

UMMAH FOR EARTH ALLIANCE - COP30 OBJECTIVES

Brazil will host the UNFCCC's 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) in Belém at the center of the Amazon Rainforest. Often described as the world's lungs, the Amazon has been selected for tactical and symbolic factors. Its ongoing deforestation constitutes a classic case of the mutually connected struggles of peoples in the Global South, including Muslim communities. It is impossible to exaggerate how urgent COP30 is. Scientists warn that there are less than five years left to limit global temperature rises to 1.5°C, making this conference a crucial turning point.

The Ummah for Earth alliance views COP30 as a platform for lifting up the voice of Muslim communities experiencing the climate crisis. In advocating for climate justice according to our values of justice, stewardship, and responsibility to each and every generation (amanah), the Ummah also has the opportunity for "rahmatan lil alamin", or a mercy for all creation. Shariah objectives can't be achieved without a stable, habitable world as a basis.

Ummah For Earth is committed to advancing faith-based climate action during COP30 by actively mobilising grassroots networks, religious leaders, and policy-advisers. Informed by Islamic values and underpinned by interfaith collaboration, our interventions will focus on securing a high-profile presence at multiple pavilions, advocating for ambitious climate commitments, and promoting the transformational potential of Islamic finance for sustainable solutions. We will contribute to building a shared vision for a just and sustainable future by affirming the values of justice, compassion, and solidarity.



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THE KEY OBJECTIVES THAT WE AIM TO REALISE AT COP30 ARE:

1

Centering the Muslim Narrative in the Global Climate Discourse

Call for a faith-based, justice-oriented narrative at COP30, invigorating that Islamic cultures of compassion, justice (adl), and balance (mizan) lie at the core of solving the climate crisis. This would include the issuance of position papers, staging interfaith panels, developing a "Faith-Based Climate Justice Manifesto" signed by a group of Muslim leaders, and elevating the voice of Muslim scholars, youth, and communities.

2

Insisting on Fair and Just Climate Finance

- Call for Shariah-adherent climate finance instruments that favor adaptation and resilience building in Muslim majority nations, many of which are most impacted by the climate crisis yet least responsible for baselines of historic pollution.
- Call for clear goals, including that at least %50 of all climate finance flow through Shariah-compliant instruments like green sukuk and Islamic development finance. This would also include calling for loss and damage finance through takaful models for debt forgiveness and directing zakat support for community-led responses.
- Insist on clear mechanisms for accountability based in Amanah (trust) that track whether or not funds actually reach grassroots frontline communities. The nations most responsible for pollution under the Paris Agreement are mainly non-Muslim majority states and should pay according to the 'polluter pays' principle.
- Mobilize the wealthy Muslims and Islamic institutions through the principle of Al-mizan (Balance), acknowledging that damage to the environment contravenes the prophetic adage "if one part of the body hurts, the whole body hurts".

3

Enhancing the Level of the Ummah's Grassroots & Youth Leadership

Ensure youth, women, indigenous Muslims, and frontline champions participate at COP30 such that they are not there only as numbers, but as those driving the discussions. Ummah For Earth should invest in storytelling, advocacy preparation, and spiritual mobilization in the run-up towards COP30.

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Forming Strategic Alliances

Form alliances with other Global South peoples' movements, interfaith networks like Laudato Si and Al-Mizan, and civil society for a just energy transition. Ummah For Earth should be carrying out advocacy to end green colonialism and lobbying to attain its strategy's' goals and faith leaders' demands.

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Raising the Muslim story in the climate debate worldwide

Ummah For Earth will demonstrate that Islam's precepts of compassion, justice (adl), and balance (mizan) are not solely moral obligations, but also essential instruments for advocating a just and inclusive response to the climate emergency. During COP30, Ummah for Earth will champion solidarity and the inherent dignity of all peoples and model climate change as a human rights issue. We will also give platform space for those most impacted by the crisis, particularly Indigenous peoples and other frontline Global South communities.

