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Local Leaders Forum Highlights



21 Regions on-site

- ◆ **3,000 mayors, governors and subnational leaders** from 120+ countries, including **21 Regions4** and **RegionsAdapt** regions on-site.
- ◆ **10+ member speaking opportunities.**
- ◆ **17 strategic meetings** with members, current or potential partners and donors.

Key Partnerships & Contributions

- ◆ **Regions4 was a key partner of the first Global States and Regions Summit**, co-leading the adaptation and resilience session "Resilient Territories: Infrastructure, Water, and Climate Adaptation".
- ◆ **The Association des Régions du Maroc (ARM) officially joined Regions4**, representing all 12 Moroccan regions and 38M+ inhabitants.
- ◆ **Regions4 and Paraná-Simepar signed an MoU** to advance collaboration on Climate, Biodiversity, and the SDGs.
- ◆ The Scottish Government, Regions4 Presidency, won the [2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Local Leaders Climate Award](#) for its Woodland Carbon Code and Restoration project.
- ◆ The [COP30 Local Leaders Forum Outcome Statement](#) was endorsed by Regions4 leadership: The Scottish Government, the Government of the State of Rio de Janeiro, the Lombardy Region, and the Regional Council of Rabat-Salé-Kénitra.
- ◆ **Regions4 participated in the [First Global Innovation Forum organized by UNFCCC](#)** and the Regions4 Vice-President for the Americas, the State of Rio de Janeiro.

Regional Impact & Global Visibility

- ◆ **18 Regions Voice [stories shared](#)**
- ◆ **+27,000 people reached online** and 12 posts on LinkedIn.
- ◆ **Six video interviews with members** to capture powerful impact stories and highlight regional best practices.
- ◆ Joined the campaign ["From Paris to Belém,"](#) highlighting a decade of climate action from Regions4 and RegionsAdapt regions.

Local Leaders Forum Overview

The Local Leaders Forum (LLF), taking place between 3-5 November in Rio de Janeiro, marked an unprecedented moment for subnational climate leadership with a full day dedicated to subnational governments during the Global States & Regions Summit Day. The Forum brought together nearly 3,000 mayors, governors, and subnational leaders from more than 120 countries.

Co-hosted by the COP30 Presidency and Bloomberg Philanthropies, LLF marked an important milestone on the road to COP30. The event highlighted the essential role of subnational governments - states, provinces, and regions - in driving climate action, strengthening adaptation efforts, and advancing effective multilevel governance.

Regions4 participated as an official partner, co-led the Global States and Regions Summit, supported a delegation of regional governments, and contributed to several sessions and initiatives. LLF was the largest global gathering of subnational climate leaders ahead of any COP to date, showing the growing recognition that climate action is delivered locally and that subnational leadership is critical to achieving global climate goals.

Key Themes and Discussions

Implementation was the dominant message: speakers stressed the urgency of shifting from pledges to measurable, people-centred outcomes, especially in adaptation. Recurring themes included:

- Adaptation as a survival imperative and key to preventing climate-driven inequality.
- The centrality of multilevel governance, climate justice, and social inclusion.
- Finance must reach subnational governments directly to deliver results.
- Adaptation and resilience create innovation, jobs, and a growing “climate economy.”
- Local planning drives equitable development and protects communities.
- Local leaders are ready - ambition must now be matched with action ahead of COP30.

Key Announcements

- **Bloomberg Philanthropies announced USD 186 million** to strengthen coalitions and accelerate local climate action.
- [Joint Outcome Statement](#): endorsed by 14,000+ cities, states, and regions, including all Regions4 Chairs.
- [Bloomberg Philanthropies Local Leaders Climate Awards](#) recognized 12 subnational champions with the Scottish Government being awarded for its Woodland Carbon Code.
- **USD 100 million methane initiative** launched by Bloomberg Philanthropies, Carbon Mapper, and partners.

Global States & Regions Summit

Held on 4 November, this Summit - led by Under2Coalition and Regions4 as a key partner - was the first dedicated platform for states and regions within a Bloomberg climate event, emphasizing their essential role in climate implementation. Hosted at the Museu de Arte Moderna, the Summit convened Governors, Premiers, and key partners to discuss multilevel implementation, financing, equity, and resilience.

Regions4-Led Session: “Resilient Territories”

Moderated by Regions4 Executive Director, Jordan Harris, this session gathered leaders from California, Rio Grande do Sul, Senegal, Brazil, Maryland, Ecuador, Chile, and the European Committee of the Regions. Key messages included:

- Prioritizing equity and vulnerable groups in adaptation investment.
- Enhancing cooperation on shared climate risks.
- Strengthening post-disaster resilience and water governance.
- Ensuring community preparedness and using scientific data for planning.
- Moving from diagnostics to implementation with visible environmental results.

The Summit also convened a Deep Dive on Subnational Finance, contributing to a zero-draft framework for COP31, and closed with a call for direct finance, tangible implementation, and stronger subnational-national partnerships.

Regions4 Activities and Milestones

New Members & Partnerships

- The Association of Moroccan Regions (ARM) joined Regions4, bringing all 12 Moroccan regions and 38M+ inhabitants into the network.
- Regions4 and Paraná's SIMEPAR signed an MoU to collaborate on climate monitoring, biodiversity, and SDGs.

Member Initiatives Highlighted

- **Manabí, Ecuador:** Sustainable farming through Producer Schools.
- **West Cameroon:** Ecological restoration and ecotourism in Mont Mbapit.
- **Cross River, Nigeria:** Sustainable fuelwood management and clean cookstoves.
- **Azuay, Ecuador:** Participatory wetland restoration with gender-inclusive governance.
- **Saint Louis, Senegal:** Mangrove restoration for coastal protection and women's livelihoods.

Local Leaders Climate Awards

The Scottish Government won the "Power of Partnership" award for its Woodland Carbon Code, which has enabled the creation of more than 40,000 hectares of new woodland.

Minas Gerais Day

Regions4 contributed to Minas Gerais Day at COP30, where state and industry leaders showcased progress on disaster recovery, bioeconomy jobs, sustainable coffee, low-carbon steel, and climate finance. Regions4 highlighted Minas Gerais' Development Bank, which has mobilized over USD 400 million in international climate finance.

Joint Outcome Statement of the LLF ✎

More than 14,000 subnational governments supported the LLF Outcome Statement, including Regions4 presidency and vice presidencies for Africa, Latin America, and Europe, calling on national governments to elevate climate ambition ahead of COP30.

Subnational leaders pledged to:

- ◆ Support countries in achieving climate goals through just and resilient transitions.
- ◆ Channel and localize climate finance for mitigation and adaptation.
- ◆ Advance multilevel climate action and collaboration as the basis for implementation.

Conclusion

The LLF made clear that COP processes must move closer to real-economy implementation. UNFCCC Executive Secretary Simon Stiell called for a shift from pledges to projects, while leaders such as Marina Silva and Helder Barbalho stressed integration of adaptation, mitigation, social justice, and multilevel governance.

