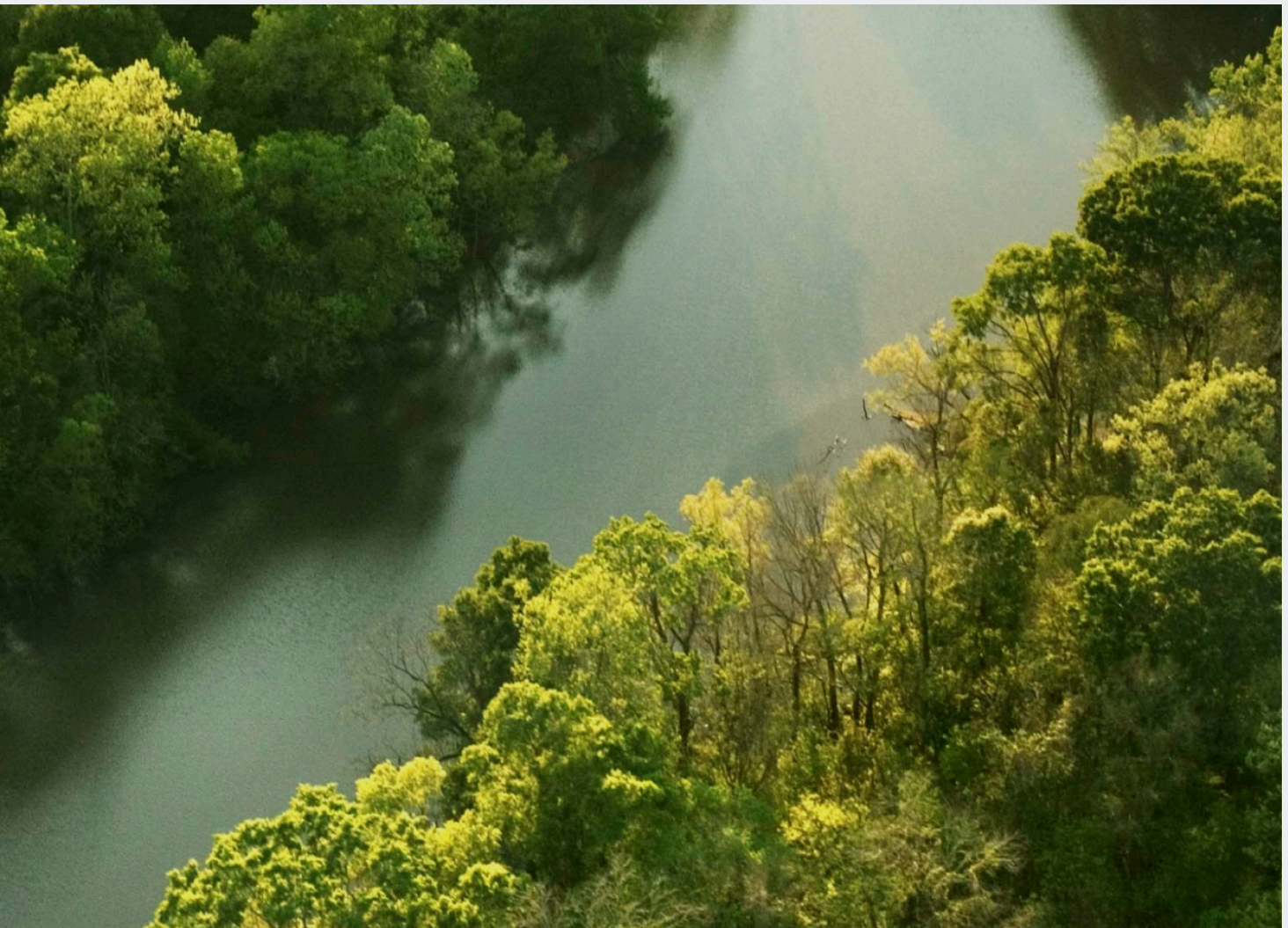


Welcome to the Nordic Pavilion

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Climate Smart Societies

10.00-10.45

Circular solutions from the Nordic built environment

The most sustainable buildings are the ones that are already built, but if they are not enough? The Nordics have long worked on transforming their buildings in a more sustainable and circular direction, but the building and construction sector is still one of the largest emitters of CO2 in the Nordic region. Regulations can be a driver for change and so can new sustainable sources of materials. These can be used to lower the footprint of building and construction. The session will showcase concrete solutions and tools that can be used in the building and construction and that can be replicated by others.

Organizer

Nordic Innovation

MODERATOR

Lena Henriksson

Head of
Communications,
Nordic Innovation

SPEAKER

Gustav Sjøstad

Global Lead, Hydro

SPEAKER

Sindre Bornstein

CEO, Nordic
Innovation

SPEAKER

Mark Fletcher

Global water lead,
Arup

SPEAKER

Gry Langbakk

Director, Innovation
Norway

11.30-12.15

Urban Connections for a Sustainable Future

Bridging Nordic and South American perspectives for urban sustainability

This session explores the crucial role of cities in advancing sustainability and climate action through international cooperation, highlighting the exchange between Nordic and South American cities. Moderated by ICLEI, the discussion will showcase inspiring examples of local innovation and collaboration that demonstrate how city networks can accelerate transformative action. Among these initiatives, the Malmö Commitment stands out as a strong example of how local governments can collectively drive progress towards inclusive, resilient, and climate-neutral development. Alongside other urban best practices, it illustrates the potential of shared learning and joint efforts to scale up sustainable and adaptive solutions across regions.

Organizer

ICLEI, South America Secretariat

MODERATOR
Florencia Mitchell,
Consejo Federal de
Inversiones
CFI,
Argentina

SPEAKER
Ben Jorgensen
Clean Cluster

SPEAKER
Javier Morales
Executive Director of
La Fabrica of
Renca

SPEAKER
Isabel Swan
Vice-Mayor of Niteroi

14.00-14.45

Circular Innovations and business models to achieve the World's sustainable development goals

Showcasing Nordic company solutions, for example Norwegian, Finnish company, Swedish company. Showcasing good Nordic tips, tricks and concrete tools to enable circular business models and a transition to the circular economy in both companies and countries. Circular Economy Playbook. Data-sharing playbook. Circular design program, City Innovation Programme.

