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From Bonn to Belém: Preparing for COP30

Key Takeaways

- This June, the 62nd session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SB62) in Bonn, Germany, convened to make progress on the agenda for COP30 in Belém, Brazil, amid tense negotiations and initial delays over unresolved issues from COP29. Much of the negotiations were also overshadowed by logistical concerns around COP30, including the affordability and accessibility of accommodations for the conference.
- Themes and priorities detailed in Bonn indicate that governments and civil society expect the private sector to play a central role in the outcomes of COP30, including supporting governments to deliver real emissions reductions; driving the Baku to Belém Roadmap and climate finance target of \$1.3 trillion; facilitating a just transition through workforce reskilling and equitable community engagement; and aligning with global adaptation goals.
- Looking ahead to COP30, forums such as the UN High-Level Political Forum, New York Climate Week, the UN General Assembly, and the World Bank and IMF Annual Meetings offer opportunities for private sector dialogue with negotiators, peers, and civil society to align and engage on mutually beneficial aims.

Outcomes from Bonn

The 62nd sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB62) — also known as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Bonn Climate Change Conference — took place from June 16 to 26, 2025, in Bonn, Germany. A key preparatory moment on the road to COP30 in Belém, Brazil, tense discussions over the adoption of the agendas delayed the start of formal negotiations for two days, as several unresolved issues from COP29 — including the adoption of the Global Stocktake (GST) outcome, financing for developing nations, and a lack of consensus on phasing out fossil fuels — impeded forward momentum. However, negotiators were eventually able to move forward via multiple parallel tracks, with some making more progress on draft texts than others.

For the private sector, several themes and priorities emerged that should guide strategic planning and action in the coming months toward COP30 in November:

- **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs):** Countries must submit updated NDCs ahead of COP30, with the deadline now extended until September. This third round is critical for putting the world on a path toward achieving the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement. A 2025 synthesis report, assessing progress and contributing to discussions in Belém, will be shared in October. Parties are counting on the private sector to play a pivotal role in both delivering real emissions reductions and supporting governments in raising their ambition.
- **Finance:** COP29 set an ambitious new finance goal for developed nations to mobilize \$300 billion in public financing annually, as well as a larger target of \$1.3 trillion in total climate finance by 2035, with the private sector expected to deliver a significant share. The COP29 and COP30 Presidents of Azerbaijan and Brazil recently held high-level consultations as part of their “Baku to Belém Roadmap” process — a joint initiative to develop a concrete implementation pathway for the finance goal, with a summary report forthcoming.

- **Just Transition:** Discussions in Bonn reinforced the Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP) agenda for a fair and inclusive transition from developed and developing countries alike, with continued momentum for the private sector to prioritize inclusive strategies that support workforce reskilling, community engagement, and equitable access to the benefits of the transition.
- **Adaptation:** The Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) seeks to reduce vulnerability and build adaptive capacities with targets and indicators for climate adaptation. The indicators under consideration, which are being negotiated by governments following expert consultations, have notable impacts on the private sector, including the deeper integration of climate resilience into supply chains, operations, and investment decisions as the adaptation and mitigation agendas become mainstream.

COP30 Action Agenda

Brazil's COP30 Presidency officially launched its Action Agenda for Belém in Bonn, structured as what Brazil is terming a "granary of solutions" focused on implementation, promoting systemic transformation and broad stakeholder engagement. The Action Agenda has 30 key objectives under six thematic axes: (1) Transitioning Energy, Industry, and Transport; (2) Stewarding Forests, Oceans and Biodiversity; (3) Transforming Agriculture and Food Systems; (4) Building Resilience for Cities, Infrastructure, and Water; (5) Fostering Human and Social Development; and (6) Unleashing Enablers and Accelerators, including on Finance, Technology, and Capacity Building.

The motto of the COP30 Presidency is to establish a global *mutirão*, aligning the efforts of businesses, civil society, all levels of government, and those outside the UN system in coordinated action around the achievement of the GST as a "Global NDC."

Schedule of Events

- **Sustainable Business (SB) COP (TBC):** The inaugural SB COP, spearheaded by Brazil's National Confederation of Industry (CNI) to engage the private sector in climate action, is expected to take place two weeks before COP30—although the organizers have yet to confirm the exact dates.
- **Local Leaders' Forum (November 3-5):** Announced during London Climate Action Week, the COP30 Local Leaders' Forum will take place in Rio de Janeiro. The forum, a partnership between Bloomberg and Brazil's COP30 presidency, will focus on bold local policies to improve lives while advancing global climate goals. Key events include the C40 World Mayors Summit, the Global States and Regions Summit, and the America Is All In Exchange.
- **World Leaders' Summit (November 6-7):** The annual World Leaders' Summit is scheduled to take place a few days before the official start of COP30. A concrete plan will be shared soon, including the location (Belém or Brasília, the site of the negotiators' Pre-COP from October 13-14).
- **COP30 (November 10-21):** COP30 is scheduled to take place in the Amazon city of Belém. While the COP Presidency plans to have thematic days throughout, as is typical at COPs, discussions at Bonn did not produce a clear list of themes or schedule — Brazilian delegates noted the calendar would be released soon.

Logistics for Belém

The Brazil COP30 Presidency faced numerous questions at Bonn over the high costs and availability of accommodation in Belém, including from civil society and the youth constituency. Brazil has promised to launch its official accommodation platform in the coming weeks, but it is unlikely to have enough beds to meet demand initially; the platform will launch with 2,500 rooms and scale up to a total of 29,000 rooms. Although Brazil has a track record of hosting major global events successfully (Rio+20, the World Cup, and the Olympics) despite logistics challenges, this current uncertainty may complicate Brazil's goal of an inclusive and representative COP30 process.

