

*This Call to Action for COP30 is issued by leaders from governments and Indigenous Peoples' organisations, together with philanthropic institutions on 26<sup>th</sup> June, for a roundtable convened by The Royal Foundation of the Prince and Princess of Wales at St James's Palace, London.*

### **London Call to Action: Nature's Guardians — On the Road to COP30**

Life – all life – is dependent upon nature. Around the world there are individuals and communities who dedicate their lives to protecting nature, for us all. These Indigenous Peoples and local communities are partners and leaders, rights-holders with their own solutions. For them, nature is not a separate entity. It is life itself — the source of memory, the dwelling of ancestors, the ground of community. Speaking of “protecting nature” means protecting the web of relationships that sustain all life, human and more-than-human. Their knowledge, practices, and ways of life are not only aligned with the health of ecosystems — they are essential to it.

As we approach UNFCCC COP30 in Belém, we have a historic opportunity to scale ambition and action for nature, climate, and justice. Indigenous Peoples and local communities, play a vital role in protecting ecosystems and sustaining the health of our planet. Protection of Indigenous territories and community lands can make a huge contribution to deliver the global goals to protect at least 30% of terrestrial and inland water areas, and of marine and coastal areas by 2030. Ahead of COP30 we call on governments, philanthropic institutions, private sector and civil society organisations to work together in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, and local communities. It is time to turn global recognition into resolute commitment.

We support ambitions to advance collaboration to:

- **Recognise the critical role** of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in global nature and climate strategies, and partner with them to turn global commitments into action, including through tenure reform, improved governance, applying the principles of free, prior and informed consent, and rights to life and those regarding traditional knowledge;
- **Centre Indigenous Peoples and local communities**, including women and youth, in nature and climate decision-making, implementation, and accountability efforts;
- **Support an Intergovernmental Land Tenure Commitment** that strengthens land tenure systems, protecting the land and resource rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities at scale, and particularly in tropical forest countries, to be announced at COP30;
- **Renew and deepen commitments** through a bold, inclusive “Land and Forest Tenure Pledge” that delivers, where possible, long-term, enabling, and direct access to finance for Indigenous- and community-led initiatives that advances land tenure security; and

- **Engage Indigenous Peoples and local communities**, in a meaningful manner in the Tropical Forest Forever Facility co-design, monitoring and decision-making and implementation, to be launched at COP30.

As we approach COP30, the leaders from government, philanthropy, private sector, and Indigenous Peoples, reunited today at St James's Palace to align behind these priorities and call to accelerate progress toward a just and resilient future.