



CANSA AFGHANISTAN

Advocacy Call for Action at UN COP30

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COP30 WITHOUT AFGHAN VOICES:

A Climate Injustice to the World's Most Vulnerable

A Collective Call from Afghanistan's Climate and Environmental Civil Society Organizations under CANSA Afghanistan platform:

For the fifth consecutive year, the global climate summit COP30 is being held without Afghanistan's participation, without Afghan voices, and without representation from the communities living through one of the world's most severe climate crises.

While climate change is declared a universal and non-political challenge, in Afghanistan's case it has been politicized and silenced. The international community, prioritizing politics over humanity, continues to exclude Afghan experts, civil society, NGOs, and youth advocates from participating in global forums, depriving millions of vulnerable people of their right to be heard and represented.

This exclusion comes at a time when Afghanistan faces escalating climate emergencies: severe droughts, declining water resources, land degradation, floods, and recurrent disasters. According to national and international assessments (AAN, 2025), climate-related shocks cost Afghanistan an estimated USD 550 million annually, approximately 3.2% of its GDP and in drought years, losses surge to USD 3 billion, or nearly 18% of GDP. These figures translate into lost livelihoods, increased poverty, food insecurity, displacement, and irreversible environmental decline. The people of Afghanistan are paying the price of a crisis they did not create, while being denied access to solutions and global solidarity.

OUR CALL FOR ACTION AND JUSTICE

We, the undersigned members of the Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA) – Afghanistan Chapter, representing national and International NGOs, experts, and community organizations, call upon the United Nations, COP30 Presidency, donor agencies, and the global climate community and also on the national institutions to act with fairness, justice, and conscience, now, not tomorrow:



1. Unblock Afghanistan's access to international climate finance and adaptation funds. The country urgently needs resources to build resilience, restore degraded ecosystems, and protect lives and livelihoods.
2. Facilitate participation of Afghan experts, civil society, and youth in global and regional climate dialogues, including COPs. Inclusion is a right under the UNFCCC, not a privilege.
3. Depoliticize climate engagement and recognize that climate vulnerability is a human condition, not a political status.
4. Reinstate technical and institutional partnerships that enable Afghanistan to contribute to global solutions, not remain isolated from them.

Afghanistan's exclusion contradicts the very principles of the Paris Agreement and the global commitment to "leave no one behind." Denying participation to the most climate-vulnerable nation on Earth undermines the legitimacy of global climate negotiations.

OUR COMMITMENT

Despite being absent from COP30, Afghan civil society organizations remain active and determined.

Through collaboration under CANSA Afghanistan and with support from partners, we have:

- Contributed to the revision of the National Climate Change Strategy and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC).
- Conducted vulnerability and resilience assessments and developed provincial adaptation plans.
- Delivered capacity-building programs to strengthen national stakeholders to build resilience.
- Advanced community-based adaptation, women-led green businesses, awareness campaigns, and policy dialogues across the country.

But these efforts cannot continue in isolation. Without access to global platforms and climate finance, Afghanistan's climate resilience will erode, and millions of vulnerable Afghans will remain voiceless.



WE URGE THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY:

Let Afghanistan speak. Let Afghans act. Let justice reach those who need it most. Climate change recognizes no borders, and neither should climate justice.

#LetAfghanistanSpeak #COP30 #ClimateJustice

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|  <p>Resilience Environment & Humanitarian Aid Organization (REHA) http://reha.org.af/</p> |  <p>Future Generation Empowerment (FGEO) https://www.future-em.org/</p> |
|  <p>Organization for People's Health in Action-OPHA</p> |  <p>Nawai Nai Women Association http://www.nawainai.org</p> |
|  <p>Labour Spring Organization http://www.laborspring.org.af</p> |  <p>Future Generations Afghanistan (FGA) http://www.future.org.af</p> |
|  <p>SAF http://saf.org.af/new/</p> |  <p>The Liaison Office https://tloafghanistan.org/contact/</p> |
|  <p>AREA http://www.area-af.org</p> |  <p>CAHPO http://www.cahpo.com</p> |

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|  <p>Afghanistan Young Green Organization (AYGO) https://aygo-af.org/</p> |  <p>Community Integration and Solidarity Organization (CISO)</p> |
|  <p>DACAAR https://dacaar.org/</p> |  <p>Environment Protection Trainings and Development Organization (EPTDO) https://www.eptdo-evn.org/</p> |
|  <p>Human Management and Leadership Organization (HMLO) https://hmlo.org.af/</p> |  <p>Nejat Center Social Development, Drug Rehabilitation and Medical Services Organization (NDRC) https://nejat.org.af/</p> |
|  <p>Organization for Development of Economic, Social and Capacity Building https://odesc-ngo.org/</p> |  <p>Organization for Relief Development- (ORD) https://ordaf.org/</p> |
|  <p>Samsoor Watan Organization for Environment https://samsoorwatan.org/</p> |  <p>Welfare Organization Rehabilitation Livelihood and Development (WORLD) http://www.world.org.af/</p> |
|  <p>Women and Youth Leadership & Empowerment Organization (WYLEO)</p> |  <p>SERVE Afghanistan https://www.serveafghanistan.org/</p> |

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