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01. INTRODUCTION:

IN TIMES OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND GLOBAL SETBACKS, STRENGTHENING TERRITORIES IS SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE.

In recent years, extreme weather events have ceased to be mere forecasts and have become devastating realities both in Brazil and across the globe. However, the climate crisis does not affect everyone equally: on the ground, its acute impacts are intensified among historically vulnerabilised communities, Indigenous peoples, traditional populations, and urban peripheries.

The year 2025 added profound layers of complexity to this scenario. We witnessed the consolidation of a global denialist geopolitics, symbolised by the return of Donald Trump to the US presidency. Under the mantra of unchecked oil exploitation, the world's largest economy suffocated multilateral financing channels, triggering a severe crisis in international philanthropy.

With drastic cuts to traditional bilateral funds, such as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), financial transfers to the Global South dwindled. In the face of this global retreat, it became clear that addressing the climate emergency requires autonomy and bottom-up solutions built from the grass roots.

It is precisely within this financial and political vacuum that the Brazilian Environmental Education Fund (FunBEA) consolidates its strategic relevance. Operating independently, FunBEA reaffirms its identity as a genuinely Brazilian grantmaker. Our mission is to raise, manage, and channel resources directly to the front line: supporting collectives, social movements, civil society organisations, and community leaders defending socio-environmental and climate justice.

The year 2025, marking 13 years of our institutional operations, culminated in our active participation at COP30 in Brazil.

We attended the world's largest climate event as an accredited observer organisation, but we went further: we brought community leaders into the center of the global debate, occupying key forums across the conference. There, we demonstrated the strength and effectiveness of our role as a community-rooted philanthropic organisation, proving that the most powerful local and collective climate solutions emerge directly from the territories.

This commitment was reflected in the continuity of our practical operations throughout the year. We harvested the fruits of the Call for Proposals for Climate Environmental Education and Justice (launched in 2024 and implemented through October 2025) and expanded our horizons with the launch of a new call for proposals focused on territorial Youth and community communication (Educommunication).

Supporting the new generations engaged in climate justice is our most secure investment in present and future resilience.

In presenting this 2025 Activity Report, FunBEA invites partners, donors, and society to witness the power of the supported territories. Together, we demonstrate that while the upper echelons of global power regress, grassroots philanthropy and education rise to defend life.

Semíramis Biasoli, FunBEA's Executive Secretary .

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03. ABOUT US



FunBEA is an independent fund whose mission is to decentralise resources to socio-environmental organisations and movements across Brazilian territories, promoting social and climate justice.

Since 2020, FunBEA has been a member of key networks, working in partnership with Global South philanthropy peers.

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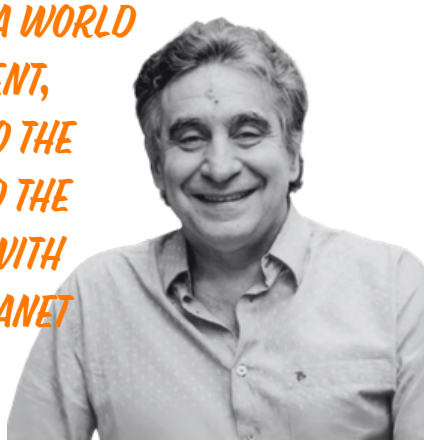
Our strategy for territorial transformation combines direct support (financial grantmaking) and indirect support (training and technical advisory) to empower leaders, movements, and organisations in policy advocacy and the socio-environmental struggle. This work is structured around four strategic programmes aligned with major global challenges: **Climate, Water, Environmental Health, and Biodiversity.**

13 Years of FunBEA: Over a decade supporting people and territories for socio-environmental justice

"13 YEARS OF FUNBEA, 13,000 REASONS TO CARRY ON OUR WORK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND FOR A WORLD THAT IS MORE RESILIENT, MORE WELCOMING TO THE HUMAN RACE, AND TO THE COUNTLESS SPECIES WITH WHICH WE SHARE PLANET EARTH."



Marcos Sorrentino, a co-founder of FunBEA who served as vice-president for the 2021/2023 term, is now Director of the Department of Environmental Education and Citizenship at the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (DEA-MMA).



"I BELIEVE THAT PHILANTHROPY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REINFORCE ONE ANOTHER WHEN THEY TACKLE AND ADDRESS THE HISTORICAL ROOT CAUSES THAT PERPETUATE THE LOSS OF SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS."

