

Strengthening Climate Justice Financing in the BRICS



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Context

Last year, Brazil chaired the G20, and this year, it holds the presidencies of the XVII BRICS Summit and the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). A common thread across these three presidencies is climate finance.

The G20 Leaders' Summit, held concurrently with COP29, sought to foster dialogue among nations to facilitate climate finance negotiations in Baku. However, the outcome fell short of expectations, making the issue a priority for COP30, which aims to secure \$1.3 trillion annually by 2035. Additionally, the concept note released by Brazil's BRICS presidency proposes, among its lines of action on climate change, the adoption of a "BRICS Leaders' Framework Declaration on Climate Finance." Yet a critical gap remains in these discussions: **climate justice financing**.

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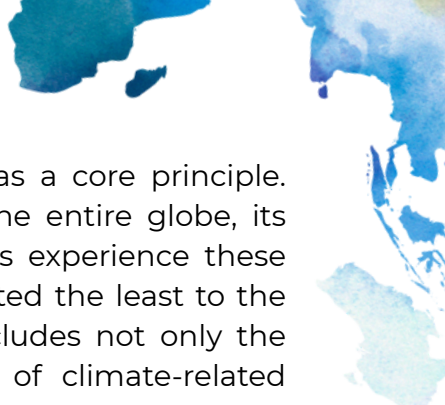


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It is essential that climate finance incorporates climate justice as a core principle. Climate justice recognizes that while climate change impacts the entire globe, its effects are not felt equally. Different countries and social groups experience these impacts in varying degrees. Alarmingly, those who have contributed the least to the climate crisis often bear the brunt of its consequences. This includes not only the direct impacts of climate change but also the repercussions of climate-related solutions that may not consider their needs.

Achieving climate justice is one of the foremost challenges of our time. To operationalize it in BRICS countries, we must propose strategic policies that ensure access to funding and promote socio-environmentally just technology transfer. There is also an urgent need to incorporate reparative and redistributive mechanisms into climate financing, alongside expanding discussions on fair global taxation and community-led funds.

The Conference

The conference **"Strengthening Climate Justice Financing in BRICS"** aims to foster a plural and high-level debate on climate justice among government representatives, researchers, academics, and members of civil society organizations and social movements.

The event will discuss the principles of climate justice financing, the geopolitical context, and BRICS' role in advancing reforms to the international financial architecture and global tax system. Additionally, it will showcase diverse experiences with community-led funds and financial mechanisms related to climate justice. The goal is to explore ways to influence BRICS nations to integrate this debate into their agendas and incorporate such instruments into their climate projects.

This conference is organized by the Socio-Environmental Platform of the BRICS Policy Center (BPC), in partnership with the Brazilian NGO FASE, the International Association for Popular Cooperation - Baobab and the Tricontinental Institute, with support from the Climate and Society Institute (ICS).

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International Conference (Day 1): Strengthening Climate Justice Financing in BRICS

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| 09:00 a.m | <p>Opening Keynote: Climate finance and other priorities of the Brazilian BRICS presidency</p> <p>Panelists: Her Excellency Mrs. Ministra Paula Barboza (BRICS 2025 General Coordinator) (<i>TBC</i>), Mrs. Judith Santos (MST and BRICS People's Civil Forum 2025) and Mrs. Paula Sandrin (Socio-Environmental Platform/BRICS Policy Center)</p> |
| 10:30 a.m | <p>Panel 1: What Is Climate Justice Financing, and How Does It Fit into the Post-G20 (Brazil) and Pre-BRICS Debate on Taxation of Wealth and Transnational Corporations?</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Céres Hadich (Landless Rural Workers' Movement - MST and the Brazilian Social Participation Council)</p> <p>Panelists: Mrs. Mariana Matamoros (Dejusticia), Mrs. Maureen Santos (Socio-Environmental Platform/BRICS Policy Center and FASE) and Mrs. Marcela Vecchione (Center for Advanced Amazonian Studies/UFGPA)</p> |
| 13:00 p.m | Lunch |
| 14:00 p.m | <p>Panel 2: Experiences from Community-Led Funds and Climate Justice Financial Mechanisms: How Could BRICS Incorporate These Mechanisms?</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs. Ivonete Carvalho (National Coordination of Black Entities - CONEN)</p> <p>Panelists: Mrs. Valéria Paye (Podáali Fund), Mr. Luis Costa (Finapop), Mrs. Florencia Lorenzo (Tax Justice Network) and Mr. Pedro Martins (FASE Amazônia)</p> |
| 16:00 p.m | Break |
| 16:30 p.m | <p>Panel 3: Official Financial Mechanisms Under Debate: Where Is the Funding for Climate Justice?</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs. Fernanda Feil (Universidade Federal Fluminense - UFF)</p> <p>Panelists: Mr. André Aquino (Ministry of Environment, Brazil), Mr. Luiz Moura (Baobab and MST) and Sr. Dhruva Purkayastha (Council on Energy, Environment and Water - CEEW, India)</p> |
| 18:30 p.m | End of Day 1 |

May 7th, 2025

International Conference (Day 2): Strengthening Climate Justice Financing in BRICS

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| 09:00 a.m | <p>Panel 4: From BRICS to COP30: How to Advance the Climate Finance Debate Through Climate Justice?</p> <p>Moderator: Mrs. Cintya Feitosa (Institute for Climate and Society - iCS)</p> <p>Painelistas: His Excellency Mr. Leulseged Tadesse Abebe (Ethiopia Embassy), Mrs. Tatiana Berringer (Special International Office of the President of the Republic), Mrs. Marina Paula Oliveira (Movement for Popular Sovereignty in Mining - MAM and Ecology WG of BRICS People's Civil Forum 2025) and Mrs. Kirsten Pearson (South African Institute of International Affairs - SAIIA, South Africa)</p> |
| 12:00 p.m | End of Day 2 and Conference Closing |

Additional Information

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