Organizer

Nordic Innovation

15.30-16.15

Youth Voices for Climate Justice

Youth Recommendations from Roskilde Festival to COP30: Turning Art, Grassroots Movements, and Politics into Climate Action

UN Youth Delegates Sigurd Krabbe (Denmark) and Marcele Oliveira (Brazil) will present and discuss youth-led climate recommendations with COP30 decision-makers. The recommendation paper was developed at Roskilde Festival in Denmark, where youth from all around the world met through art, grassroots collaboration, and political dialogue to explore new ways of shaping a just green transition. The session highlights how creative and inclusive spaces can inform global climate policymaking.

Organizers

Nordic Council of Ministers

MODERATOR
Niina Aagaard
Head of
Communications,
Nordic Council of
Ministers

SPEAKER
Beatriz Triani
International Adviser
to the COP30 PYCC

SPEAKER
Sigurd Krabbe
Denmark's Youth
Delegate to the UN for
Climate and
Environment

17.00-18.00

Healthy Diets within Planetary Boundaries

This session will bring together international and Nordic expertise to inspire collective action towards healthier lives within planetary boundaries. The Nordic region offers valuable lessons learned, such as trusted public-private partnerships, science-based policy frameworks, and strong innovation ecosystems that connect health, environment, and productivity. At the same time, there are still huge health and sustainability challenges that require a strong multilateral cooperation.

Organizers

Food Nation; Nordic Council of Ministers

MODERATOR
Lise Walbom
CEO, Food Nation

SPEAKER
Morten Enggard Rasmussen
Executive Vice
President, People &
Stakeholder Relations,
Novonosis

SPEAKER
Jacob Jensen
Minister for Food,
Agriculture and
Fisheries of Denmark
SPEAKER
Chiara Villani
Senior officer,
Global engagement,
Alliance of Bioversity
and CIAT

SPEAKER
Karen Ellemann
Secretary General,
Nordic Council of
Ministers

SPEAKER
Oliver Camp
Environment and Food
Systems Advocacy
Advisor, GAIN

18.00 - 19.00

Bioeconomy and Food Systems Reception

The food systems and bioeconomy reception in the Nordic pavilion aims to create a meeting space for food systems and bioeconomy actors at COP30 to meet each other and discuss actions and solutions forward. The reception will mark the launch of the joint Nordic Minister declaration and the opening day of COP30 and the Nordic pavilion.

Organizers

Nordic Council of Ministers; Denmark, Finland; UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

SPEAKER

Jacob Jensen

Minister for Food, Agriculture
and Fisheries, Denmark

SPEAKER

Karen Ellemann

Secretary General, Nordic
Council of Ministers

SPEAKER

Soili Kangaskorpi

Ambassador for Climate and
Environment, Ministry for
Foreign Affairs of Finland

10.00-10:45

Plant-Based Diplomacy in the North and the South

Building bridges between diverse stakeholders across the world

This debate explores how Denmark's pioneering plant-based policies and funding mechanism can be adapted to different political, cultural and economic contexts.

- What specific Danish plant-based policy tools can inspire change in different political and economic context?
- How can foodsystems become part of countries NDCs?
- What can the north learn from the south?
- Investments are needed in order to change towards a more plant-based food system. What would you like to invest in, innovation, education or something else?

Organizer

Danish Plant-Based Diplomacy

MODERATOR
Rune-Christoffer Dragsdahl
Executive Director
representing Danish
Plant-Based
Diplomacy

SPEAKER
Hon. Mr. Seidu Issifu
Minister of State,
Climate Change &
Sustainability, Ghana

SPEAKER
Ms. Lea Wermelin
Member of Parliament
& Former Minister of
Environment,
Denmark

SPEAKER
Mr. Jesse Schevel
Head of Brussels
Office at Union of
Dutch Greenhouse
Growers, representing
World Farmers
Organization (WFO)

SPEAKER
Ms. Lara Gilmour
Director of Policy &
Sustainability, Global
Pulses Confederation

11.30-12:15

Driving Food Systems Transformation

Linking Climate Action, Biodiversity, and Sustainable Diets

This side event will discuss how biodiversity is being integrated into food systems transformation and nutrition strategies, building on the UNFSS+4 Call to Action. It will draw on global, regional, and local perspectives to showcase how nature-positive approaches can strengthen sustainable production, restore ecosystems, promote healthy diets, support livelihoods, and enhance resilience in food systems in line with the 2030 Agenda.

Organizer

UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

MODERATOR

Mr Khaled Eltaweel

UN Food Systems
Coordination Hub

SPEAKER

Dr. Marcela Quintero

Associate Director
General, Research
Strategy and
Innovation, Alliance of
Bioversity
International and CIAT

SPEAKER

Ms Lise Walbom

CEO, Food Nation

SPEAKER

Mr. Simon Springett

Resident Coordinator
for Barbados and the
Eastern Caribbean

13.00-14.00

Innovative Circular Bioeconomy Solutions for a Sustainable Future

A Sustainable bioeconomy provides solutions for societies seeking alternatives to replace fossil materials. Building livelihoods and innovations on circular use of bio-based resources is key to success. Sharing knowledge and experiences of cooperation leads to lasting and inclusive transformation.

Organizer

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

Co-organizer

World Bioeconomy Association

MODERATOR

Jukka Kantola

Chair, World
Bioeconomy
Association

SPEAKER

Rokiatou Traoré

Founder & Executive
Manager, Herou
Alliance

SPEAKER

Jane Molony

Executive Director,
Paper Manufacturers
Association

SPEAKER

Claus Felby

Vice President for
Agriculture and Food
in the Foundation

SPEAKER

Laura Sokka

Principal Researcher,
Finnish Environment
Institute

15.30-16.30

Sustainable aquatic food systems

A people-centered approach for planetary and human health

Aquatic food systems remain an overlooked and underutilized potential in global food systems dialogue. This event will convene a dynamic and diverse group of panelists, including young and local voices alongside high-level policy makers, scientists, and key UN agencies. Together they will explore possible solutions and ways to achieve sustainable food systems that delivers safe and nutritious food for all. Including how a people centred approach might drive dietary changes for better nutrition and climate.

