

The Amazon, protagonist of COP30

Located in the heart of the Brazilian Amazon, from November 10 to 21, the city of Belém do Pará will host COP30, an event that places the Amazon rainforest at the epicenter of the global climate debate. We tell you everything you need to know about this important international meeting on climate change.

What is the COP?



Known as the United Nations Climate Change Conference, the COP (Conference of the Parties) is the supreme body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This multilateral organization, made up of 198 countries, is in charge of making the necessary decisions for nations to implement commitments against climate change.

Why is it important?



Because it is the only global space where serious climate commitments can be demanded, conservation and climate resilience agendas can be made visible, and alliances can be built between countries for the sustainability of the planet.

What are the central objectives of COPs?



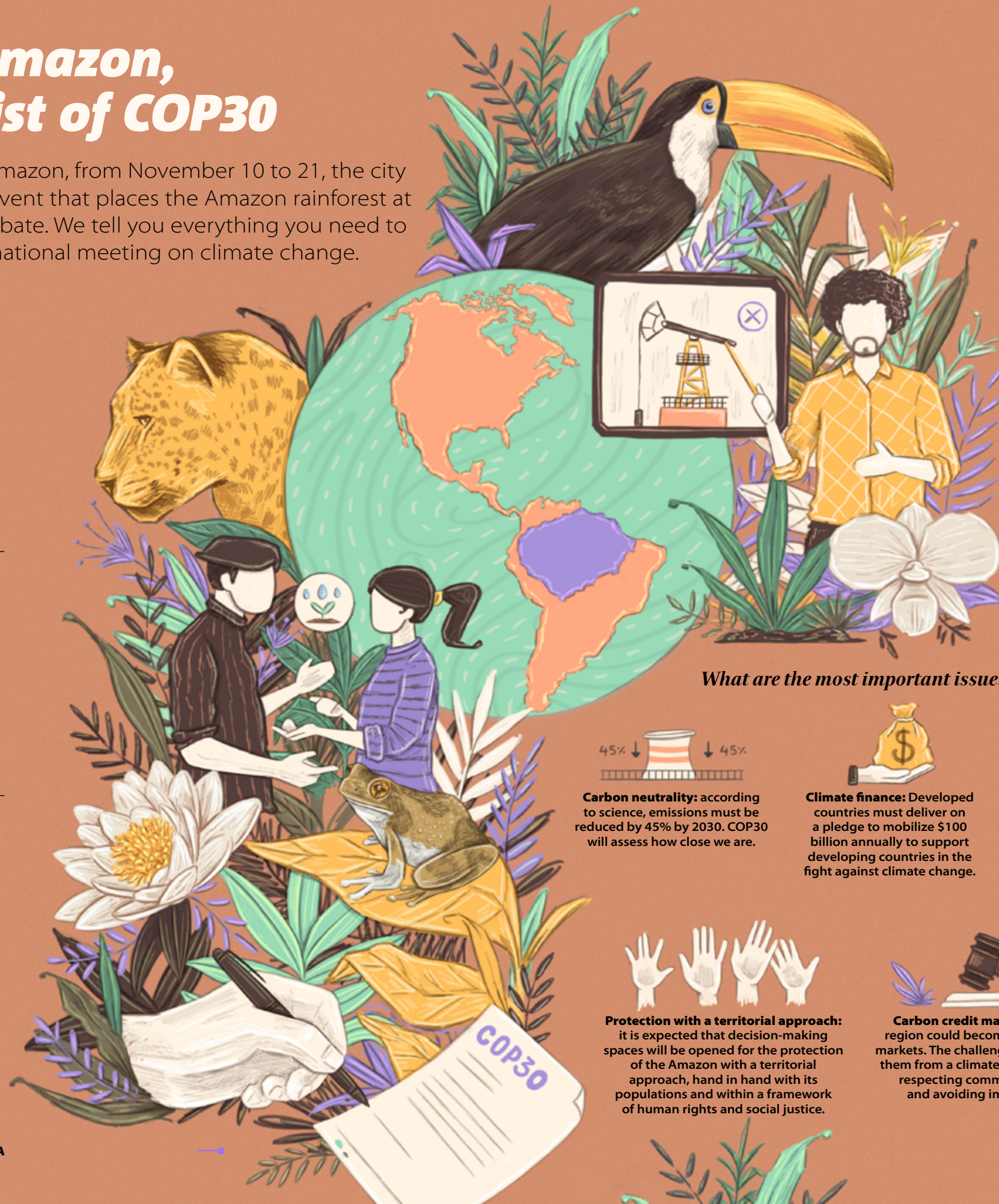
Keep the global temperature increase below 2°C, with efforts to limit it to 1.5°C.



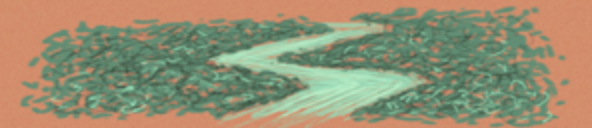
2Increase the capacity for adaptation and resilience to climate change.



Align financial flows and projects for a just and sustainable climate transition.



Why is COP30 important for the Amazon?



It places it at the center of the climate discussion: holding COP30 in this region makes visible the essential role of this biome in global climate stability, the conservation of biodiversity and the preservation of water resources for South America, among other benefits it provides; but also their vulnerability and the urgency of finding real solutions for their protection.



A call to action: this year member countries must submit new, more ambitious and binding Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). It is expected that these plans of each country to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change will include the Amazon as a strategic nucleus of mitigation and adaptation.



Inclusion of citizenship and science in the agenda: the fight against climate change requires integrating science, climate justice and ancestral knowledge. The Amazon can lead this conversation if all indigenous, local, scientific, and social voices have space and weight in decisions.

What are the most important issues that will be addressed at COP30?



Carbon neutrality: according to science, emissions must be reduced by 45% by 2030. COP30 will assess how close we are.



Climate finance: Developed countries must deliver on a pledge to mobilize \$100 billion annually to support developing countries in the fight against climate change.



Just energy transition: Latin America will arrive with debates on the role of fossil fuels and the urgency of promoting clean energy without sacrificing territories or biodiversity.



Protection of tropical forests: Pan-Amazonian cooperation to halt deforestation and promote economies based on socio-biodiversity.



Protection with a territorial approach: it is expected that decision-making spaces will be opened for the protection of the Amazon with a territorial approach, hand in hand with its populations and within a framework of human rights and social justice.



Carbon credit market: the Amazon region could become a hub for carbon markets. The challenge will be to regulate them from a climate justice perspective, respecting community autonomy and avoiding imposed models.



Economic alternatives to forest loss: it is necessary to accelerate the search for economic alternatives to the main drivers of deforestation, to prevent the Amazon from reaching a point of no return.