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## UNAMAZ STAND AT COP30 BRINGS INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION AND DEBATES ON THE AMAZON

From November 10 to 21, the city of Belém is hosting the 30th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30), an event that brings together global leaders, researchers, and civil society representatives to discuss challenges and solutions related to climate change.

The Amazonian Universities Association (UNAMAZ) will participate in the Green Zone, a space dedicated to civil society and education and research institutions, where it will have its own stand. The venue will host panels, presentations, and debates on issues related to environmental governance, education, and sustainable development in the Pan-Amazon region.

The program will feature national and international organizations, such as the Ministry of Education (MEC), the Brazilian Institute of Information in Science and Technology (IBICT), the Energy Council, the Peruvian Society for Environmental Law, the UNAMAZ National Chapters in Bolivia and Colombia, and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) from India.

One of the highlights will be the presentation of the UNAMAZ Strategic Plan 2025-2030, a document that defines the axes of cooperation, integration, and institutional strengthening for the next five years, as well as the Strategic Projects of the eight Amazonian countries aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

UNAMAZ's activities at COP30 are part of a broader movement to revitalize the Association, which aims to strengthen scientific, environmental, and educational cooperation networks among Amazonian universities and their international partners, contributing to a more sustainable future for the entire region.



JOSÉ SEIXAS LOURENÇO  
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# UNAMAZ TO PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE AT COP30 IN BELÉM



The Amazonian Universities Association (UNAMAZ) will have a strong presence in the official program of the 30th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30), which will take place in Belém (PA). The organization will participate from the early days of the event with a stand in the Green Zone, promoting debates, launches, and presentations that highlight the role of academic and scientific cooperation among the countries of the Amazon region.

Among the initial activities, a key moment will be the presentation of the UNAMAZ Strategic Plan 2025–2030, a document that defines the Pan-Amazon Projects developed by the UNAMAZ National Chapters and establishes guidelines for strengthening university integration and sustainable development in the Pan-Amazon region. The program also includes the launch of the Pan-Amazon Biotechnology Center, IWASAI, and sessions dedicated to traceability and certification of biotechnological products.

Throughout the conference, the UNAMAZ stand will host panels and meetings on topics such as innovation, higher education, environmental conservation, and sustainable socioeconomic development.

The program aligns directly with the Thematic Axes of COP30

- **November 10 and 11:** Adaptation, Cities, Infrastructure, Water, Waste, Local Governments, Bioeconomy, Circular Economy and Tourism.
- **November 12 and 13:** Health, Jobs, Education, Culture, Justice and Human Rights, Information Integrity, Workers and Global Ethical Balance.
- **November 14 and 15:** Energy Systems Transformation, Industry, Transport, Trade, Finance, Carbon Markets and non-CO<sub>2</sub> Gases.
- **November 17 and 18:** Planetary and Community Management (Forests, Oceans, Biodiversity), highlighting Indigenous Peoples, Local and Traditional Communities, Children and Youth.
- **November 19 and 20:** Food, Family Farming, Food Systems, Food Security, Equity (Women, Gender, Black Communities) and the role of Science, Technology and Artificial Intelligence.

With this participation, UNAMAZ reaffirms its strategic role in promoting research and academic training as pillars for building solutions to the climatic challenges of the Amazon region.

## SIGA MEETING AT UNAMAZ

BioTec Amazônia, the Amazonian Universities Association (UNAMAZ), the International Academy of Gastronomy, and the newly created Amazon Gastronomy Academy held a meeting on September 2 at the BioTec Amazônia headquarters in Belém to discuss strategies for strengthening Pan-Amazonian gastronomy. The meeting was led by Professor José Seixas Lourenço, Pro-Tempore President of UNAMAZ, and was attended by representatives from the Federal University of Pará (UFPA) and the Federal Institute of Pará (IFPA). During the discussion, Professor Seixas Lourenço emphasized that integration between the academies and educational institutions opens new possibilities for the international projection of Amazonian gastronomy, reinforcing Belém's recognition as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy.



Representatives of UNAMAZ and BIOTEC Amazônia with Gustavo Braga (Vice President of the Brazilian Gastronomy Association) and professors Álvaro Espírito Santo (UFPA), Gisele Arouck (UNAMA), and Djane Bentes (IFPA).

## BIOECONOMY AMAZON SUMMIT



The Amazonian Universities Association (UNAMAZ) played an active role in the second edition of the Bioeconomy Amazon Summit (BAS), held on July 30 and 31, 2025, in Manaus (AM), reinforcing the role of science in building a sustainable bioeconomy for the region. Organized by the UN Global Compact – Brazil Network and the venture capital firm KPTL, the event brought together representatives from governments, companies, academia, and traditional communities in a space for dialogue on innovation, sustainability, and the valorization of Amazonian knowledge. During the panel “Science as a Lever for Bioeconomy Business”, the Pro-Tempore President of UNAMAZ, Professor José Seixas Lourenço, highlighted the institution’s initiatives aimed at strengthening pan-Amazonian scientific integration and promoting biodiversity-based solutions, underscoring UNAMAZ’s commitment to sustainable development and to positioning the Amazon as a key player in the global climate agenda.