The Forum reaffirmed that subnational governments are central actors in climate transformation, and that meeting COP30 ambitions will depend on empowering regional and local authorities with finance, authority, and recognition.



Climate COP30 Highlights



20 Regions on-site

- ◆ 70+ delegates and 20 members from Regions4 and RegionsAdapt
- ◆ 5 accreditations facilitated.
- ◆ 1 member region supported financially to attend.
- ◆ 24 Strategic Meetings with members, current or potential partners and donors.
- ◆ 37 Speaking Opportunities offered to Members
- ◆ 8 Events led and co-organised, and 14 members' or partners' events supported.

Key Launches & Contributions

- ◆ Contributed to [LGMA joint messaging and statement](#) and represented regions at the LGMA Press Conference via Scotland's Presidency.
- ◆ Launched the [RegionsAdapt Finance Report](#) with the UN Climate Champions.
- ◆ Launched the [Just Resilience Action Platform \(JRAP\)](#) and [Policy Brief](#).
- ◆ Helped shape the new [5-Year Climate Action Agenda](#) and 6 of the 117 Plans to Accelerate Solutions.
- ◆ Contributed to the Race to Resilience 5-year impact report and Yearbook of Climate Action.
- ◆ Contributed to the [UN Local 2030 "The Road to Belém" publication launched with UN-Habitat](#), with Gauteng representing Regions4.
- ◆ Contributed to reflecting collective priorities in high-level events and ministerial dialogues, positioning subnationals across adaptation, nature, just transition, finance and multilevel governance.
- ◆ Highlighted territorial solutions from the Amazon, Mediterranean, Atlantic Forest, Africa and beyond.

Key Partnerships

- ◆ Strategic partnerships with ABEMA and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), and strengthened collaboration with GCF Task Force and Nature4Climate.
- ◆ Joined FINI, launched to mobilise USD 1 trillion for adaptation and resilience pipelines.
- ◆ Supported the Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership (MCAP), fostering exchanges of good practices and lessons learned.

Regional Impact & Global Visibility

- ◆ 18 [Regions Voice stories](#) shared, including +10 tailored videos.
- ◆ +27,000 people reached online and 26 posts on LinkedIn.
- ◆ Joined the [campaign "From Paris to Belém"](#) highlighting a decade of climate action from Regions4 and RegionsAdapt regions.
- ◆ Developed the [COP30 Press Toolkit](#) to support Regions4 members and partners.
- ◆ Published the [COP30 Weekly Summary](#) and the [COP30 Highlights](#)
- ◆ Supported and amplified the West African [COOP'R project](#) and the Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership (MCAP) activities.

Regions4 Perspectives on COP30 Negotiations

Setting the stage: what COP30 was aiming for

COP30, held in Belém, Brazil, from 10-22 November 2025, was dubbed the *Implementation COP*, *Adaptation COP*, *Forest COP*, *People's COP*, and *COP of Truth*. Set in the heart of Amazon, it was expected to spotlight climate adaptation, finance, and the critical role of forests, nature, and Indigenous leadership in addressing climate change.

Alongside these negotiations, COP30 sought to scale up the climate action of non-state actors—cities, states, regions, businesses, and citizens— by unifying all voluntary initiatives under a **newly restructured Global Climate Action Agenda**, using the Global Stocktake as a guiding compass. Months prior to COP30, efforts to streamline and focus action were made by organizing the COP30 Action Agenda into 30 thematic groups, incorporating existing initiatives from various sectors and stakeholders.

Conference overview

Attendees: COP30 registered participation of 42,582 delegates from 195 countries in the Blue Zone. Around 3,000 Indigenous people gathered in Belém for the event, giving more visibility to the indigenous cause, with 900 representatives accredited for the COP30 Blue Zone, according to the Brazilian government ([source](#)). Protests inside and outside the venue amplified demands for stronger climate action and direct recognition of Indigenous rights.

The atmosphere at COP30: The conference was defined by intense heat, torrential rain, and vibrant local presence, with indigenous groups and civil society pushing for action despite stalled negotiations. Logistic challenges and accommodation issues didn't overshadow the warmth and optimistic vibe, fueled by enthusiastic volunteers and the colorful, smart-casual attire encouraged by the presidency to cope with Amazonian climate.



Divisions and delays: The conference ended with mixed feelings of optimism and frustration. On one hand, [the Global Mutirão Decision text](#) was seen as a positive step forward, bringing focus to multilateralism efforts and the spirit of collaborative responsibility. Additionally, adaptation was finally at the centre stage of discussions and decisions. On the other hand, deep divisions over climate financing, fossil fuel phase-out, and adaptation indicators delayed critical decisions, leaving many feeling disappointed.

Missed Opportunities: Despite President Lula's announcement and support from over 80 countries for roadmaps to phase out fossil fuels and revert deforestation, the final COP30 text included no binding commitments on these issues. Brazil pledged to maintain momentum, promising to deliver actionable roadmaps for deforestation and fossil fuel transitions in the coming year, with the next milestone to continue these discussions at the International Conference on the Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels in April 2026.

A key advocacy effort led by LGMA, with Regions4's active participation, succeeded in having the final text recognize the important role of subnational governments in climate action. This came after the first Regions and States Pre-COP, where subnational leaders sent a unified message of ambition and collaboration. However, the conference still failed to establish a mandated framework to fully include local and regional actors in decision-making. This oversight represents a missed opportunity to place implementers at the center of the Belém Package and risks slowing national transitions when urgent acceleration is required.

Key global decisions and outcomes

COP30 secured **consensus among 195 parties** on decisions that form the [Belém Political Package](#), however, political conflicts prevented stronger outcomes.

The main political decision of COP30, the *Global Mutirão Decision*, issued a historic call for humanity to unite in collective efforts against climate change, and recognized the role and active engagement of cities and other subnational governments.

It includes:

- ◆ **Tripling adaptation finance by 2035:** Adaptation finance was a crucial topic at COP30, and the [Global Mutirão decision](#) keeps this essential element in focus, although setting it later than some had hoped, and lacking a clear baseline.
- ◆ **Launching of a two-year climate finance work programme,** notably on how developed country Parties should provide financial resources to assist developing country Parties, in accordance with Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement and building upon the [Baku to Belém Roadmap](#) to mobilising USD 1.3 trillion per year by 2035.
- ◆ **Launching of the Global Implementation Accelerator and the Belém Mission to 1.5°C:** Two voluntary presidency-led initiatives designed to accelerate efforts to reduce emissions and keep the 1.5°C goal within reach.
- ◆ **First-ever mention of trade measures in a COP decision:** Setting the stage for a series of dialogues over the next three years on how trade policies, including unilateral ones, can play a role in supporting climate action while sustaining economic growth and development in all Parties.

