

COP30 PYCC Event “From Voices to Action: Children Shaping the Future of Climate Leadership”

Date: November 17, 2025 – Youth Day at COP30

Location: Children & Youth Pavilion, COP30 – Belém, Brazil

Background

In line with the mandate established under *Decision 16/CP.28*, the Presidency Youth Climate Champion (PYCC) is tasked with fostering the meaningful participation of children in climate action and decision-making processes.

Building on the COP29 session “*Voices of Tomorrow – Children at COP*”, this COP30 dialogue brings together Marcele Oliveira, COP30 PYCC; Cafu, former Brazilian football legend and social advocate; and child delegates from Belém in an open roundtable.

The session will serve as a bridge between children’s lived experiences and global youth climate leadership, offering space to listen, reflect, and co-create ideas for a more inclusive and sustainable future.

Objective

To provide a safe, inclusive, and empowering space for children to express their perspectives, ideas, and visions for climate action, while connecting them directly with youth leaders engaged in the UNFCCC process.

Format

An interactive roundtable designed for and with children, moderated by a representative from UNICEF or the Alana Institute, featuring:

- Marcele Oliveira, COP30 Presidency Youth Climate Champion
- Child delegates from Belém, Pará

The conversation will be held in Brazilian Portuguese, and it will be informal, engaging, and child-centered, encouraging participants to reflect on:

- What *climate leadership* means to them;

- How children can inspire and lead change in their homes, schools, and communities;
- How global processes like the COP can better include their perspectives.

Safeguarding

All **Children & Youth Pavilion safeguarding protocols** will be strictly followed to ensure a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment.

Social media, photography, and documentation will comply with pavilion consent and privacy procedures.

Partners

- UNICEF
- Alana Institute
- Save the Children
- Center for Global Education
- Plant for The Planet

Time	Segment	Description
0'–5'	Welcome & Introduction	Moderator (UNICEF / Alana) opens the session. Brief context on Decision 16/CP.28 and purpose of the event. Introduce speakers and highlight safeguarding / participation principles.
5'–10'	Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcele Oliveira, COP30 PYCC: Welcoming message on child participation and youth leadership.

10'–30'	Children's Roundtable Discussion	<p>Interactive conversation with child delegates from Belém. Guiding questions (facilitated by the moderator):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does <i>climate leadership</i> mean to you? • How can children inspire change in their homes, schools, and communities? • What support do children need from leaders and decision-makers?
30'–35'	Reflections & Key Messages	<p>Moderator invites children and speakers to summarize key ideas.</p>
35'–40'	Closing & Group Photo	<p>Moderator thanks participants and partners. Reiterate safeguarding reminders. Group photo (with consent).</p>