Considerations for Business

With momentum emerging from Bonn around climate finance, a just transition, stronger national commitments, and numerous additional priorities, the private sector plays a crucial role in shaping outcomes. COP30 presents an important opportunity to engage meaningfully with global leaders and peers on climate, particularly in the context of regulatory fragmentation, growing trade restrictions, and reputational risks.

As companies and other organizations weigh the extent of their participation at COP30, it is also key to consider the broader climate ecosystem to drive impact and successful outcomes before, during, and after COP30, including:

- Engaging with national governments to support and influence the updated NDCs due by September;
- Participating through official platforms like the SB COP to showcase climate commitments and climate leadership; and
- Supporting the adoption of adaptation metrics under the GGA and contributing to JTWP dialogues to ensure the private sector's perspective is incorporated into final agreements.

On the road to COP30, forums such as the UN High-Level Political Forum (July 14-23), New York Climate Week and the UN General Assembly (September 23-27), World Bank and IMF Annual Meetings (October 13-18), and preparatory G20 Meetings (July-November), offer opportunities for private sector dialogue with negotiators, peers, and civil society, to align and engage on mutually beneficial aims.

DGA Group is uniquely positioned to advise organizations on navigating this process, enabling them to seize opportunities while mitigating potential risks and ensuring they are recognized as influential and effective partners in delivering global climate solutions. With local, global, and sectoral experts who understand how to translate corporate values and commitments into terms that resonate across diverse stakeholder groups, DGA supports the development of COP30 strategies that drive both strategic and commercial success.

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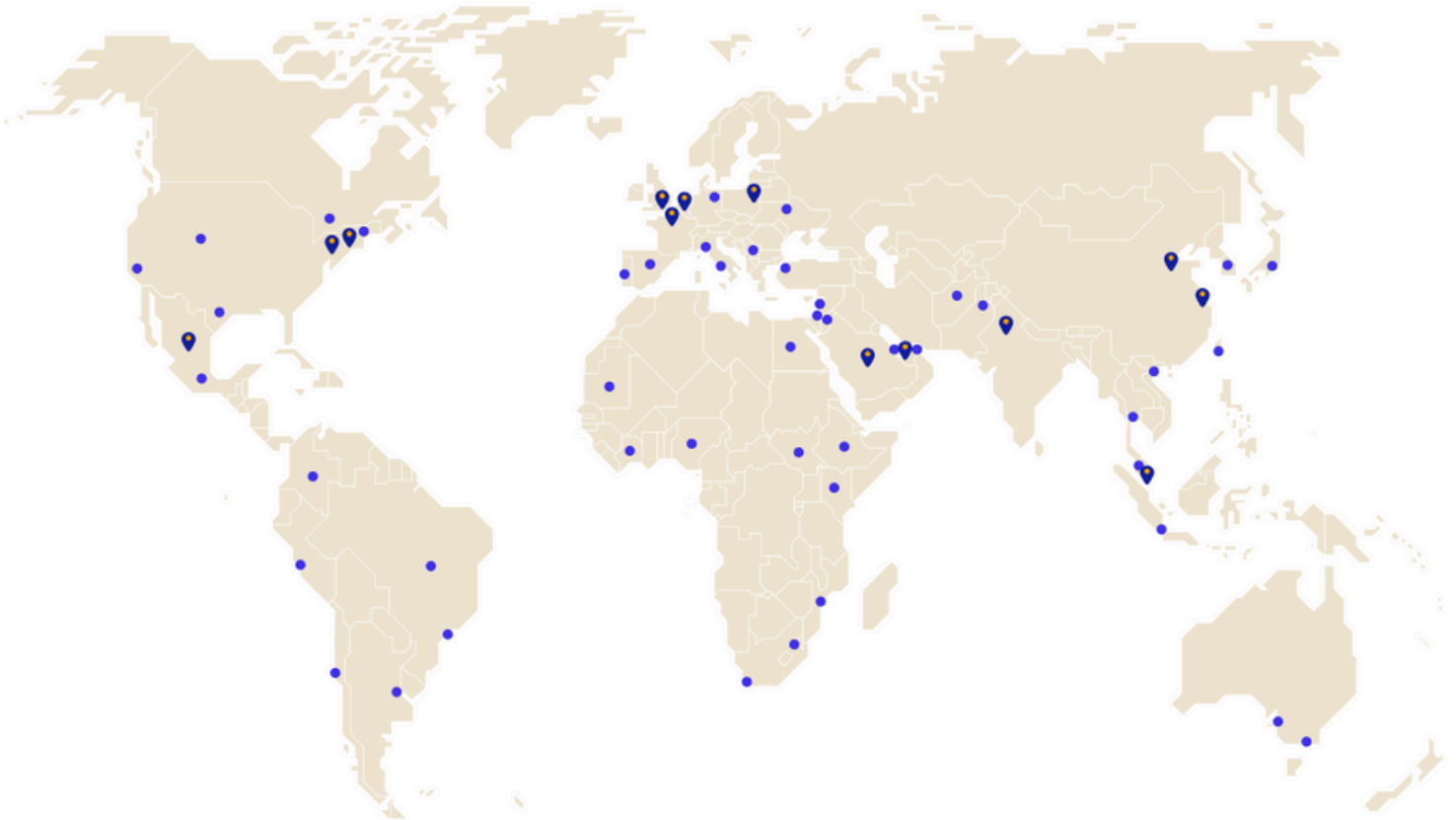
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