



COP 30 MEDIA ADVISORY: Tuesday, November 18, 11 - 11:30am BRT

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Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Leaders from Around the World Present Proven Conservation Solutions Amid Mounting Industrial Pressures on Tropical Forests

**COP 30 Press Conference In Person and [Livestream](#),
Nov. 18, 11 - 11:30am BRT**

Indigenous Peoples and local communities leaders from the world's largest forest basins will convene at this official COP30 press conference to address escalating fossil fuel and industrial pressures across tropical forests and spotlight Indigenous Peoples and local communities-led pathways to regeneration.

Speaking at the press conference will be co-authors of a new report by the Global Alliance of Territorial Communities (GATC) and Earth Insight — [Indigenous Peoples' Territories and Local Communities on the Frontlines: Mapping Threats and Solutions Across the World's Largest Tropical Forests](#) — which exposes the vast scale of industrial threats from oil, gas, mining, logging, and large-scale agriculture across the Amazon, Congo Region, Indonesia, and Mesoamerica. These regions are home to 35 million Indigenous Peoples and local communities safeguarding forests vital to global climate stability and biodiversity.

Speakers will call for widespread support of the [The Answer is Us Campaign](#), [Brazzaville Declaration](#), and GATC's Five Demands: secure land rights, guarantee free, prior, and informed consent, ensure direct financing, protect defenders, and integrate traditional knowledge into global policy.

WHAT: OFFICIAL COP 30 PRESS CONFERENCE: Fossil Fuel & Industrial Threats to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Territories Across the Tropics — New Study.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 18, 11.00-11.30 am BRT (30 minutes)

**WHERE: In Person: Blue Zone, Press Conference Room 2, Area D, Press 2
Livestream: <https://unfccc.int/cop30>**

WHO: ***Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Spanish, Portuguese, French and Bahasa Indonesia**

- **Juan Carlos Jintiach**, Executive Secretary, Global Alliance of Territorial Communities (GATC)
- **Florencia Librizzi**, Deputy Director, Earth Insight (moderator)
- **Kleber Karipuna** and/or **Dinaman Tuxá**, Co-Executive Coordinators of the Articulation of the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB)
- **Joseph Itongwa**, Regional Coordinator for REPALEAC (Central Africa)
- **Harrison Ajebe Nnoko**, Executive President and CEO, AJESH
- **Rukka Sombolinggi**, Secretary General, AMAN (Indonesia)
- **Fany Kiuru Castro**, General Coordinator, Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon River Basin (COICA)
- **Olo Villalaz**, AMPB leader, Alianza Mesoamericana de Pueblos y Bosques (AMPB) (Mesoamerica)

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About the Global Alliance of Territorial Communities (GATC)

The Global Alliance of Territorial Communities brings together more than 36 million Indigenous Peoples and local communities across 24 countries who defend 958 million hectares of forests. GATC's regional members include the Indonesian Alliance of Indigenous Peoples of the Archipelago (AMAN); the Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests (AMPB); the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB); the Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA); and the Network of Indigenous and Local Populations for the Sustainable Management of Central African Forest Ecosystems (REPALEAC), united in protecting territories, safeguarding biodiversity, and advancing climate solutions through ancestral governance and traditional knowledge.

About Earth Insight

Earth Insight builds critical transparency tools and momentum for restricting fossil fuel, mining, and other industrial expansion threats to key ecosystems and Indigenous Peoples and local communities. Our research, communications, and engagement work are central to supporting policy interventions that key political and financial actors can make to protect critical ecosystems as a vital step toward addressing both the biodiversity and climate crises.