Organizer

Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries

Co-Organizers

Global Action Network: Sustainable Food from the Ocean and Inland Waters for Food Security and Nutrition; Nordic Council of Ministers

MODERATOR

Anita Utheim Iversen
Specialist Director,
Norwegian Ministry of
Trade, Industry and
Fisheries, Head of
Global Action
Network: Sustainable
Food from the Ocean
and Inland Waters for
Food Security and
Nutrition

SPEAKER

Wellington Dias
Minister for
Development and
Social Assistance,
Family and Fight
Against Hunger, Brazil

SPEAKER

**Andreas Bjelland
Eriksen**
Minister of Climate
and Environment,
Norway

SPEAKER

Karen Ellemann
Secretary General,
Nordic Council of
Ministers

SPEAKER

Bente Torstensen
Director, Nofima,
Norway

SPEAKER

Anita Utheim Iversen
Specialist Director,
Norwegian Ministry of
Trade, Industry and
Fisheries, Head of
Global Action
Network: Sustainable
Food from the Ocean
and Inland Waters for
Food Security and
Nutrition

SPEAKER

Jéssica Levy
Postdoctoral student,
Fisheries Institute,
University of São
Paulo, Brazil

SPEAKER

Lawrence Haddad
Executive Director,
GAIN

SPEAKER

Sanda Ojiambo

Assistant Secretary-
General of the United
Nations Global
Compact

17.00-18.00

Climate and Nature at the Crossroads

Lessons from the Nordic countries and Brazil

Join renowned nordic scientists Johan Rockström and Alex Antonelli - a Brazilian scientist based in the Nordic region - as they explore the vital links between climate and biodiversity. This dynamic conversation will highlight cutting-edge research, contrasts and connections between the Nordic countries and Brazil, and discuss how science can be made more relatable and inspiring across cultures and regions.

Organizers

Alexandre Antonelli, Hidden Universe: Biodiversity (HUB) Foundation; Johan Rockström, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

MODERATOR
Niina Aagaard

Head of communication, Nordic
council of ministers

SPEAKER

Johan Rockström

Director of the Potsdam
Institute for Climate Impact
Research and Professor in
Earth System Science at the
University of Potsdam

SPEAKER

Alexandre Antonelli

Chair and Co-founder of HUB,
Executive Director of Science at
RBG Kew, UK

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Mitigation

09.00-09.45

Building Tipping Point Governance

Regional Science-Policy Interchanges for Anticipating, Avoiding & Adapting

This workshop brings together scientific experts and regional leaders to advance governance innovation for monitoring and responding to planetary risks from nonlinear tipping elements (e.g. AMOC, Amazon). It will build on the [2025 Global Tipping Points Report concept note](#) for a global network of Tipping Element Monitoring and Response Facilities (TEMRFs). Participants will identify key design considerations, building blocks, and starting points for implementation.

Organizers

The Institutional Architecture Lab (TIAL)

Co-organizers

The Brazilian Center for International Relations (CEBRI), University of Oslo; Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Sao Paulo

MODERATOR
Jessica Seddon
Co-Founder, The
Institutional
Architecture Lab

SPEAKER
Karen Ellemann
General Secretary,
Nordic Council of
Ministers

SPEAKER
Marielos Peña-Claros
Co-chair, Science
Panel for the Amazon

SPEAKER
Arunabha Ghosh
South Asia Special
Envoy to COP30 and
CEO, Council on
Energy, Environment,
and Water, India

10.00-10.45

Addressing the Triple Planetary Crisis

Arctic, Nordic, and global perspectives

The Arctic is at the frontline of the triple planetary crisis— the term adopted by the UN to describe the three interlinked global crises of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. The event will bring together prominent speakers to address the questions: What is the current state of the three crises globally, in the Nordics, and in the Arctic? How is the international community responding to them and what are the challenges ahead? What kind of solutions do we need for moving forward?

Organizer

Arctic Monitoring & Assessment Programme (AMAP)

Co-organizer

Nordic Council of Ministers

MODERATOR
Gosia Smieszek-Rice
AMAP

SPEAKER
Karen Ellemann
General Secretary,
Nordic Council of
Ministers

SPEAKER
Martin Krause (TBC)
Climate Change
Division, UNEP

SPEAKER
Gunn-Britt Retter
Saami Council

SPEAKER
Rolf Rødven
AMAP, Executive
Secretary

11.30-13.30

Collective Action for Gender Equality and Climate Justice

Overcoming Pushback Through Collaboration and Bridge Building

As challenges to addressing climate action and advancing gender equality increase globally, collective action that unites governments and grassroots movements is important to pushback against the pushback and make progress. The Nordic Council of Ministers is leading collective action both across the Nordic region and in partnership with the Feminist Action for Climate Justice (FACJ) Action Coalition, a global multi-stakeholder partnership inclusive of governments, grassroots women and youth led organizations, NGOs, philanthropies, financial institutions, UN agencies and the private sector convened by UN-Women under its Generation Equality Forum.

This event will bring together leaders from governments, UN agencies, civil society and youth and grassroots organizations to explore how to energize feminist climate justice approaches to collaboration, bridge building and collective action to advance climate change solutions that center gender equality. Topics covered will include concrete examples on collaborative gender-responsive approaches globally, regionally and nationally that span levels and types of organizations; how organizations are funding collaborative work; employing gender-responsive synergies across the Rio Conventions to build capacity and support for their work; and how to identify and overcome challenges.

This will be a dynamic dialogue with opportunities for audience engagement followed by a networking reception.