Other highly anticipated technical decisions include:

- ◆ **Creation of a Just Transition Mechanism** to provide technical assistance, foster international cooperation, and address implementation gaps in ensuring a just and inclusive transition to sustainable economies. Strongly advocated by civil society as the Belém Action Mechanism (BAM), it combines the strongest language on rights and inclusion yet seen in the UN climate process: human rights; labour rights; the rights of Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendants; and strong references to gender equality, women's empowerment, education, youth development, and more.
- ◆ **Adoption of the [adaptation indicators list for the Global Goal on Adaptation \(GGA\)](#), including 6 on biodiversity:** The original list of 100 indicators, developed by experts over two years, was reduced to 59 due to high political tensions. A two-year 'Belém-Addis vision' process will further refine these indicators, incorporating cross-cutting issues such as gender and human rights. Despite the challenges, this marks an important step forward in measuring global adaptation progress.
- ◆ **Adoption of a [Gender Action Plan](#):** COP30 concluded negotiations on a comprehensive gender-responsive climate action 2026-2034 framework that sets 27 actions countries are recommended to take.
- ◆ **Approval of the NAPs assessment:** After two years of negotiations, the decision on the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) assessment was adopted. While progress was recognized (72 Parties that have submitted national adaptation plans, policies and planning processes), the significant challenges that developing countries face in securing finance for implementation were emphasized.
- ◆ **COP 31 and Beyond:** COP31 will take place in Türkiye, with Australia serving as President of the negotiations. This decision resolves three years of competition for the COP presidency. Additionally, COP32 will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in 2027, marking the first time a Least Developed Country will host a COP.
- ◆ Outside formal negotiations, the **COP30 Climate Action Agenda** led to the creation of **117 Plans to Accelerate Solutions (PAS)**, co-created by cities, regions, businesses, and communities. Key announcements included **Brazil's Tropical Forests Forever Facility**, the **FINI initiative** to make National Adaptation Plans more investable, the **first Climate-Health Action Plan**, **Blue NDC Challenge**, **Mangrove Breakthrough**, **Bioeconomy Challenge**, and new synergies across the Rio Conventions. [Explore them here.](#)

Alignment of COP30 outcomes with our advocacy priorities

	Regions4 Ask	What COP30 Delivered	Assessment
1	Integrate subnational governments in climate planning & implementation	Mutirão Decision “welcomes efforts” of subnationals; Climate Action Agenda includes 117 plans co-created with local/regional actors.	Partial – While there was a growing recognition of subnational leadership in decision text and in the latest round of NDCs, with around 80% of NDCs now reference subnational governments and 63% recognising them as partners, there is no mandated framework to structurally embed subnationals in the Belém Package, NDCs, or implementation architecture.
2	Make adaptation a non-negotiable global imperative	Adaptation placed centre stage; agreement to triple finance ; adoption of global indicators incl. biodiversity and cultural heritage.	Partial – Adaptation has never been more important; approximately 73% of the updated NDCs now include an adaptation component. Yet, as the UNEP Adaptation Gap Report 2025 warns, adaptation funding remains 12–14 times lower than what is needed. This is not only a funding gap – it is a justice gap. Locally-led adaptation not recognised; limited integration of subnational governments in Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) indicators.
3	Invest in nature as a key ally for climate & resilience	Major nature announcements: USD 6.7 billion Tropical Forests Forever Facility , Blue NDC Challenge, Mangrove Breakthrough, Bioeconomy Challenge, J-REDD+ scaling; greater recognition of Indigenous Peoples.	Strong progress – Nature elevated significantly, though subnational roles in nature-based implementation remain insufficiently formalised.
4	Unlock direct access to climate finance for subnational governments	Advances in global finance scaling and alignment, but only minimal and indirect references to subnational access. No predictable territorial finance architecture.	Weak – Structural needs unmet; no direct finance pathways created for subnationals.
5	Reform global climate architecture to institutionalise subnational leadership	Some recognition through Mutirão Decision, Just Transition Mechanism (human rights), and Rio Conventions synergy track.	Limited – Reforms did not embed subnational leadership in core Paris processes; missed opportunity to anchor implementers in the Belém Package.

> For more details about the outcomes of negotiations, please explore:

- [LGMA Constituency COP30 Outcomes Statement](#)
- [International Institute for Sustainable Development: COP30 Outcome: What it means and what's next](#)
- [Carbon Brief: COP30: Key outcomes agreed at the UN climate talks in Belém](#)
- [Nature4Climate: COP30 Delivers progress but seems to have missed its moment](#)
- [World Resources Institute: Beyond the headlines: COP30's outcomes and disappointments](#)

Advocacy Preparation for COP30

Why subnational governments matter at COP30

2025—marking new NDCs and the 10th anniversaries of the Paris Agreement and RegionsAdapt—is a pivotal year to reflect on past progress and focus on scaling future implementation. This makes it even more crucial to elevate subnational governments as key partners in turning global ambition into local action.

With nature as their greatest ally, subnational governments' mandates over land, water, forests, energy, infrastructure, and public services, combined with their proximity to communities, position them to drive real emissions cuts, build resilience, and deliver nature-positive outcomes. They are not merely executors of national policy—they are innovators, finance enablers, and drivers of just, resilient pathways. By bridging urban and rural priorities, advancing climate and biodiversity goals, and working directly with communities, subnational governments are scaling solutions that work and embodying the collective spirit of COP30's Mutirão.

The LGMA Joint Position

Developed within LGMA with Regions4 as co-lead of the Adaptation working group and section of the position, the COP30 LGMA joint position stresses that meeting the Paris Agreement requires robust multilevel collaboration linking local, regional, and national efforts, alongside far better access to finance for locally led solutions. **The government of Scotland, the presidency of Regions4, supported and reinforced our key asks in the LGMA press conference.**

> Download the full suite of the LGMA guidance documents below:

[LGMA Joint Position](#)

[LGMA Guidance for Negotiators](#)

[LGMA Compendium of National Mobilization Strategies](#)



Regions4 Position Paper

At COP30, Regions4 called on Parties to:

- ◆ Integrate Subnational Governments in climate planning and implementation
- ◆ Make adaptation a non-negotiable global imperative
- ◆ Invest in nature – our greatest ally for climate and resilience
- ◆ Unlock direct access to climate finance for subnational action
- ◆ Reform global climate architecture to institutionalise subnational leadership

> Read the full position paper [here](#).

Members mobilisation & engagement

Ahead of COP30, Regions4 prepared its members with a Joint Roadmap, a preparatory webinar, and a dedicated newsletter. These efforts helped align members on key priorities and ensure effective participation in advocating for subnational governments in climate action.

LGMA COP30 Outcomes Statement: The recognition of subnational governments in COP30 negotiations processess

Throughout this COP, the Constituency saw genuine recognition for the importance of local action, multilevel cooperation and urbanization through the Ministerials, progress on the Action Agenda and many Parties calling for a mandated dialogue on multilevel governance and urbanization.

Brazil's own stance on climate federalism, outlined in their NDC, made this Presidency a credible and significant leader in this area, and has proven extraordinary collaboration in their inclusion of the Constituency throughout the lead-up to COP30 and during the two weeks.

The goal to make this the COP of implementation was the right one, but the final outcomes failed to deliver a mandated framework that includes local and other subnational governments. COP30 missed the opportunity to put the implementers at the heart of the Belém Package and risks slowing the pace of national transitions at precisely the moment when acceleration is needed.

