **Qamar Iqbal (Climate Alliance Pakistan)** shared how direct, flexible finance for local actors through small grant windows and fiduciary support is key for local climate action to take place. That open South-South digital commons with e-learning and interoperable toolkits and data is required for scaling up local action. Institutionalizing local co-governance and co-designing ensures decisions reflect community priorities.
- **Gabriel Lagrange (Surge Africa)** presented findings on the integration of climate security in developing countries' NAPs and NDCs where climate security is mentioned in various ways (e.g. food security more common over displacement), emphasizing the need for continued humanitarian inclusion in climate planning. If plans include these elements, then they are included in the budgets for action to take place on the ground and for funding to be mobilized.
- **Alice Bailout (IDMC)** highlighted displacement as a core issue within Loss and Damage negotiations and shared updates from the Human Mobility Working Group.
- **Zinta Zommers (IASC)** presented top-line messages from the IASC Climate Crisis Sub-Group, calling to leave no one behind with frontline communities to be centered in adaptation, Loss and Damage, and early warning financing.

Panel Insights

- **Qamar Iqbal (Climate Alliance Pakistan)** urged local and national organizations to arrive at COP30 with clear advocacy asks, evidence of impact, strong coalitions, and plans to amplify humanitarian voices. He emphasized South-South collaboration through joint action statements, flexible financing, storytelling, and local accountability, as well as active engagement with national governments before, during, and after COP.
- **Matthias Söderberg (DanChurchAid)** underscored that humanitarians can and should engage with negotiators, national government and media, leverage local networks to support participation, and debrief with national teams post-COP to sustain advocacy momentum.
- The **Charter Secretariat** shared resources for signatories available on the [COP30 webpage](#), including the Signatory Statement, Advocacy Brief, and ongoing COP Updates. These will be refreshed in real-time, with newsletters released every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during COP.