PRIORITIES FOR COP31

Founded in 2001, Conectas Direitos Humanos is a non-governmental organization working to strengthen human rights and reduce inequalities, towards a just, free, and democratic society from a Global South perspective. To prevent setbacks and denounce violations, Conectas works within international human rights systems, builds cooperation networks, uses strategic litigation, and develops communication and advocacy initiatives.

COP31 must turn climate commitments into concrete action, with adequate finance, human rights protection, and accountability for climate harm. This requires advancing adaptation and just transition, integrating the Advisory Opinions on the Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change, and ensuring the free and safe participation of civil society.

1 ADAPTATION

Recommendations: Adopt a decision on the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) establishing the Belém–Addis Vision on Adaptation (BAVA) task force, with meaningful civil society participation, to operationalize the 59 Belém Adaptation Indicators while addressing social, racial, and territorial inequalities. Ensure the tripling of adaptation finance by 2035, with a clear baseline, a floor of USD 120 billion annually, funding primarily from public sources and grants, and mechanisms to track progress.

Why it matters: Adequate finance and indicators that account for inequalities are essential to turn adaptation commitments into meaningful protection for the most vulnerable populations.

2 JUST TRANSITION

Recommendations: Advance the operationalization of the Belém–Antalya Mechanism (BAM), defining its functions, governance structure, spaces for civil society participation, and a timeline for its implementation at COP32. Renew the Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP), ensuring access to finance, technology transfer, decent work, and measures to address environmental racism and social, racial, and territorial inequalities.

PWhy it matters: A just transition must protect rights, reduce inequalities, and ensure that workers and affected communities participate in decision-making and share in its benefits.

3 UTILIZAÇÃO DAS OPINIÕES CONSULTIVAS

Recommendations: Integrate the Advisory Opinions of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR), and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), and the UN General Assembly resolution on the Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change, as an interpretive basis for UNFCCC decisions.

Why it matters: The Advisory Opinions clarify States' legal obligations in addressing the climate crisis, which must guide climate decisions and action.

4 CIVIC SPACE AND SAFE PARTICIPATION AT COP31 IN TÜRKIYE

Recommendations: Ensure that the COP31 Host Country Agreement (HCA) is not used to restrict freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and protest, both inside and outside the conference venue. Guarantee timely and accessible visas, civil society access to negotiating rooms, and protection against intimidation, violence, and reprisals, with mechanisms for reporting incidents and ensuring accountability.

Why it matters: Restrictions on civic space in Türkiye threaten the free and safe participation of civil society. Protecting these rights is essential to the legitimacy of COP31.