## AMAZONIAN DIALOGUES - BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

The Amazonian Universities Association (UNAMAZ) participated in the 2025 Regional Meeting of the Amazonian Dialogues, held from August 18 to 22 in Bogotá (Colombia). The event preceded the V Summit of Presidents of the State Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) and brought together government representatives, Indigenous and Afro-descendant leaders, civil society, and academia from the eight Amazonian countries. Over five days of activities, participants discussed central topics for the region’s future, such as governance, environmental management, health and food sovereignty, sustainable economy, bioeconomy, and climate finance. UNAMAZ emphasized the strategic role of scientific integration and intercultural education in strengthening public policies, valuing traditional knowledge, and promoting sustainable development across the Pan-Amazon Region.

Among the recommendations presented to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) were the titling of Indigenous and Afro-descendant territories, the creation of exclusion zones for extractive activities in protected areas, the strengthening of the Amazon Regional Observatory (ARO), and the transition toward a true sociobioeconomy.

The delegations also advocated for the institutionalization of UNAMAZ within the framework of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty as a way to consolidate scientific cooperation and knowledge management among Amazonian universities. Under the theme “Living Amazon, Safe Humanity”, the Amazonian Dialogues 2025 reaffirmed the joint commitment of governments, universities, and forest peoples to climate justice, social equity, and environmental protection, paving the way for COP30, to be held in November 2025 in Belém (PA).



The Executive Secretary Pro Tempore of UNAMAZ, Nazaré Imbiriba, and the Member of the UNAMAZ Advisory Council, Mariano de Castro, with Angel Viloria (Education Coordinator of OTCA), Gustavo Westman (Diplomat), and Eliana Jimenes (UNAL/Leticia Director).

# AMAZON GASTRONOMY SYMPOSIUM

Belém hosted the 1st International Amazon Gastronomy Symposium (SIGA) on August 28 and 29, 2025, at the auditorium of the Institute of Applied Social Sciences (ICSA/UFPA). Supported by the Amazonian Universities Association (UNAMAZ), the event brought together chefs, researchers, specialists, and representatives from national and international organizations around the theme "Regional Gastronomy and Sustainability", aligned with global debates leading up to the UN COP30, also scheduled for November in the capital of Pará.

Organized by the Brazilian Academy of Gastronomy (ABG) in partnership with the Federal University of Pará (UFPA), the symposium established itself as a space for dialogue across different areas of knowledge. The program included keynote lectures, roundtables, presentations, and scientific papers on sustainability, food culture, gastronomic routes, and experiences from UNESCO Creative Cities of Gastronomy.



The event welcomed renowned authorities and specialists, including Claude Fischler (France), Per-Olof Berg (Sweden), Sidiana Macedo (UFPA), Marcos Miguel (UFRJ), and the Spanish Rafael Ansón Oliart, honorary president of the International Academy of Gastronomy. During the opening, José Seixas Lourenço, Pro-Tempore President of UNAMAZ, highlighted the importance of international cooperation and strengthening gastronomy as a multidisciplinary field. José Luiz Borges, President of ABG, emphasized that gastronomy serves as a link between science, culture, and sustainable development. The event concluded with the reading of the Belém Charter, reaffirming gastronomy as an instrument of integration and sustainability, followed by a technical visit to Ilha do Combú, where participants observed sustainable extractive practices and tasted products made from Amazonian cocoa.



Chef Morena Leite together with the Executive Secretary Pro Tempore of UNAMAZ, Nazaré Imbiriba, and professor Giselle Arouck from the University of the Amazon (UNAMA).

## AMAZONTECH: MEETINGS ON INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMAZON

From September 4 to 6, AmazonTech 2025 transformed the Paricarana Campus of the Federal University of Roraima (UFRR) into a hub of innovation, technology, and sustainability. Born in Roraima and already held in seven states of the Legal Amazon, the event returned to the capital of Roraima, bringing together entrepreneurs, researchers, investors, startups, community leaders, and representatives of traditional peoples around the theme "Innovation and Sustainability for the Future of the Amazon."