"Recognising and resourcing subnational leadership is essential for turning the Belém outcomes into real resilience and real progress. We see regions around the world advancing integrated, community-centred projects that demonstrate what real solutions look like on the ground. However, tripling adaptation finance will only matter if resources truly reach subnational governments on the frontlines, who are indispensable partners in delivering impact on the ground."

Natalia Uribe, Secretary General, Regions4

Looking at the negotiated outcomes of COP30, the Mutirão Decision recognizes subnational actors, non-party actors and all actors in various texts that give a basis for continued collaboration between all levels of government. The Constituency also noted increasing references to multilevel action in the Mitigation Work Programme and the adaptation indicators.

Even as [COP30 strengthens the Loss-and-Damage architecture](#) with the first-ever call for funding requests, the formal texts provide only limited and non-systematic integration of local and regional governments, despite their frontline role in assessing and addressing losses on the ground.

Regarding climate finance, despite important advances on scaling finance and aligning flows, COP30 still offers only minimal and indirect references to subnational governments, leaving the architecture for predictable, programmatic territorial finance largely undeveloped.

The LGMA welcomes the Action Agenda's explicit recognition of cities, infrastructure and water, including multilevel governance, as central to implementation, but headline commitments from COP30 remain insufficient without clear pathways to channel finance, accompanied by governance reforms.

> Read the Full Statement [here](#).



Ms. Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary at The Scottish Government, representing Regions4 Presidency, delivered remarks at the LGMA Press Conference, 10 November 2025.

RegionsAdapt's contribution to the Global Climate Action Agenda: Elevating subnational leadership

At COP30, the newly restructured Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA) played a pivotal role in driving forward climate action, with a renewed focus on aligning and scaling existing initiatives.

A key feature of the revamped Action Agenda was its emphasis on multi-level collaboration, coordinating efforts across governments, businesses, cities, regions, and civil society. Within this framework, Regions4 and its RegionsAdapt initiative participated in the activation groups and highlighted the leadership of subnational governments in tackling climate change in many of the Action Agenda's COP30 outcomes.

UN Climate Change
High-Level Champions

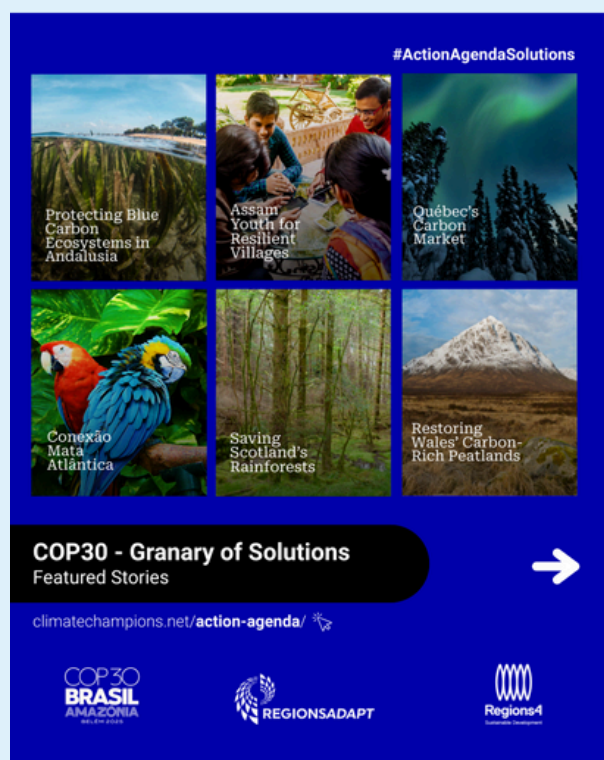
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> Read the [Global Climate Action Agenda Outcomes Report](#)

COP30 Granary of Solutions

RegionsAdapt contributed significantly to the Action Agenda by showcasing the critical role that regions play in implementing climate solutions. This year, RegionsAdapt contributed over 20 case studies to the COP30 “Granary of Solutions”, a platform that aims to showcase successful climate solutions from around the world. Notably, nine of these stories are already featured:



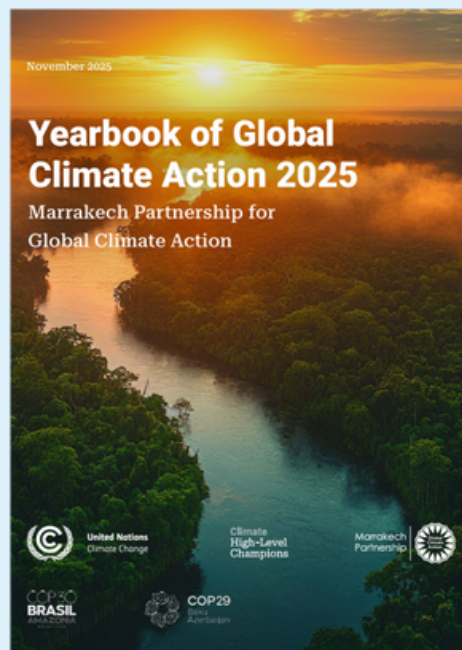
- ◆ [The National Peatland Action Programme, Wales](#)
- ◆ [Empowering Assam's Villages: Youth Fellows Driving Climate Resilience, Assam](#)
- ◆ [Protecting Blue Carbon Ecosystems, Andalusia](#)
- ◆ [Québec's Carbon Market: Financing Climate Action Directly, Québec](#)
- ◆ [Conexão Mata Atlântica: Restoration aligned with sustainable production, Brazil](#)
- ◆ [Saving Scotland's Rainforest, Scotland](#)
- ◆ [Urban Klima 2050: Advancing adaptation in Basque cities, Basque Country](#)
- ◆ [Cultivating Just Resilience through the Chakra Group, Napo Province](#)
- ◆ [Zero Deforestation Agave Production Chains \(Tequila\), Jalisco](#)

Reporting to the NAZCA portal and the Race to Resilience Data Explorer

Additionally, Regions4 reports annually to the [Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action \(NAZCA\) portal](#) and the Race to Resilience Data Explorer, tracking the progress of subnational governments in adaptation planning and actions. This annual reporting allowed our members to be featured in the two publications below.

RegionsAdapt members featured in the Yearbook of Climate Action 2025

This year, RegionsAdapt was featured in the [Yearbook of Climate Action 2025](#), which spotlighted the progress of its members in developing evidence-based, actionable adaptation strategies. The Yearbook also highlighted the RegionsAdapt Communities of Practice as a key example of how to operationalize the multilevel governance vision of the Paris Agreement. Our communities are praised for providing subnational governments with the tools and knowledge to align regional adaptation strategies with national climate commitments. They also foster greater regional participation in international processes, bridging the gap between global climate goals and local action.