Organizers

Generation Equality; Nordic Council of Ministers

MODERATOR

Bindu Bhandari

Programme
Specialist, Gender-
responsive Climate
Action, UN Women

SPEAKER

Karen Ellemann

General Secretary,
Nordic Council of
Ministers

SPEAKER

Sarah Hendriks

UN Women's PPID
Director

SPEAKER

Bindu Bhandari

Programme
Specialist, Gender-
responsive Climate
Action, UN Women

14.00-14.45

Short-Lived Climate Forcers in the Arctic

Policy Pathways for Arctic Warming: Revisiting Scientific Understanding of Methane

Short-lived climate forcers, particularly methane, contribute significantly to Arctic warming. The Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme and IPCC use climate models to project future impacts, informing policy decisions. The Global Methane Pledge aims to cut emissions 30% by 2030, and recent modeling shows how these reductions could affect Arctic climate. The session will explore methane's role, evolving scientific understanding, and policy implications for emission reductions.

Organizer

Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme

MODERATOR
Maria Kvalevåg
AMAP Secretariat

SPEAKER
Kaarle Kupiainen
Finland

SPEAKER
Ulas Im
Aarhus University

SPEAKER
Rolf Rødven
AMAP

SPEAKER
Tom Grylls
CAF

15.30-16.15

MRBT: Fast track climate solution for residual waste

Shifting from post-landfill capture to pre-landfill methane prevention

Showcasing how shifting from landfill gas capture to pre-landfill methane prevention through biological stabilization and sorting can cut emissions, support circularity, and align with the Paris Agreement and the Nordic vision.

Organizer

Zero Waste Europe (ZWE)

Co-organizer

International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) & Clean Air Task Force (CATF)

MODERATOR
Ian McKee
Founder & CEO,
Carrot

SPEAKER
Janeke Vahk
Zero Pollution Policy
Manager, ZWE

SPEAKER
James Law
President, ISWA

SPEAKER
Jonathan Banks
Global Director,
Methane, CATF

16.45-17.30

Transforming the future cropping system

Developing resilient crops in the face of climate change

Professor Eske Willerslev from the University of Copenhagen and University of Cambridge is leading the AEGIS programme, which aim to decode and understand how ecosystems and crops responded and adapted to past climatic changes. And ultimately answer how this knowledge can be applied to contemporary agricultural challenges.

The event will include a presentation of AEGIS and a panel discussion on the future of the global cropping systems and the use of technological genomic advances in ensuring global food security in a changing climate.

Organizers

Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark and University of Copenhagen.

MODERATOR

Lasse Bruun
Director, Food and Climate, UN Foundation

SPEAKER

Jacob Jensen
Minister for Food Agriculture and Fisheries

SPEAKER

Karen Ellemann
Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers

SPEAKER (keynote)

Eske Willerslev
Professor, University of Copenhagen and University of Cambridge

PANELIST

Dr. Todd Rosenstock
CGIAR's Science Director for Climate Action

PANELIST

Dr. Silvia Massruhá
President of Embrapa (Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation)

PANELIST

Martial Bernoux
Senior Natural Resources Officer, FAO

9.00-9.45

EU–UN Cooperation: Advancing Peace & Resilience with Locally Led Climate Solutions

EU–UN Cooperation for Climate Security: Advancing Peace and Resilience Through Locally led Climate Technologies and Solutions

Climate change multiplies risks, particularly in fragile contexts, threatening peace and security. Responding to the Global “Mutirão” and inspired by the Nordic Vision of cooperation, the session highlights how multilateral action delivers scalable, locally led solutions for peace, resilience, and security. It will offer a platform for high-level representatives and practitioners to reflect on their experience, good practices and lessons learned in advancing conflict sensitive, locally led solutions and approaches for advancing transformational climate action.

Organizers

European Union (EU); United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); UN Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)

Co-organizers

Government of Mexico; Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE); Solar Cookers International

MODERATOR
Mr. Tony Agotha
EU Special Envoy for
Climate and
Environment,
European External
Action Service

SPEAKER
TBC

SPEAKER
**Ms. Alicia Bárcena
(TBC)**
Secretary of the
Environment and
Natural Resources,
Government of Mexico

SPEAKER
Ms. Inger Andersen
Under-Secretary-
General of the United
Nations and Executive
Director of the United
Nations Environment
Programme

SPEAKER
Mr. Alan Bigelow
Program and Science
Director, Solar
Cookers International

SPEAKER
Ms. Ariesta Ningrum
Director, UN Climate
Technology Centre and
Network (CTCN)

SPEAKER
Ms. Ileana Ávalos
R. PhD, Project
Coordinator, CATIE

10.00-10.45

Circularity in Minerals – how can we use what we have already?

Recycling of CRM

Critical raw materials are necessary for the green transition, scarce, and in the hands of a few countries. We must work to recycle and reuse what minerals and metals we have excavated already, to have a more equitable distribution of resources. Nordic Ambitions in the area of recycling and reuse of critical raw materials are high, but both regulation and business are emerging. Who will use the recycled materials and who are the customers? Which concrete tools can be used to collect, sort and recycle raw materials in EE waste, industrial side streams and mining slugs. Showcasing Nordic EPR schemes, collection and sorting schemes as well as recycling technologies.

The politicians would like us to recycle, but who will use the material? Can the Nordics build their own refinery capacity and recycling of critical raw materials. We have many of the critical raw materials, we know how to recycle, but do we manage to take care of the materials that we have? Geopolitics and trade war in CRM, Nordic solutions

Organizer

Nordic Innovation

MODERATOR
Lena Henriksson
Nordic Innovation,
Head of
Communications
SPEAKER
Pär Langhans
Ragn Sells AS

SPEAKER
Sindre Bornstein
CEO, Nordic
Innovation

SPEAKER
Hanne Simensen
EVP, Hydro ASA

SPEAKER
Heidi Peltonen
VP Sustainability,
Outokumpu

11.30-12.15

Securing energy in a shifting world

Nordic approaches to resilient and sustainable energy

A troubled world calls for stronger energy cooperation. Climate risks, geopolitical tensions, and volatile markets underscore the importance of energy resilience. The Nordics demonstrate how renewables, efficiency, and innovation can create resilient, sustainable energy systems. What lessons can the world learn from their path toward a sustainable energy future?

