

*Press Release*

**Launch of the Country Platform Hub at COP30: Strengthening Country Leadership for Climate and Development Finance**

Belém, Brazil, November 15, 2025 – At COP30, in a major step forward to align global support and investments with national climate priorities, 13 countries and one region today announced plans to develop country platforms through the Green Climate Fund (GCF)'s readiness programme. The announcements were made at a high-level ministerial event co-hosted by Brazil's Ministry of Finance and the GCF.

Announcements were made by Cambodia, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, India, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Mongolia, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Rwanda, South Africa and Togo, and a regional platform to bring together African Island States Climate Commission member countries was also announced. These platforms join the Brazil Climate and Ecological Transformation Investment Platform announced in 2024, and the Caribbean Regional Platform for Catalyzing Resilience and Climate Action announced in 2025. The platforms will transform climate strategies into coherent, efficient, and impactful investment pathways that drive systemic climate action.

The [Brazil Investment Platform for Climate and Ecological Transformation](#) is part of a broader Brazilian government strategy called the [Ecological Transformation Plan](#). Led by the Ministry of Finance, the plan's mission is to build new productive foundations for the country based on the low-carbon economy that will increasingly dominate the future. The government views this transformation as a major opportunity for Brazil to advance with domestic technologies and high-quality jobs.

In addition, global partners announced the launch of the Country Platform Hub (CP Hub), a new collaborative initiative that strengthens country leadership and ownership in mobilizing climate and development finance. The Hub is part of COP30's Solutions Acceleration Plan and reflects a push for stronger international coordination to help countries build domestic capacity and investment frameworks to support the climate transition.

The CP Hub connects and supports national efforts to design and operationalize country platforms that accelerate investments aligned with climate, Just Transition and sustainable development goals. It serves as a coordination mechanism linking countries to technical

assistance, knowledge and finance, ensuring that global support systems respond effectively to country needs rather than duplicating efforts.

The Hub builds on partnerships among key global initiatives, including the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the NDC Partnership, the Climate Vulnerable Forum and the V20 Group of Finance Ministers, Finance in Common (FiCS), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Capacity-Building Coalition (GCBC). Coordination will be anchored in ministerial networks such as the COP30 Circle of Finance Ministers, the Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action, and the CVF–V20.

Guided by a Steering Committee with a majority of developing-country representatives, the CP Hub will operate through a light Secretariat supported by the Africa Climate Foundation (ACF) during its incubation. Seed funding of almost USD 4million will finance early activities, including governance, coordination, knowledge sharing, and a Spark Plug window for early-stage country platform design.

By connecting country demand with existing initiatives and finance ecosystems, the CP Hub seeks to translate global ambition into practical action. It represents a key milestone in advancing the Baku-to-Belém Roadmap and strengthening the financial and institutional architecture for climate and development.

Declarations:

Tatiana Rosito, Secretary for International Affairs, Ministry of Finance of Brazil:

"The launch of the Country Platform Hub reflects Brazil's commitment to advancing concrete, country-led solutions for scaling climate finance. Through our action plan, we are working to strengthen national capacity, connect initiatives across regions, and ensure that developing countries lead the design of their own investment and transition strategies."

Dr. Sam Mugume Koojo, Special Representative of the Minister and Co-Chair, CoFMCA – Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda

"The Country Platform Hub represents a new era of country-led climate and development action. By connecting existing institutions, strengthening South-to-South engagement and leadership, and ensuring that finance, knowledge, and technical support flow in a coordinated and equitable manner to maximize efficiency and effectiveness, we are empowering countries to drive their own adaptation, resilience, and transition strategies. The Hub will deliberately promote transparency, collaboration, and unwavering support for the nations shaping the future of climate ambition."

Sara Jane Ahmed, Managing Director and Finance Advisor CVF-V20:

“When it comes to delivery units, country platforms, and the new hub for direct access and flexible support to regional, national, and local institutions, the direction of travel is unmistakable: countries are taking the lead, and this must be matched with direct access to finance. The Hub can channel direct funding to national and local institutions, so countries can choose their own partners and service delivery support based on fit and shared goals. This critical design modality can help drive the implementation of Climate Prosperity strategies. There is no substitute for national and local capacity—it is the true engine of transformation.”

Mafalda Duarte, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund (GCF):

“I commend Brazil and Uganda for their leadership in convening the Country Platform Hub. The Green Climate Fund (GCF) looks forward to exploring opportunities to support this effort. Country platforms represent a strategic opportunity for countries to bring the whole of government, the private sector, and development partners around one process to identify priority policies and investments as well as align public and private finance, international and domestic. GCF is proud to be a partner of choice in bringing these platforms to life through our Readiness Program - the largest climate-focused institutional strengthening and technical assistance program in the world.”

Pablo Vieira, Global Director, NDC Partnership:

“The Country Platform Hub will create a more connected and effective system of support, helping countries access the resources they need to design, operationalize and maximize the impact of country platforms to accelerate the implementation of their NDCs.”

Mary Schapiro, Chair of the Global Capacity Building Coalition:

“As seen through the support of the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero in countries such as Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, and Viet Nam, well-designed country platforms are key to mobilizing finance for climate and development goals. Through the new Country Platform Hub, the Global Capacity Building Coalition can help connect countries with the expertise and partners needed to accelerate progress — fostering collaboration and driving collective action across EMDEs in 2026 and beyond.”

Remy Rioux, Chair of FiCs:

“As Chair of FiCS, I welcome the CP Hub as a timely step toward greater coherence in the international system. With more than 500 public development banks, FiCS brings a unique capacity to connect national priorities with real investment pathways. NDBs are already driving the transition on the ground, and the Hub will help strengthen coordination across the global architecture to better support country ambition — including through initiatives such as the PDB Guarantee Hub, which can unlock greater risk-sharing and investment at scale in line with country priorities.”

Marcos Neto, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of UNDP's Bureau for Policy and Programme Support:

“The Secretary General announced at the Leaders Summit that countries can count on the UN's support for NDC implementation, directing the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to work across the system and build on the Climate Promise which supported over 100 countries on NDC preparation. UNDP is proud to leverage the Climate Promise alongside other partners and programmes, to strengthen country-led financing frameworks and platforms for the investment needed to accelerate NDC implementation. The Country Platform Hub is a critical instrument to deliver on this agenda and may count with full support from the UNDP.”

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