Race to Resilience progress report

RegionsAdap's work and members was further highlighted in the [Race to Resilience Progress Report](#) launched at COP30, which showcased the contribution of states and regions such as Bélier (Ivory Coast), West Cameroon (Cameroon), Gauteng (South Africa), Kwa-Zulu Natal (South Africa), Assam (India), Louga (Senegal), Pernambuco (Brazil), Yucatan (Mexico), Sao Paulo (Brazil). These regions are demonstrating tangible progress in adaptation and resilience efforts.



Plans to Accelerate Solutions (PAS)

One of the COP30 Action Agenda's key outcomes was the development of [117 Plans to Accelerate Solutions \(PAS\)](#), which brings together different stakeholders and actors on specific roadmaps to guide the implementation of the Paris Agreement by 2028, the end of the current Global Stocktake (GST-1). RegionsAdapt's work has helped shape six PAS:

- ◆ ***Accelerating a multilevel, multisectoral, and participatory governance model for implementing the Paris Agreement***, hosted by Brazil's Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and Ministry of Cities, supported by CHAMP and UN-Habitat.
- ◆ ***Advancing People-centred Resilience***, hosted by the Race to Resilience, where RegionsAdapt plans to mainstream people-centric metrics and indicators for adaptation, expand climate finance flows to vulnerable people and improve capacity building
- ◆ ***Fostering Investable National Adaptation & Resilience Planning and Implementation (FINI)***, hosted by Atlantic Council, which is a global activation drive aiming to mobilize actors from the public and private sector to deliver investable project pipelines for adaptation as part of NAPs and other policy processes.
- ◆ ***Accelerating Nature-based Solutions***, hosted by Nature4Climate
- ◆ ***Plan to Accelerate Biodiversity Adaptation and Resilience***, led by the ENACT Partnership
- ◆ ***Synergistic implementation across the Rio Conventions***, led by the Synergies Collaboration Platform (SCP)

Through its ongoing engagement in the Global Climate Action Agenda, RegionsAdapt continues to amplify the voices of regions and subnational actors, ensuring that the leadership and solutions of subnational governments are represented within the global climate action narrative and shared with countries, partners, and financial institutions preparing for COP30.

Notably, Regions4 participated in a climate-champions event launching the [Fostering Investable National Adaptation & Resilience Planning and Implementation \(FINI\) initiative](#) and was invited to contribute examples. FINI, part of the COP30 Presidency's "Plan for Accelerated Solutions," is a global effort to mobilize public and private actors to make adaptation investable by elevating existing solutions, fostering financial innovation, and promoting aligned technical and operational principles for resilient development.

Communicating and Positioning Regional Action and Ambition at COP30

#RegionsVoice

The [Regions Voice](#) campaign played a key role in positioning regions as key players on climate implementation ahead of COP30. During the Local Leaders Forum (LLF) and COP30, Regions4 further spotlighted members' experiences and achievements, presenting the actions implemented in their territories and reinforcing the vital role of regions in global climate governance.

The campaign, launched in 2019, amplifies the role of regional governments in UN sustainable development processes. Its goal is to boost the visibility and recognition of subnational governments by sharing impactful messages throughout the UN Decade of Action.

It features a growing collection of stories and videos that illustrate how regions are delivering real climate action on the ground. By sharing powerful impact stories and highlighting regional best practices, #RegionsVoice brings to life the concrete solutions and leadership demonstrated across territories.

In 2025, the campaign focused on adaptation, climate financing, and just resilience, showcasing how regional governments are advancing tangible, people-centred solutions in these key areas.

Before and during COP30, **Regions4 shared 18 [Regions Voice stories](#), including +10 tailored videos.**

Visit the campaign



Regions4 Joins the “From Paris to Belém” Campaign

As part of the CHAMP Coalition, Regions4 joined the “From Paris to Belém” campaign, which highlights a decade of climate action undertaken by Regions4 and RegionsAdapt members since the Paris Agreement. The campaign showcases regional initiatives that demonstrate measurable progress on the ground.

Regions4 and RegionsAdapt Member regions have developed ambitious climate plans, advanced just and resilient community strategies, implemented place- and nature-based adaptation measures, and promoted direct access to climate finance. These efforts illustrate the role of regional governments in delivering practical solutions that benefit people and nature.

[Ahead of the Local Leaders Forum, Regions4 shared examples](#) from Regions4 and RegionsAdapt members demonstrating leadership in multilevel climate action and efforts to address biodiversity loss.

[Ahead of COP30, Regions4 also highlighted actions from its members](#) related to climate finance, adaptation, and resilience.



Regions4 at COP30: Showing Subnational Leadership on the Global Stage

Regions4 Delegation

At COP30, **20 Regions4 and RegionsAdapt member organisations** pushed together for a stronger collaboration, placing a priority on direct access to climate finance for adaptation, more investment in nature, and the institutionalisation of subnational leadership. These regions and devolved states encompass a diverse range of geographic areas and organisations across different continents and climate zones:

- Association des Régions du Maroc (ARM)
- California
- Canarias
- Catalonia
- CONGOPE
- Cross River State
- Gauteng
- Goiás
- Jalisco
- Minas Gerais
- Morona Santiago
- Pernambuco
- Québec
- ORU Fogar
- Rio de Janeiro
- São Paulo
- Scotland
- South Australia
- Sud Comoé
- Universidade Católica de Santos



Key Launch:

The Just Resilience Action Platform and Policy Brief

Regions4 launched the Just Resilience Action Platform (JRAP), a global initiative empowering subnational governments to put people at the heart of climate resilience. JRAP empowers subnational governments with the finance, tools, and partnerships needed to accelerate just and inclusive resilience in territories.

By connecting people, territories, and institutions, JRAP also serves as a global matchmaker, aligning local climate and nature projects with the donors, technical partners, and networks that can help them succeed. This coordinated approach ensures that resources and knowledge flow directly to the communities most affected by climate change and biodiversity loss, turning local vision into collective action.

The launch was announced by Ms Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy from The Scottish Government, and President of Regions4, who said:

"The crises of climate change and biodiversity loss demand more than action - they demand justice. The Just Resilience Action Platform embodies that principle, connecting local leadership, knowledge and solutions with global solidarity. The Scottish Government is proud to support this platform to make resilience both just and lasting."

Led by Regions4 and supported by The Scottish Government, CONGOPE, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), Nature4Climate and Climate High-Level Champions Race to Resilience, JRAP helps subnational governments - the provinces, states, and regions - closest to people and nature - to move resilience projects from ideas to impact.

Just Resilience Policy Brief

The Brief explains the Just Resilience concept and provides subnational governments, as well as international, national and financial partners **actionable recommendations to integrate Just Resilience into climate and biodiversity strategies.**

Besides the Policy Brief, Regions4 launched additional resources like a White Paper to support subnational governments and partners in understanding Just Resilience and in designing, implementing, and scaling just resilience actions worldwide.

> Resources available below:

- [Policy Brief](#)
- [White Paper](#)

We are inviting partners and all interested to support and co-invest in JRAP, strengthening its global architecture and ensuring lasting impact where transformation happens.