Organizers

Nordic Energy Research & Green by Iceland

MODERATOR
Klaus Skytte
CEO, Nordic Energy
Research

SPEAKER
**Andreas Bjelland
Eriksen**
Minister of Climate
and Environment,
Norway

SPEAKER
Mattias Frumerie
Climate Ambassador
and Head of
Delegation to
UNFCCC, Sweden

SPEAKER
**María Erla
Marelsdóttir**
Ambassador of
Climate, Iceland

14.00-14.45

Scaling Wind Energy Deployment

Nordic Insights for Global Action on the Paris Agreement

A dialogue on scaling wind energy: Nordic experience meets international perspectives on innovation and deployment on the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement. The session examines how lessons from the Nordic region can inform global action and speed up the energy transition worldwide. It will showcase how innovation and large-scale deployment can advance the Paris Agreement and guide collaboration across borders.

Organizer

WindEurope

MODERATOR

Maliya Lazli

Partnerships Lead,
GlobalABC

SPEAKER

Morten Dyrholm

Group Senior-Vice
President, Vestas

SPEAKER

Phil Cole

Director of Industrial
Affairs, WindEurope

SPEAKER

Guilherme Melo

Delivery Director,
Statkraft

SPEAKER

Matt Hinde

Head of International
Policy, National Grid

17.00-18.30

Small Nations, Big Impact: Building Value Chains for Green Innovation

Showcasing stories of impactful deep-tech solutions and startup journeys from small Nordic nations

The panel explores how small nations can foster deep-tech startups and cross-border value chains to drive green innovation. Public and private sector voices will discuss models and frameworks to build-up novel businesses on domestic markets, enable export, and create testbeds for new technologies. Dialogue between policymakers and startups showcasing best practices to build-up and maintain lively ecosystem for green innovation—from national scale to international growth.

Organizers

Environmental Investment Centre (Estonia) <https://www.kik.ee/en>

Co-organizers

Ministry of Climate of Estonia

MODERATOR

Helen Sulg

Head of Chamber of
Development and
Partnerships,
Environmental
Investment Centre

SPEAKER

Nemaiila Bonturi

PhD, Co-founder &
CEO, Aio Tech OÜ

SPEAKER

Sindre Bornstein

Managing Director,
Nordic Innovation

SPEAKER

Lisbet Frey

Project Manager,
DIMECC

9.00-9.45

LoCAL+: financing adaptation at scale

UNCDF to build on experience with Denmark and unlock private sector finance for adaptation

Denmark's support for the UNCDF Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility is a model for locally led adaptation in Africa. Now it's time for action at scale - with greater private sector investment.

The new LoCAL+ offers a new private sector financing window to provide guarantees, loans and other tailored financial products to small and medium-sized enterprises and service providers working in the green economy.

Organizer

UN Capital Development Fund

Co-organizers

Denmark, Uganda, Sao Tome & Principe

MODERATOR
Damiano Borgogno,
UNCDF LoCAL Global
Programme co-lead

SPEAKER
Nilda Borges da Mata
Minister of
Environment, Youth
and Sustainable
Tourism, Sao Tome
and Principe

SPEAKER
Bob Natifu
Assistant
Commissioner in
Uganda's Ministry of
Water and
Environment, Climate
Change Department,
Uganda

SPEAKER
Melissa Tipping
UNCDF LoCAL Global
Programme co-lead

SPEAKER
**Mette Nørgaard Dissing-
Spandet**
Head of the Department of
Green Diplomacy & Climate,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
Denmark

10.00-10.45

Nordic Climate Solutions

Don't stop the music

The Nordic Investment Bank and its clients lead the way in creating and implementing innovative climate solutions to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. This session showcases real-world examples of sustainable development from the Nordic-Baltic region accelerating progress toward a carbon-neutral future.

From the audience: NIB Head of Sustainability is invited to participate in a dialogue with them simulating the one which would take place in real life. NIB's President would reflect how this would be considered when granting a loan.

Organizer

Nordic Investment Bank

MODERATOR
Jukka Ahonen
Head of
Communications, NIB

SPEAKER
Andreas Föllér
Chief Sustainability
Officer, TRATON AB

SPEAKER
Kaisa Mustajärvi
Professor of Practice
Biodiversity and
Natural Capital,
Development
Manager, City of
Tampere, Finland

SPEAKER
Guilherme Melo
Delivery director,
Statkraft Brazil

11.30-12.15

Nordic insights: Key role of catalytic and early-stage financing for climate solutions

COP30 is a milestone event aiming to reinforce multilateralism and international collaboration, connect climate change to individuals and the economy, accelerate national climate commitments and implementation and mobilise more and better-quality climate finance, through the ambitious Roadmap from Baku to Belém.

In our event at the Nordic Pavilion at COP30, we aim to showcase our global work through an active engagement with our strategic partners, such as MDBs, private sector, Nordic stakeholders and project beneficiaries from the Global South. We will focus on showcasing how we support innovation and early-stage catalytic climate financing by discussing examples of the impact of our projects. The event will talk about the important role of the Nordic collaboration in mobilising climate finance for development.

Focusing on early-stage catalytic climate financing and innovation, we gather Nordic and global partners to discuss best practices to support transformative climate solutions to benefit vulnerable regions and communities.

Organizer

Nordic Development Fund

MODERATOR
Satu Santala
Managing Director,
Nordic Development
Fund

SPEAKER
Louise Hermann
Lead Policy Specialist
on Environment &
Climate at SIDA

SPEAKER
Sashi Jayatileke
Senior Director of
World Climate
Foundation's IMCA
Secretariat

SPEAKER
Stacy Swann
Director of Blended
Finance, IDB Finest

14.00-14.45

Moving Beyond Climate Neutrality

The Nordic Path to Climate Positivity

The Nordic countries are among the first in the world to commit not only to net-zero emissions, but also to becoming net-negative soon after. United by regional cooperation, renewable energy, and ambitious policy frameworks, they are proving what's possible in practice. As the world hesitates, can the Nordics inspire bolder climate action?