Semíramis Biasoli – Executive Director, FunBEA

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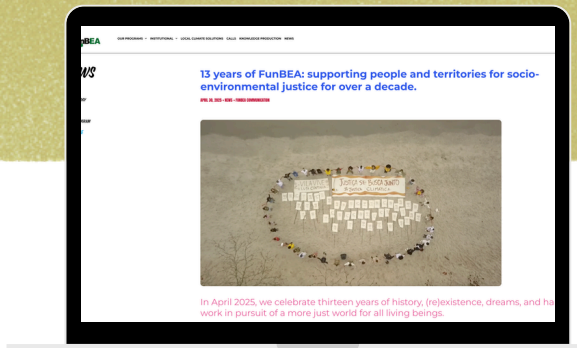
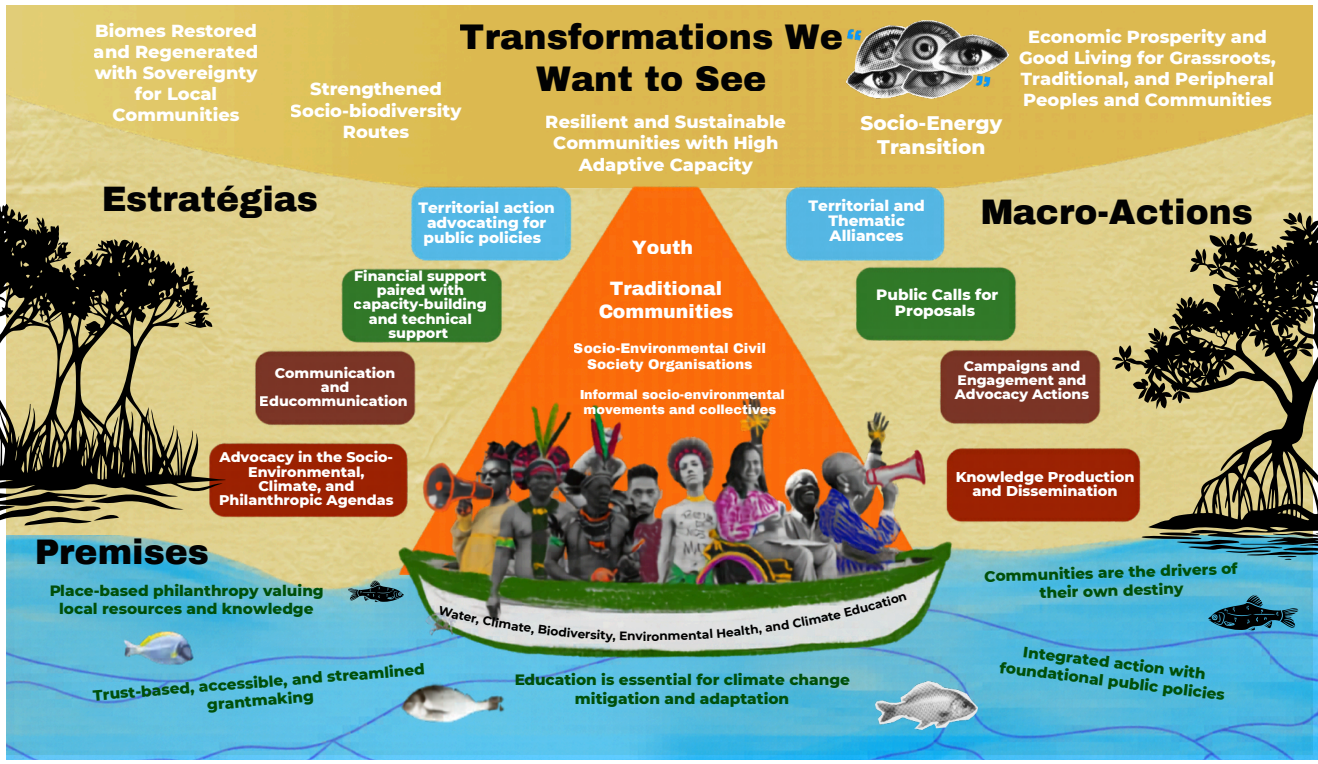


03. GOVERNANCE



THEORY OF CHANGE

Co-developed in 2024 for the 2025–2030 period through a participatory process involving the executive team and the Board of Trustees, FunBEA's Theory of Change (ToC) represents a significant milestone in strengthening its vision and drive towards the transformative changes it seeks to foster within civil society organisations and local territories.

It is worth highlighting that Environmental Education is both a core strategy and a central component of our Theory of Change, guided by the principles, strategies, target audiences, and premises outlined below — all of which represent strategic pillars of our socio-environmental support for civil society.