Consolidated as one of the main spaces for scientific and technological integration in the region, AmazonTech reinforced its role in promoting sustainable socioeconomic development, connecting science, technology, and entrepreneurship in favor of a more inclusive and innovative Amazon. The program included exhibitions, workshops, hackathons, business arenas, and innovation showcases, in addition to activities focused on gastronomy and regional culture. A highlight was the lecture by Professor Jane Márcia Pinto Moura, who represented the Pro-Tempore President of UNAMAZ, José Seixas Lourenço, in the Bioeconomy axis, with the topic "Economic, Rational, and Sustainable Use of Amazonian Biodiversity." By integrating different sectors of society, the event reaffirmed its relevance as one of the main forums in the Legal Amazon dedicated to bioeconomy and sustainable innovation, highlighting the importance of scientific cooperation and the valorization of natural resources as a basis for a more prosperous and balanced future in the region.

## UNAMAZ HONORS 50 YEARS OF UFPA'S METEOROLOGY PROGRAM



On September 22, the Amazonian Universities Association (UNAMAZ) participated in the commemorative ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the Meteorology program at the Federal University of Pará (UFPA), held in the auditorium of the Institute of Geosciences in Belém. Representing the President of UNAMAZ, Professor José Seixas Lourenço, Professor Sônia Guerreiro highlighted the historical trajectory and relevance of the program, created in 1975 with the support of then Professor Lourenço and Professors Ellen Cutrim and Sônia herself, the first coordinator of the undergraduate program.

A pioneer in the Northern region and the third Meteorology program in Brazil, the course has already trained 491 professionals who today work in universities, research institutes, public agencies, and international organizations. During the event, the advances in academic training, the program's importance in addressing climate change challenges, and the strategic role of Meteorology in preparing the Amazon for COP30 were emphasized. The celebration was attended by faculty, administrators, and representatives of the National Institute of Meteorology (INMET), reaffirming the importance of scientific cooperation for the sustainable development of the region.

The Amazon Parliament (Parlamaz) held its 12th Ordinary Assembly on October 8 at the Federal Senate in Brasília, bringing together parliamentarians from the eight countries that make up the Legal Amazon. The meeting, supported by the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), marked the beginning of institutional activities in preparation for COP30. Representing the Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ) were its Pro-Tempore President, José Seixas Lourenço, and the organization's consultant, Ambassador Carlos Alfredo Lazary.

During the meeting, participants discussed strategic issues for the future of the Amazon region, such as forest preservation, protection of Indigenous peoples, strengthening dialogue with sectors that use natural resources sustainably, and expanding the institutionalization of the Amazon Parliament. The assembly emphasized the urgency of intensifying efforts to protect the environment and promote the rights and quality of life of Amazonian populations.

## UNAMAZ AT THE AMAZON PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLY



The State Deputy of Acre, Socorro Neri, delivers a speech at the Amazonian Parliament Assembly.

## UNAMAZ PARTICIPATES IN PRE-COP EVENTS



The President Pro Tempore of UNAMAZ, Professor Seixas Lourenço, with Senator Nelsinho Trad and Carlos Lazary, Ambassador and Consultant of UNAMAZ.

The Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ) took part in the official program of the Pre-COP30, held last Thursday (October 9) at the Chamber of Deputies in Brasília. Invited by the environmental organization International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF), the Pro-Tempore President of UNAMAZ, Professor José Seixas Lourenço, attended the event alongside the organization's Consultant, Ambassador Carlos Alfredo Lazary. The agenda brought together experts and representatives from various sectors committed to the sustainable development of the Amazon region.

Among the day's highlights was the Parliamentary Dialogue "Bioeconomy for the Conservation of the Amazon," promoted with the support of the Parliamentary Group of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (GP-ACTO). The discussion addressed the importance of advancing an economy based on sustainability and the responsible valuation of the forest's natural resources. UNAMAZ's participation reinforces its commitment to environmental conservation and the responsible use of Amazonian biodiversity, contributing to the construction of public and scientific policies aimed at the region's sustainable future.

## REGIONAL INTEGRATION: UNAMAZ PARTICIPATES IN GLOBAL MEETINGS IN LIMA

The Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ) was present, in September and October, in Lima, the capital of Peru, participating in a series of international gatherings. UNAMAZ's agenda included events organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and a visit to the Brazilian Embassy in Peru.

On September 29, the Regional Consultative Meeting of Major Groups and Other Stakeholders of UNEP took place.

During the meeting, the Association discussed issues related to biodiversity and sustainability, rights in traditional territories, and a just energy transition, reinforcing its role as a voice for Amazonian science and education in Latin America and the various Amazon regions.

On October 1 and 2, UNAMAZ participated as an Observer in the XXIV Meeting of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean. The event addressed key topics from the Lima Ministerial Declaration, including green and circular economy, regional cooperation, and preparations for COP30. The Association's presence highlighted its commitment to strengthening international cooperation in South America.