Organizer

Nordic Energy Research

MODERATOR

Johanna Hlin Audunsdottir
Director of Climate and Sustainability, Landsvirkjun, National Power Company of Iceland

SPEAKER

Dan Jørgensen
European Commissioner for Energy and Housing, EU

SPEAKER

Sakari Puisto
Minister of Economic Affairs, Finland

SPEAKER

Ole Thonke
Climate Ambassador, Denmark

15.30-16.15

Financing the Future

Nordic Youth Voices on Climate Finance

In this panel discussion, Nordic Youth will share their opinions on what effective and fair implementation of climate finance should look like and explore key questions about the state of negotiations and the responsibilities of the Global North in supporting binding commitments for climate finance. Panellists will each get 5 minutes of speaking time per question, and then questions from the audience will be allowed to provide further room for discussion.

Organizer

Generation Climate Europe (GCE)

MODERATOR

Zvezdana Božović
GCE

SPEAKER

Sigurd Krabbe
Youth Delegate of Denmark, Danish delegation to COP30

SPEAKER

Bianca Garvin
Finance & Markets Working Group Co-Coordinator (YOUNGO)

SPEAKER

TBD

17.00-17.45

Climate Strategies for Banks

Best Practices

The Nordic Investment Bank is joined by two banks for an informal dialogue on climate strategies for banks and how they are starting to impact their banking operations and their relationships with clients in key sectors.

This session showcases real-world examples of how climate strategies and climate risks considerations are changing the way banks extend credit to the real economy.

Organizer

Nordic Investment Bank

MODERATOR &
SPEAKER
Luca De Lorenzo
Head of Sustainability
and Mandate

SPEAKER
**Thorbjørn Lundholm
Dahl**
Head of Group
Sustainability, Danske
Bank

SPEAKER
Tomo Ishikawa
Chief Regulatory
Engagement Office,
MUFJ

17.45-19.00

NORDIC FINANCE RECEPTION – UNITED FOR CLIMATE ACTION

A warm welcome to the Nordic Finance Reception at COP30 in Belém, Brazil, at the Nordic Pavilion, hosted by Nordic Investment Bank and Nordic Development Fund.

As we conclude the Nordic Finance Day at COP30, let's get together for a relaxed networking. It's a chance to connect and reflect on the day's discussions.

The event will be opened by:

André Kүүsvek,
NIB President & CEO

Satu Santala,
NDF Managing Director

Organizers

Nordic Investment Bank & Nordic Development Fund

Snacks and drinks will be served at the event. No pre-registration required.

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Energy

10.00-11.00

Equitable Energy Transitions

Powering Local Action for Lasting Global Impact

Nordic universities and Global South partners explore how education and research can empower communities toward decentralized energy systems and local engagement. The session aims to identify best practices, foster North–South collaboration, and shape strategies to educate future changemakers for inclusive, sustainable energy systems within planetary boundaries.

Organizers

NTNU and KTH, Aalto
MODERATOR

Espen Moe

Professor, NTNU

SPEAKER

Åsa Persson

Strategic Advisor &
Researcher, Swedish
Climate Policy Council
and KTH

SPEAKER

Susan Ann Samuel

PhD Researcher,
University of Leeds

SPEAKER

Lori Regattieri

Strategic Manager,
Research & Digital
Transformation at
Climate and Land Use
Alliance (CLUA) and
associate researcher
at NetLab UFRJ

SPEAKER

Mika Järvinen

Associate Professor,
Aalto University

SPEAKER

**Pedro Crespo del
Granado**

Associate Professor,
NTNU

11.30-12.15

Hydrogen Valleys Across Regions

Connecting the Nordics and South America for a Green Future

The Nordics and South America are frontrunners in renewable energy and clean hydrogen. Both regions invest in hydrogen from renewable sources as a cornerstone for industry and maritime sectors. Closer North–South cooperation and knowledge sharing could accelerate innovation and deployment, showcasing how to unlock the benefits of clean hydrogen. Can we together realise its full potential for the global energy transition?

Organizer

Nordic Energy Research

MODERATOR

Nils Røkke

Executive Vice
President
Sustainability, SINTEF,
Norway

SPEAKER

Gustavo Cienfuegos

Latin America
Managing Director,
Topsoe, Argentina

SPEAKER

Helena Sarén

Head of Zero Carbon
Future Mission,
Business Finland

SPEAKER

Jakob Haugaard

Director at the Danish
Maritime Authority

12.30-13.15

Nordic Energy Lunch Mingle

Nordic Energy Research invites international and Nordic experts, policymakers, academics, and industry representatives to connect and exchange insights at the Nordic Pavilion. This networking event provides an informal space to share perspectives and explore new collaborations. What new ideas and alliances can emerge to advance the global energy transition?

Organizer

Nordic Energy Research

14.00-14.45

Powering Equality

Inclusive Energy Transition – A Nordic Path to Equality

The Nordic region is known for its commitment to equality, yet women remain underrepresented in the energy sector – one of the least gender-diverse industries. This is not only a Nordic issue but a shared global challenge. The event highlights why gender balance matters for the green transition, sharing overlooked perspectives and best practice examples. Can equality become a driving force for a more sustainable energy future?

Organizer

Nordic Energy Research

MODERATOR

Klaus Skytte

CEO, Nordic Energy Research

SPEAKER

Astrid Rusås

Kristoffersen
Director Research & Development, DNV, Norway

SPEAKER

Ása Berglind

Hjálmarsdóttir
Member of Parliament, Iceland

SPEAKER

Morten Dyrholm

Group Senior Vice President, Marketing, Communications, Sustainability and Public Affairs at Vestas Wind Systems A/S, Denmark

17.00-18.00

Decolonizing the Energy Transition

A Call for Fair Rules, Just Finance, and Global Solidarity

The panel will explore how to prevent extractive injustices in the global energy transition and brings together experts to discuss principles for a just, inclusive, and rights-based transition, emphasizing fair finance, global solidarity, and national ownership and how to embed these principles on national (including Nordic) and international level. The panel will also discuss how to align financial flows, strengthen coherence, and enable Global South leadership in shaping equitable transitions.

Organizers

Oxfam

MODERATOR

Hilde Stroot

Oxfam

TRANSLATOR

Mateo Adarve Zuluage

Oxfam

SPEAKER

TBC

SPEAKER

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Biodiversity & Forests

10.00-10.45

Growing the ocean economy sustainably: Can the Nordics lead the way?

