

## **Cali to Belém: United action on climate, nature and food transformation – for our peoples**

Your Excellencies President Petro and President Lula,

Society is in the grip of a socio-economic, climate and biodiversity crisis. People on the frontlines are already living through the nightmare of a warming and changing planet.

Today, we have a historic opportunity to change course. Your leadership in the ecological transition can make the decisive difference. The world urgently needs to transition away from fossil fuels, halt and reverse nature loss, ensure food security, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

As hosts of COP16 and COP30, Colombia and Brazil can forge an enduring partnership that will guide the world by demonstrating the interconnectedness of climate and nature. Together, you can champion bold action to ensure our efforts to protect nature are aligned with climate action, while placing the urgent transformation of our food systems at the heart of our shared mission for a sustainable future.

Governments will be updating their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which are due in February 2025. With your leadership, we can make ‘peace with nature’ the principle that gives shape to these national climate action plans.

We are a network of businesses, investors, scientists, Indigenous Peoples, youth and civil society organizations who are steadfastly committed to support and work with you on this ‘one year of united action on climate, nature and food’.

We already have the foundations for necessary ambition: the commitments made under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Paris Agreement, and its Global Stocktake – including the Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action and the Joint Statement on Climate, Nature and People – serve as our collective blueprints. **We are ready to support your leadership in mobilizing all actors to deliver these three outcomes to protect what we love:**

- **Strengthen national climate plans to deliver a triple win for people, nature and food security** by aligning decade-defining NDCs and national biodiversity strategies (NBSAPs) and integrating national food systems pathways across both - with clear policies and action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, including sustainable ocean management and by ending deforestation by 2030.
- **Scale up investment for nature and food system transformation** by aligning financial flows with the Paris Agreement and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, delivering on its biodiversity finance [commitment](#) and at least [tripling](#) finance by 2030, prioritizing direct access to finance for farmers, Indigenous Peoples, and Local Communities.
- **Support the full and effective participation of farmers, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities** across climate, food system and nature policy development, decision-making and monitoring, ensuring that these changemakers' rights and

contributions to unlocking sustainable development, economic prosperity and safeguarding of our planet are front and center.

COP16 to COP30 – both set against backdrops of the world’s most biodiverse natural landscapes – are our most powerful reminder that we need to act now to protect and restore what is sacred to us, in order to ensure thriving societies and economies.

This is a moment of possibility and a moment of decision. You are the first generation of leaders to truly understand the dual climate and nature crisis, but also the last generation of leaders able to address it in a timely manner. Whether or not COP16 and COP30 make history is now within your grasp. We stand united with you to seize this moment.

Yours,

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