

Food Roots and Routes Thank You Letter

Dear partners, experts, institutions, panelists, and participants,

For the first time in the history of COPs on Climate Change, we had a Pavilion in the Blue Zone focused on the transition to food systems that placed agroecology, health, sustainability, people, territories, and equity at the center of the agenda together with the vision, experiences, knowledge, systematized proposals, and contributions from the Global South.

Coordinated by the Comida do Amanhã Institute, with support from Tilt Collective and Instituto Ibirapitanga, and collectively curated by ACT, Aliança pela Alimentação Adequada e Saudável (Alliance for Adequate and Healthy Food), ANA, AS-PTA, Colansa, CONAQ, Comida do Amanhã (Food of Tomorrow), ISPNA, and Observatório das Economias da Sociobiodiversidade (Observatory of Sociobiodiversity Economies), **the Food Roots and Routes Pavilion in the Blue Zone** was not only a physical space: it became a meeting point at COP 30 for those working on the transition of food systems. It was a hub of knowledge and exchange of experiences from different territories and peoples, a catalytic space for network and partnership building and room for cultural expressions, combining traditional knowledge, science, and innovation in the field of food systems.

Over the two weeks of COP 30, **more than 2,000 people** visited and were impacted by the pavilion. **Its event agenda promoted national and international discussions** on real trajectories and innovative experiences that act on the interrelationships between food systems, health, and the climate crisis. Through the effort of the organizational collective behind the Food Roots and Routes pavilion **more than 80 credentials were provided** to indigenous peoples, quilombolas, traditional peoples and communities, family farmers, academia, organized civil society, and social movements to access the Blue Zone area!

The pavilion's activities were attended by **top-level representatives of the Brazilian government and international agencies, special envoys to COP30, and individuals who are usually non or under-represented in these multilateral forums. social movements representatives and organizations from different regions of the world.**

Besides promoting strategic dialogues and collaborative actions, **the pavilion also hosted launches of books and studies, and cultural events** such as documentary screenings and art exhibitions celebrating the diversity of territories and peoples.

The partnership between the Food Roots & Routes pavilion and the Action on Food Hub at COP30 broadened the scope of discussions and strengthened the global agenda for sustainable, inclusive, and resilient food systems. Together, the two pavilions facilitated the meeting between science, local communities, policymakers, and international organizations, contributing to the increased visibility of the debate on food systems transformation during COP30.



The Pavilion's messages were widely reported in more than 50 media outlets, notably:

- COP 30: Pavilhão 'Food Roots and Routes' debate sistemas alimentares como parte da solução climática a partir da visão do Sul Global - Sabores da Cidade
- COP 30 debate sistemas alimentares como parte da solução climática | Revista Fórum
- Pavilhão "Food Roots and Routes" debate sistemas alimentares como parte da solução climática a partir da visão do Sul Global, na COP 30
- Pavilhão "Food Roots and Routes" debate sistemas alimentares na COP 30 - Diário de Minas
- Pavilhão "Food Roots and Routes" debate sistemas alimentares como parte da solução climática a partir da visão do Sul Global, na COP 30 - Jornal do Belém
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Thanks to all of you—partners, experts, institutions, and participants—the Pavilion was a success. It demonstrated that connecting national and international experiences, including the perspectives of governments, indigenous peoples, quilombolas, traditional peoples and communities, family farmers, academia, philanthropic foundations, civil society organizations and social movements, is an essential part of building healthier, more sustainable, and fairer food systems for the Global South and the world. We couldn't make it if it weren't you, so thank you for the trust and the generosity in all this process.

In addition to our gratitude to all of you, we must also express our call for a transformative pact that connects production and consumption agendas, mobilizes commitments, and amplifies transformative initiatives that already exist in the territories.

Transforming hegemonic food systems is not only possible—it is fundamental for addressing the climate crisis and guaranteeing the human right to adequate food for all people.

The time to act is now, and transformation begins when we walk together

On behalf of the Food of Tomorrow Institute and the entire Food Roots and Routes Curatorial Committee, we deeply appreciate everyone's participation, engagement, and contributions.

Thank you so much.