Halfway through the ocean decade, we find ourselves at an inflection point for the world's oceans. While marine activity is increasing across a variety of sectors, alarm bells are sounding for many indicators of ocean health. This underscores the need to balance growth with protection – in other words, to create a sustainable ocean economy in practice. Is the Nordic region, with its marine traditions and strong innovation ecosystems, best placed to lead this development? At this session, we will share concrete examples of blue innovations with green potential from across the Nordic region, while also providing a birds-eye view of where the Nordic ocean economy is now and where it might be headed in the future. We will also examine how the conundrum of ocean wealth versus ocean health is handled at the policy level.

Organizer

Nordic Innovation

MODERATOR

Kristina Bär
Senior
Communications
Adviser, Nordic Council
of Ministers

SPEAKER

Edwin Alders
Service Manager –
Decarbonisation and
Environmental
Sustainability/Global
Assurance Services,
DNV

SPEAKER

Dr Laura Sokka,
Principal researcher,
Climate solutions and
sustainability, Finnish
Environment Institute
(Syke)

11.30-12.15

Accelerating the transition

From humanitarian aid to climate finance

In fragile contexts, NGOs support ecosystem restoration and build the foundations for climate finance readiness. ODI climate finance expert will moderate a fire-side exploration of practical channels for climate finance to conflict affected communities. How can these pathways be formalised to meet climate actors expectations? What have we learned and what are the opportunities that are yet to be concretised? With ICRAF, the Somalia BRCiS Consortium and the government of Denmark, it charts a path from aid to climate opportunity.

Organizers

Norwegian Refugee Council, BRCiS Building Resilient Communities in Somalia & ODI Global

MODERATOR
Rebecca Nadin
Director, Risk and Resilience, ODI Global

SPEAKER
Leigh Ann Winowiecki
Theme Leader, Soil and Land Health
CIFOR ICRAF

SPEAKER
Gareth Phillips
Manager for Climate and Environmental Finance, African Development Bank

SPEAKER
Perrine Piton
Chief of Party, BRCiS Consortium, NRC Somalia

SPEAKER
Mette Norgaard Dissing-Spandet
Ambassador and Director for Green Diplomacy and Climate, MFA Denmark

14.00-14.45

Ensuring Rights, Integrity and Impact in the Tropical Forests Forever Facility

Tropical deforestation is a complex socio-economic challenge that demands bold political and economic solutions. As discussions around the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF) advance, this event will explore how the initiative can become a transformative tool to protect forests, respect human rights, and strengthen Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' (IPs & LCs) land tenure.

Speakers will examine key design questions for the TFFF:

- How to prevent human rights and environmental harms;
- How to ensure the TFFF strengthens collective land rights and safeguards communities on the front lines of deforestation;
- And how to guarantee that funds are used in ways that genuinely advance forest protection and rights-based climate action.

The panel will highlight current gaps, challenges, and opportunities to ensure the TFFF delivers on its promise — protecting tropical forests while empowering those who have protected them for generations.

Organizer

Human Rights Watch and Rainforest Foundation Norway

MODERATOR

Myrto Tilianaki
Senior Environmental
Advocate, Human
Rights Watch

SPEAKER

Garo Batmanian
Director General of
the Brazilian Forest
Service, Government
of Brazil

SPEAKER

Torbjørn Gjefsen
Senior International
Forest Finance Adviser,
Rainforest Foundation
Norway

SPEAKER

Meryl van der Mark
Coordinator, Forests &
Finance Coalition

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Just Impact

10.00-10.45

A just future - Youth, Climate and Human Rights

The role of open civic space in ensuring a just and safe future

Environmental human rights defenders' vital work is facing a vicious backlash and shrinking civic space, exacerbated by fossil fuel companies' mis and disinformation, corporate influence on repressive legislation, vexatious lawsuits and even attacks. Join us for an engaging panel discussion that brings together young voices and human rights activists from across continents to explore how the climate emergency is affecting people's rights in different parts of the world.

Organizer

Y Global Norway (KFUK-KFUM Global)

Co-organizer

Amnesty International

MODERATOR

Marta Schaaf
Director of Climate,
Economic and Social
Justice and Corporate
Accountability,
Amnesty International

SPEAKER

Mohammed Ursof
Palestinian institute
for climate strategy

SPEAKER

Nigel Maduro
Indigenous activist
from Aruba

SPEAKER

Xananine Calvillo
Indigenous activist
from Mexico

SPEAKER

**Selma Abigael
Fonneløp**
Nature and Youth
Norway

11.30-12.15

Voices of Nordic Youth

Presenting the first Nordic Children & Youth Statement

We are happy to present the first ever Nordic Children & Youth Statement. Over 70 children and youth from all over the Nordic have co-created our demands for COP30.

The session will begin with an introduction to the statement, followed by a panel discussion on youth collaboration, engagement in the Nordic and UNFCCC processes, and challenges faced in international climate policy.

Organizer

PUSH Sverige

Co-organizers

The Nordic Youth & Children Climate Conference, which was co-organised by Global Shapers Stockholm, Global Shapers Malmö, PUSH Sverige, Jamko, YES-Europe, Global Shapers Helsinki, Global Shapers Copenhagen & Ungir Umhverfissinnar

MODERATOR

Rita Lousa

Co-Contact Point of the Food and Agriculture working group of the Children and Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC

SPEAKER

Caterina Bittendorf

Nordic Children & Youth Climate Conference Coordination Team

SPEAKER

Laura Sólveig Lefort

Scheefer
Iceland's Youth Delegate to the UNFCCC

SPEAKER

Melker Wargbaner

Vice president, PUSH Sverige

14.00-14.45

Bridging knowledges for science with impact in the Amazon Nordic-Brazilian dialogue beyond COP-30

This panel addresses the Nordic-Brazilian scientific dialogue to advance impactful research in the Amazon. Focus is on responsible and inclusive cooperation and co-creation of transdisciplinary knowledge between diverse research areas and local stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples, Quilombolas and Traditional Communities. The panel discusses the efforts of the Nordic-Brazilian scientific community towards joint strategic objectives between climate science, biodiversity, sustainable development, and management of data from the Amazon.