- Discover how to join [here](#).
- Visit the [webpage](#)
- [Press Release \(ENG and SPA\)](#)
- [Newsletter](#)



RegionAdapt Progress Report 2025 | Financing Adaptation Where Change Happens: Scaling subnational action to close the gap

The [report](#) explores one of the biggest barriers to climate action: access to adaptation finance.

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Financing adaptation where change happens
Scaling subnational action to close the gap

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From carbon markets in Québec turning revenues into resilience, to regional climate funds in Catalonia directing revenue towards local climate action, to biodiversity credits financing conservation projects in Paraná, and devolved finance in Kenya institutionalizing county-level climate finance, these stories highlight how innovative climate finance strategies are enabling local governments to drive positive change for both nature and communities.

70%

3.4%

Financing adaptation where change happens

Scaling subnational action to close the gap

1 The urgency of adaptation

Act now to save lives

- Climate impacts now
- Adaptation is cost-effective
- Planning costs €10C to save €100C
- Adaptation can save lives

2 Subnational Governments

The missing link in adaptation

- Integrating adaptation into development planning
- Coordinating across sectors
- Providing to act

Conditions to scale their impact

- Invested in sustainability, not in business
- Expanded direct access to resources
- Designing fit-for-purpose legislation and policies
- Engaged regional governance structures
- Track and monitor adaptation progress

3 Regions in action

Investing in resilience and finance, responding to the ground

GU-BSEC

Investing in resilience and finance, responding to the ground

- CASBIO
- CASBIO+M
- CASBIO+M
- CASBIO+M

CATALUNYA

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The Regional Adaptation Plan (RAP) 2023 highlights the growing subnational governments in action. RAP is being implemented by action.

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- Adaptation finance is failing the frontline. Developing countries face adaptation costs of up to US \$365 billion annually by 2035, yet in 2023, only about 3.4% of global climate finance was directed to adaptation - and even less reached the subnational level, where climate action happens closest to people, ecosystems, and infrastructure.
- Subnational governments are the missing link in climate finance. Regions manage approximately 70% of climate-related public investment in OECD countries but remain bypassed by international finance flows, which are mainly channelled through national governments. They need access to finance to match their ambition and the urgency of the climate crisis.
- Scaling requires system change, dedicated finance for subnational access, institutionalised multilevel governance and transparency.

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Strategic Meetings

Over the two weeks, Regions4 engaged in strategic meetings with subnational leaders and networks and more than 24 bilateral and network discussions with members, partners, and donors, strengthening collaboration for meaningful climate solutions.

Memorandum of Understanding between Regions4 and ABEMA

At the start of COP30, Regions4 and ABEMA – Associação Brasileira de Entidades Estaduais de Meio Ambiente – signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formally strengthen collaboration between Brazilian subnational governments and the global climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development agendas. The partnership aims to:

- ◆ Strengthen the participation of Brazilian states in international climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development processes.
- ◆ Promote joint advocacy and capacity-building initiatives.
- ◆ Support the localisation of the 2030 Agenda across all 26 Brazilian states.

Through ABEMA, Brazilian states are encouraged and supported to engage more actively in Regions4's work, with a particular emphasis on the RegionsAdapt initiative. This engagement is intended to deepen their commitment to putting people and nature first and to building resilience to climate change at the subnational level.



MoU with ABEMA

New collaboration agreement with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)

Regions4 signed a new collaboration agreement with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) that will advance just resilience and turn plans into action for vulnerable communities worldwide, from Brazil to Cameroon.

NAZCA/Global Action Platform Meeting: Sharing and Tracking Real-World Examples of Non-Party Stakeholder Climate Action Implementation

Regions4 participated in a closed-door meeting organised by the UNFCCC Tracking and Recognition team explore opportunities to strengthen the visibility, credibility, and connectivity of subnational governments' efforts and to identify how the NAZCA Portal can serve as a dynamic platform to showcase real-world climate actions, foster collaboration, and bridge the gap between local implementation and global policy.



Collaboration agreement with GCoM



Breakfast with Governors



Meeting with South Australia



Meeting with Western Cape



Meeting with Argentina Provinces

Insights From COP30: Regions4 Co-Led Events In Focus

At COP30, Regions4 was proud to contribute to the collective effort of advancing subnational climate leadership. We co-led 8 events and supported 14 others, collaborating with partners to elevate the role of regions in tackling climate challenges. In this section, we share a summary of the main discussions and insights from some of these events.

1 High-level Roundtable | From the Ground Up: Leveraging Subnational Leadership and Investments to Deliver Climate and Nature Commitments

With interventions from: High-level Climate Champion, Governor of Amazonas, MEC of Gauteng, Special envoy of Québec, Cabinet Secretary of Scotland, Secretary of State of Goiás and representatives of Catalonia, GCF Taksforce, Under2, Rio de Janeiro, ClimateWorks, and Regions4.

On 11 November, Regions4, the GCF Task Force, Nature4Climate, the Under2 Coalition and ABEMA co-organised a high-level roundtable at the Nature Pavilion in the Blue Zone. The session brought together negotiators, donors, and national and subnational leaders to highlight states, provinces and regions as essential implementers of national climate and biodiversity goals.

The discussion focused on how subnational governments translate NDCs, NAPs and NBSAPs into territorial action, driving just resilience, biodiversity protection and sustainable investments. Participants presented concrete examples of integrated, nature-positive approaches that align climate and nature agendas on the ground and help deliver national commitments. The roundtable also underscored the need to scale up subnational leadership and investment to raise ambition on the road to COP31.

During the event, Regions4 launched the Just Resilience Action Platform and the RegionsAdapt progress report on financing adaptation at the subnational level.



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2 Side Event | From Droughts to Heatwaves to Wildfires: Mediterranean Regions Teaming Up for Climate Resilience

With interventions from: Resilient Cities Catalyst, Catalonia, Western Cape, New South Wales, and Regions4.

On 11 November, the Government of Catalonia, Regions4, RCC and the Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership (MCAP) co-organised a side event at the Spanish Pavilion in the Blue Zone on strengthening climate resilience across Mediterranean regions.

The session underlined the pivotal role of subnational governments as legislators, planners and conveners that bridge national strategies and local implementation, often setting more ambitious climate targets than national governments despite resource and coordination constraints. From California to Catalonia, the Western Cape to New South Wales, regions with a Mediterranean climate demonstrated how they are working together to tackle shared challenges—from droughts and wildfires to heatwaves—through bioregional collaboration, knowledge exchange and joint adaptation.

Regional representatives and participant networks offered insightful contributions. As highlighted by Natalia Uribe Pando, Secretary General of Regions4:

“The Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership is so important. It creates space for regions to align strategies, share expertise, and mobilise resources. It embodies the Mutirão spirit of this COP, showing how cooperation turns ambition into implementation.”

The session conveyed a clear message: Mediterranean regions face the same climate extremes—their challenges cross boundaries, and so must their solutions.