The Executive Secretary Pro Tempore of UNAMAZ, Nazaré Imbiriba, flanked by Eledilse Formigosa, Technical Advisor of UNAMAZ, and the Brazilian Ambassador in Lima, Clemente de Lima Baena Soares.



Concluding the agenda, the Brazilian Embassy in Lima hosted the Pre-COP30 Seminar on October 3, inviting UNAMAZ to join the program. On the occasion, Professor Maria de Nazaré Imbiriba, Pro-Tempore Executive Secretary of UNAMAZ, emphasized the regional specificities of different Amazonian areas. She stressed that Amazonian countries, though diverse, are interdependent for sharing the same BIOME – the Amazon. She also presented the UNAMAZ Strategic Plan 2025–2030 and the Association's agenda for COP30. The trip to Peru demonstrates UNAMAZ's commitment to integrating universities from different countries in pursuit of a common goal: the scientific and technical development of the Amazon in a sustainable manner.

## UNAMAZ AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ALIGN JOINT PARTICIPATION AT COP30

The Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ) and the Ministry of Education (MEC) held a virtual meeting on October 17 to align the institutions' joint programming during COP30, which will be hosted in Belém. During the meeting, details were discussed regarding the shared booth in the Green Zone, a space designated for civil society institutions, which will operate on November 12 and 13. The MEC has been an important supporter in the process of revitalizing UNAMAZ. The proposal is to use the space to present institutional materials and initiatives focused on educational and environmental areas, highlighting the role of education in promoting sustainability in the Amazon.

## UNAMAZ AND THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN STRENGTHEN DIALOGUE FOR COOPERATION IN THE AMAZON



UNAMAZ and the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) advanced their cooperation for sustainable development in the Amazon. In a meeting held at CAF headquarters in Brasília, they discussed the development of a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed during COP30, which will formalize the partnership and strengthen joint projects. UNAMAZ's Strategic Plan 2025-2030 projects were presented. CAF also shared information on its investments in international cooperation, knowledge management, and the Innature Lab project, focused on bioeconomy and sustainable forest management.

## UNAMAZ AND THE WORLD BANK DISCUSS JOINT ACTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMAZON

UNAMAZ and the World Bank discussed new partnerships for sustainable development in the Amazon during a meeting held on October 15 in Brasília. The meeting addressed the revitalization of UNAMAZ, strengthening integration between education, science, and the environment, and presented the "Living Amazon" program, which supports sustainable economy initiatives and the protection of vulnerable groups. Both institutions explored potential short- and medium-term collaborations aimed at promoting sustainability in the region.

## UNAMAZ AND THE GERMAN EMBASSY DISCUSS EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCESS TO THE AMAZON FUND



Representatives of the Amazonian Universities Association (UNAMAZ) met on the afternoon of Tuesday (October 21) with the Deputy Ambassador of Germany and his team at the German Embassy headquarters in Brasília. The meeting aimed to present the UNAMAZ restructuring project and discuss new possibilities for cooperation between the institutions.

The UNAMAZ delegation included the Acting President of the organization, Professor José Seixas Lourenço, and Ambassador Carlos Alfredo Lazary. Among the main topics discussed was the importance of the Amazon Fund, an initiative to which Germany is one of the main donors. Discussions also addressed expanding access for Pan-Amazonian institutions to the Fund's financial resources. The Embassy representatives expressed support for UNAMAZ submitting a formal request to broaden the eligibility criteria for financing.

Another highlight of the meeting was the recognition of the importance of education and science as pillars for the sustainable development of the region. In this context, the work of the German Center for Research and Innovation in São Paulo (DWIH-SP) was presented, which promotes knowledge exchange between Brazil and Germany. Through this dialogue, UNAMAZ may strengthen its partnership with the Embassy by coordinating actions with institutions linked to DWIH-SP and expanding the boundaries of academic cooperation in the Amazon.

## UNAMAZ AND ABC ADVANCE DIALOGUE ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Promoting integration among Amazonian universities—strengthening scientific production and the exchange of experiences and knowledge—was the focus of the meeting held on October 16 between UNAMAZ and the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC). Ambassador Maria Luiza Silva highlighted ABC's history in sustainable development projects and research on herbal medicines, expressing interest in learning more about UNAMAZ's member universities and their fields of study.

Among the proposals presented, UNAMAZ's participation in the Knowledge Observatory was highlighted, allowing its associated institutions to contribute to expanding scientific production in the region.

ABC also suggested closer collaboration with the Amazon Cooperation Strategic Agenda (AECA), an initiative aimed at deepening regional integration among Amazonian countries, enhancing UNAMAZ's presence in discussions on sustainable development. At the end of the meeting, the Acting President of UNAMAZ, Professor Seixas Lourenço, invited the Agency to participate virtually in UNAMAZ's booth at COP30 and agreed to hold monthly remote meetings to continue cooperation efforts.



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