Recommendations are presented to enhance the impact of scientific results and development projects on policy and practice in and relevant to the Amazon. This panel is a follow-up for the Nordic-Brazilian scientific pre-event for COP30, organized on 22-24 October in Manaus, Brazil. The Nordic-Brazilian initiative is a collaboration between the Consulate of Finland in São Paulo, Embassies of Norway and Sweden in Brasília, the Amazonia+10 initiative, the Research and Innovation Council of São Paulo, FAPESP, and the Research and Innovation Council of Amazonas, FAPEAM, and funded by the Nordic Council of Minister's Nordic Embassy Cooperation programme (NEP).

Organizers

Consulate of Finland in Sao Paulo; Embassy of Norway in Brasília; Innovation Norway; Amazonia+10; FAPESP

MODERATOR

Patrick Reurink
Counsellor for Science,
Technology and Higher
Education of Norway
in Brazil, Innovation
Norway

SPEAKER

Torbjørn Haugaasen
Professor, Norwegian
University of Life
Sciences

SPEAKER

João Arthur Reis
Amazonia+10
Initiative, FAPESP



15.30-16.15

The A6.4 Sustainable Development tool

Lessons learnt from early pilot applications

This event will present lessons learnt of the Art. 6.4 Sustainable Development tool (2024) and discuss usefulness of the tool and capacity building needs with relevant stakeholders. Expected results of the event are to gain insights on how to improve the SD tool. We will convene relevant stakeholders, such as project developers, auditors, buyer countries, as well as Host Parties. This has relevance for the negotiations on Article 6 at COP30, but also for the review of the tool in spring 2026.

Organizers

UNEP Copenhagen Climate Center

Co-organizers

Wuppertal Institut

MODERATOR
Niklas Hagelberg
UNEP-CCC

SPEAKER
Juliane Schell
Wuppertal Institute
for Climate,
Environment and
Energy

SPEAKER
Malin Ahlberg
German Environment
Ministry, BMUKN

SPEAKER
Dhirendra Kumar
Team Lead, Project &
Entity Assessment
Unit, UNFCCC

SPEAKER
Christof Arens
Wuppertal Institute
for Climate,
Environment and
Energy

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COP30 UNFCCC Side Event

16.45-18.15

Sharing Solutions for Resilient Food Systems and a Circular Bioeconomy

A resilient and sustainable food system and circular bioeconomy is a prerequisite for climate action. Sharing knowledge and experiences is vital for a just transition with cross-sector innovation and global cooperation. Upholding multilateralism is key to lasting and inclusive transformation.

Room

Side Event Room 8

Hosts

Finland, Food Tank, Nordic Council of Ministers, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub

MODERATOR

Danielle Nierenberg
President, Food Tank

SPEAKER

Sari Multala
Finland's Minister of
Climate and the
Environment

SPEAKER

Karen Ellemann
Secretary General,
Nordic Council of
Ministers

SPEAKER

Martial Bernoux
Climate Team Leader
and Senior Natural
Resources Officer,
Food and Agriculture
Organization (FAO)

SPEAKER

Johanna Hagelberg
Executive Vice
President,
Biomaterials, Stora
Enso

SPEAKER

Khaled Eltaweel
Senior Coordinator,
UN Food Systems
Coordination Hub

SPEAKER

**Bernhard Mauritz
Stormyr**
Vice-President,
Sustainability
Governance, Yara
International

SPEAKER

Jelle Van Loon
Associate Director for
Sustainable Agrifood
Systems,
Representative for the
Americas, and
Mechanization
Specialist, CIMMYT

SPEAKER

Markku Kanninen
Professor, University of
Helsinki

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Climate Smart Societies

11.30-12.15

Integrating Food, Climate and Biodiversity

Pathways for Ambitious NDCs

The event will show how sustainable agriculture, dietary shifts, and ecosystem protection can be integrated into NDCs. Drawing on Nordic and global policy examples, and the Animals for Climate Action tool, it highlights policies that improve nutrition while meeting climate and biodiversity goals.

Participants will gain insights into the practical challenges, opportunities and solutions. They will leave with actionable ideas to strengthen climate plans in line with the Paris Agreement goals.

Organizers

World Federation for Animals (on behalf of 75 NGOs from around the world)-WFA, Compassion in World Farming International and Animal Protection Denmark

MODERATOR
Silvia Mantilla
Global Policy &
Communications
Manager, World
Federation for Animals

SPEAKER
Andreas Hjørneholm
Chief of Public
Affairs, Animal
Protection Denmark

SPEAKER
Anna Salminen
Chief Specialist,
Ministry of Agriculture
and Forestry,
Government of
Finland

SPEAKER
Sebastian Osborn
Global Public Policy
Manager, Mercy for
Animals

14.00-14.45

School Meals: Food System Gamechanger

Brazil & the Nordics: Climate-Smart Innovations for Nutritious School Food

School meals can do more than we think to facilitate a sustainable development. All around the world there is a rapidly growing interest in developing new as well as in rethinking existing school meal programs. Brazil and the Nordics are good examples. Integration of food & climate literacy training in the programs, a transition to more plant based diets, engagement of young people in innovation efforts and food waste reduction strategies are just some of the elements that are taken up. All efforts that make a contribution to climate mitigation and that are underlining the fact the school meal programs are increasingly recognized as levers of a transition to more just and climate friendly food systems. This is the point of departure for the session.

Organizer

Copenhagen University

Co-organizers

Lund University & Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

MODERATOR
Giselle Medeiros Mesjara
COP30 Social
Entrepreneurship
Researcher Intern,
Copenhagen
University

SPEAKER
Janja Lula da Silva
First Lady of Brazil

SPEAKER
Eva Bisgaard Pedersen
Ambassador of
Denmark to Brazil

SPEAKER
Ana Maria Maya
Public Policies
Specialist, Brazilian
Institute for
Consumers Defense,
IDEC

SPEAKER
Alessandra Pereira
Associate Professor
UNIRIO, CRN4 Board
member

SPEAKER
Bent Egberg Mikkelsen
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Copenhagen
University