3 Side Event | Turning Collaboration into Local Action for Adaptation and Just Resilience

With interventions from: Brazil Climate Centre, Laurence Tubiana, the European Climate Foundation and Special Envoy to Europe for COP Presidency, Special Envoy to Europe for COP30, Governor of Espírito Santo, State Secretary for Minas Gerais, Minister of Córdoba, Representatives of CETESB, Green Climate Fund, BNDES.

On 11 November, Regions4, the Brazil Climate Centre (Centro Brasil no Clima) and the European Climate Foundation co-organised the side event “Turning Collaboration into Local Action for Adaptation and Just Resilience” at the Regional Climate Foundations Pavilion in the Blue Zone.

The session explored how state governments are strengthening climate adaptation through robust implementation frameworks, drawing on both national and international experiences. Speakers examined key legal and institutional mechanisms—such as State Adaptation Plans, budget laws, the ClimaBrasil Panel and monitoring systems—to identify concrete pathways for enhancing coherence, continuity and transparency in adaptation policies.

The discussion underscored the importance of collaborative, multi-actor approaches to translate policy frameworks into just and locally grounded resilience outcomes.



With interventions from: ICLEI, Regions4, Gauteng, Malmö, Rio de Janeiro, Québec

On 12 November, a session organised by ICLEI, Regions4, RegionsWithNature, and CitiesWithNature at the Climate Action Hub in the Blue Zone focused on how local and subnational governments are integrating climate and biodiversity efforts through practical tools and data-driven strategies. It showcased collaborative initiatives that help transform global objectives into measurable local actions and presented case studies of successful integration:

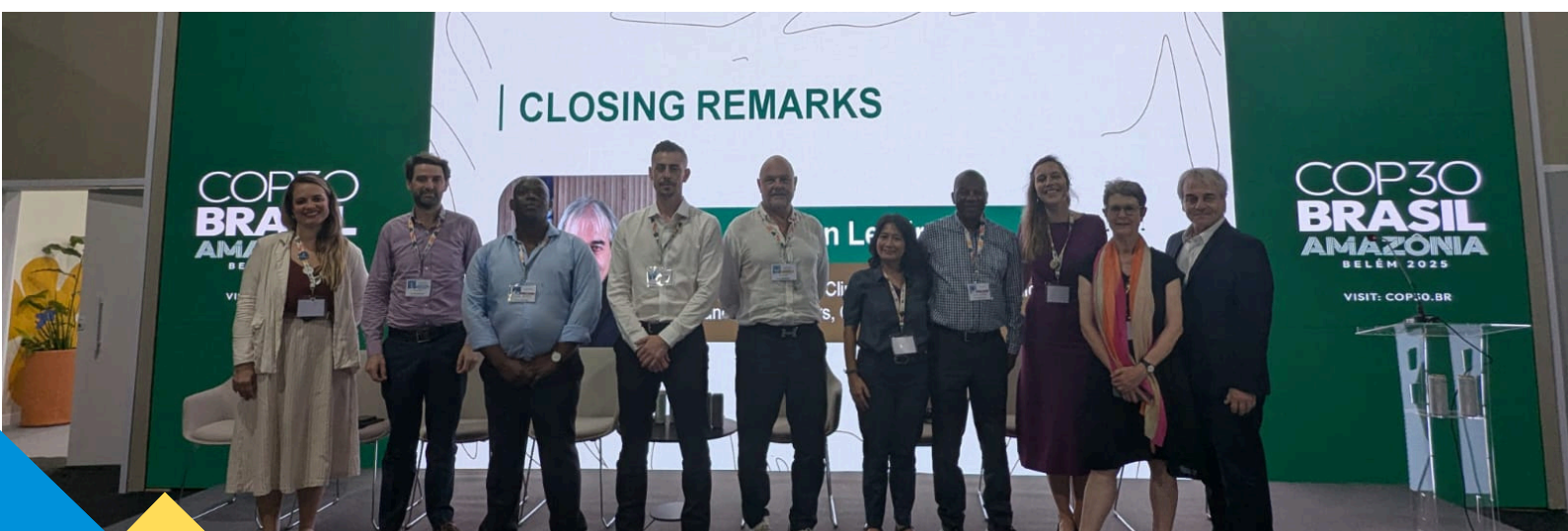
- Gauteng (South Africa): Highlighted the [Resilient Kaalspruit Catchment Programme](#), focusing on integrated actions.
- Malmö (Sweden): Presented local biodiversity initiatives that support habitats for migratory species.
- Rio de Janeiro (Brazil): Discussed progress in multilevel governance for nature-based solutions and climate adaptation.

Conclusion: The session underscored the vital role of local and regional governments in achieving global biodiversity and climate goals, showcasing practical examples of effective integration strategies.

Key Highlights:

- Local and regional governments play a crucial role in implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) and are directly linked to national reporting processes.
- CitiesWithNature and RegionsWithNature are recognised by UN Biodiversity as commitment platforms that facilitate the tracking of progress and global collaboration.
- The Case Study Database and the RegionsAdapt initiative serve as a resource for regional climate adaptation, promoting peer learning.
- Prominent subnational examples included Gauteng, City of Malmö, and State of Rio de Janeiro, which implemented climate and biodiversity integration using tools like CitiesWithNature and RegionsWithNature aligned with the Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Jean Lemire, Quebec Envoy for Climate Change, emphasised that subnational governments are essential drivers of change, noting that initiatives like RegionsWithNature highlight the interconnectedness of climate and biodiversity.

> For more details, refer to the [ICLEI Summary](#).



5 Governors Roundtable | Advancing the New Forest Economy: Governors' Roundtable on Scaling Subnational Leadership and Investment in Tropical Forests

With interventions of: Morona Santiago, Jalisco, CONGOPE, California, among other regional representatives.

On November 12, two key events were held to discuss and promote the New Forest Economy. The "Governors' Roundtable on Scaling Subnational Leadership and Investment in Tropical Forests" took place at ABEMA House, located outside the Blue Zone. Regions4, the GCF Taskforce, and ABEMA organised this roundtable.

The focus of the roundtable was on advancing leadership and investment in tropical forests at the subnational level, emphasising the importance of local governance in addressing climate and nature challenges.

Regions4 and GCF taskforce reception

Following the roundtable, a networking reception titled "Networking for the New Forest Economy: GCFTF & Partners Reception" was organised by the GCFTF, Regions4, ART/Trees, and Nature & Culture International with the support of the government of Scotland. This event aimed to showcase how regional governments and territories are creating local solutions that align with global climate goals.

The reception fostered meaningful exchanges and collaborations between participants to enhance their collective impact on forest economy initiatives.

Overall, these events served as platforms for sharing ideas and strategies while strengthening cooperation among subnational leaders in the context of sustainable forest management and climate action.



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6 Closed-door Meeting | Investing Where Change Happens: The Just Resilience Action Platform

With the participation of strategic partners, donors and members.

On November 13, this closed-door session aimed to connect concrete, on-the-ground solutions led by regional governments projects with strategic donors, partners who wish to make a real difference where transformation happens, for people – in their territories.

The discussion was initiated in the context of the recent launch of the [Just Resilience Action Platform](#) – a mechanism designed to channel finance to territories while also enabling learning, replication, and global influence around shared priorities for just resilience.

Representatives from Sud Comoé (Ivory Coast), Goiás (Brazil), and el Canar (Ecuador) presented projects from the JRAP pipeline to partners from The Nature Conservancy, Sustainable Finance Observatory, Institute for Climate and Society, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The meeting explored how just resilience is reflected in donor portfolios and discussed opportunities for collaboration on JRAP projects.



7 COP30 Press Conference | Climate Change and Health

With the participation of: Dr Marina Romanello of the Lancet Countdown, along with ministerial representatives, including Dr Sandra Cortes of Chile, Md Ziaul Haque of Bangladesh, Oden Ewa of Nigeria and Dr Vishwas Chitale of India; and Carlos Lopes, the COP30 Presidency's Special Envoy for Africa, and Jeni Miller of the Global Climate and Health Alliance.

At a press conference hosted by Regions4, the Global Climate & Health Alliance, and CarbonCopy on COP30's Health Day (November 13), experts warned that climate change is rapidly becoming a major health threat, with heat, pollution, and disease outpacing health systems' ability to cope. They called for placing human health at the core of adaptation finance, highlighting the huge funding gaps, especially in vulnerable countries.

- **Health Systems Struggling:** Over half a million deaths occur yearly due to heat, while 150,000 are linked to wildfire smoke. Health systems remain underfunded and unprepared.
- **Severe Funding Shortfall:** Just 4% of adaptation finance goes to health, despite the sector's growing vulnerabilities.
- **Voices from Vulnerable Nations:** Officials from Bangladesh, Chile, Nigeria, and India warned that their health systems are overwhelmed by rising climate impacts, with financing falling far short of needs. In Bangladesh, adaptation financing for health is "far below" needs, and Nigeria faces a 21% disease burden increase due to climate change, with financing covering just 6% of their needs.
- **Global Health in Crisis:** As climate-related deaths continue to rise, experts emphasized that strengthening health systems must be a core focus of the Belém Health Action Plan and the Global Goal on Adaptation. They warned that without robust finance for health adaptation, vulnerable populations will be left unprotected.
- **New Funding Coalition:** A new Climate and Health Funders Coalition, committing US\$300 million annually to integrated climate-health solutions, was welcomed as a positive step, though much more funding is needed.

The clear message:

Without robust health adaptation finance, the world cannot protect lives from worsening climate impacts.

For more information:

- > [Experts warn climate change now a major health threat as COP30 debates adaptation finance](#)
- > [Photos from the press event here.](#)
- > [Recording of the Press Conference can be found here.](#)
- > [Press Release can be found here.](#)



UNFCCC Official Side Event | Innovative Approaches to Driving Climate Action: Subnational Leadership & Bioregional Collaboration in Climate Adaptation and Resilience

With interventions of: Resilient Cities Catalyst, Catalonia, California, South Australia, Western Cape Province, CREAM, Under2 Coalition, Transitional Committee for Loss and Damage Fund, Climate KIC, Rap Event.

At the UNFCCC Official Side Event on November 18, organized by Regions4, the Government of Catalonia, RCC, and the Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership (MCAP), experts explored the crucial role of subnational governments in driving climate action, even with limited resources. The event showcased how these governments set ambitious targets, implement solutions, and foster bioregional collaboration, with examples like **MCAP's Mini-Sprint Acceleration Projects**.

In closing, Climate-KIC captured the essence of the event, calling for a shift from the politics of climate to the economics of climate, and emphasizing the importance of radical collaboration, local action, and multilevel governance. The session wrapped up with a [memorable 3-minute rap by Baba Brinkman](#), summarizing the key insights in a creative and engaging way.

Key themes included:

- The impact of bioregional collaboration, where regions learn directly from others facing similar challenges.
- The importance of building academic networks alongside institutional ones to create assessments that drive actionable policies.
- The need for data-driven adaptation to design effective climate plans.
- The potential of public-private partnerships to accelerate action, calling for a shift towards more dynamic collaboration.
- The significant fiscal and regulatory power of subnational governments to shape markets and lead adaptation efforts, underscoring that adaptation doesn't follow municipal boundaries.
- The necessity of involving multiple ministries—beyond just environmental ones—to drive comprehensive policy action and foster cross-sector collaboration.



Conclusion: Strengthening Local and Global Adaptation Efforts

COP30 did not go far enough.

We urgently need to tackle the root causes of the climate crisis and to put frontline implementers at the centre of our efforts.

Held in the heart of the Amazon – an eloquent reminder of the power and vulnerability of our planet – and led by Brazil, where climate federalism is becoming a global example, COP30 marked 10 years of the Paris Agreement. It also followed the 1st Regions and States Pre-COP, which sent a united message of subnational ambition. Yet Belém made clear:

Current national commitments, with 70+ missing, are not sufficient for 1.5°C (a limit, not a target).

COPs must move closer to real economies and real people. A crucial part of this is accelerating action at the local & regional levels. As Simon Stiell said, cities, states and regions are where the climate fight can be won or lost.

Across the world, subnational governments are driving fossil-fuel phase-downs, protecting ecosystems and building resilience – often stepping up when national governments do not, as we saw with the US or Argentina. Yet COP30 did not place implementers at the heart of the Belém Package. It also missed the chance to secure collective roadmaps to transition from fossil fuels & halt deforestation.

Yes, COPs are imperfect and often disappointing, and in today's polarised world, consensus is even harder.

But we can - and must - go beyond least common denominators.

Let's continue building a broad, determined, unstoppable "coalition of the willing" (Laurence Tubiana), to go further & faster together.

Regions4 will keep working with willing frontline governments where they belong: at the very heart of climate and nature action.



For Regions4, the path forward:

- Fully integrate subnationals into NDCs, NAPs, access to climate finance, and implementation.
- Secure direct finance flows and strengthen reporting of subnational progress.
- Support implementation forums, Local Leaders Forums, and Climate Action Agenda mechanisms to institutionalise subnational leadership.

Regions4 Media Outcomes

RegionsVoice at COP30

- Explore the stories from regional governments that were shared at COP30 [here](#).
- Watch the videos about regional governments that were shared at COP30 [here](#).

COP30 Press Toolkit

The [Press Toolkit](#) supported Regions4 members and partners to disseminate their activities during COP30.

Press Releases:

- 5 November – [COP30 Local Leaders Forum Joint Outcome Statement](#)
- 5 November – [Regions4 and Under2 Coalition Endorse the COP30 Local Leaders Forum Statement](#)
- 11 November – [Regions4 Launches the Just Resilience Action Platform](#)
- 13 November – [Joint Press Release by Regions4, the Global Climate & Health Alliance, and CarbonCopy: “Positioning Health at the Centre of Adaptation Finance”](#)
- 21 November – [COOP’R Project Event Showcasing West African Climate Leadership: Regions4 and AIRF Highlight Climate Achievements of Francophone Territories](#)
- 23 November – [LGMA Post-COP30 Press Release](#)

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