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND NEW GOVERNANCE



FUNBEA BOARD OF TRUSTEES PLANNING MEETING – JANUARY 2025

The year 2025 marked the beginning of a new cycle of institutional maturity for FunBEA, launched with a Strategic Planning process integrated with the Board of Trustees and the transition of its executive leadership.

The organisation inaugurated a new board presidency led by climate activist Mahryan Sampaio — a dynamic, powerful, and compelling young leader in the socio-environmental arena — with Mariana Rico, a master's degree holder in sustainability and ESG, serving as Vice President.

Furthermore, the FunBEA board gained the landmark addition of renowned human rights and Indigenous peoples' activist Neidinha Suruí. Her arrival brings a deeply strategic and ancestral perspective to the Fund's agenda on traditional communities, reinforcing the organisation's commitment to Brazilian socio-biodiversity. This renewal and strengthening of governance reflect FunBEA's dedication to placing grassroots activism, youth leadership, and the defense of indigenous peoples at the heart of its decision-making.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COTIDIANO • O QUILOMBO • CULTURA • ÁFRICA & DIÁSPORA • ALMA PRETINHA • INVESTIGAÇÃO

Ativista climática é anunciada como nova presidente do Fundo Brasileiro de Educação Ambiental

Mahryan Sampaio tem trajetória de incidência política em negociações de adaptação e financiamento climático e falou sobre racismo ambiental na COP

Mahryan Sampaio é a nova presidente do Fundo Brasileiro de Educação Ambiental. — Reprodução/Instagram/@mahryan

The inauguration of the new board received widespread national media coverage, featuring prominently in outlets such as **Estadão's Broadcast column** (in both print and digital editions), as well as **Alma Preta** and **Africanize**, highlighting the public significance of the new leadership.

FunBEA expresses its deep gratitude to Thaís Brianezi and Luiz Ferraro, who co-chaired the previous board (2023–2024), for their warm support, dedication, and invaluable insights, which paved the way for this new chapter in the organisation's journey.

04. NETWORKS, ALLIANCES, AND PARTNERSHIPS

FunBEA's work is grounded in the building of networks. In 2025, faced with increasingly complex climate challenges, cross-sector collaboration was what enabled us to scale up resource mobilization, strengthen policy advocacy, and bridge local experiences with major global debates.

INTERNATIONAL

BRAZIL

REGIONAL

SUPPORTERS

2025 SUPPORTERS: THE TRUST THAT TRANSFORMS TERRITORIES

Nothing achieved in 2025 would have been possible without the institutions that believed in FunBEA's work and integrity. The financial support, institutional backing, and trust from international philanthropy, the private sector, government, and civil society partners were essential in ensuring resources reached the front lines directly. FunBEA expresses its heartfelt gratitude to:

Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF):
Essential to strengthening global community philanthropy.
Minas Gerais Sanitation Company (COPASA):
Strategic partner in the water security agenda
São Paulo State Water Resources Fund (FEHIDRO):
Key enabler of public policies and participatory water management
Gerando Falcões: Foundation
Key ally in expanding social impact and community development.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENTS AND IMPACT NETWORKS

Through strategic partnerships built on trust and mutual cooperation, FunBEA expands its reach and impact across multiple territorial scales, embedding itself within transformative coalitions.

> STRENGTHENING GLOBAL SOUTH PHILANTHROPY AND LUSOPHONE DIALOGUES

Strengthened Global South philanthropy and cross-cultural exchanges with Lusophone countries through the Socio-environmental Funds of Global South and the Lusophone Environmental Education Network.



BRAZIL'S MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, FUNBEA, THE LUSO NETWORK, AND THE CLIMATE AGENCY OF PORTUGAL IN DIALOGUE AT COP30, PORTUGAL PAVILION. ON THE AGENDA: THE MAIN POINTS OF THE MANIFESTO ON FUNDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES AND COMMUNITIES.

territorial alliance

Empowering communities and local territories

A movement born from the collective strength of organisations within the Comuá Network, bound by a shared commitment to place-based action. **This alliance brings together seven institutions operating along the Brazilian coastline to strengthen grassroots initiatives across more than 100 municipalities from north to south.**

Working on the front lines for socio-environmental, racial, gender, economic, and climate justice, FunBEA forms part of this network alongside **Instituto Procomum, Casa Fluminense, ICOM, Instituto Baixada, Redes da Maré, and Tabôa Fortalecimento Comunitário.**

In 2025, a major milestone for this coalition was the Territorial Alliance Exchange held in Rio de Janeiro — a key space for sharing methodologies, fostering mutual institutional strengthening, and aligning policy advocacy strategies across local territories.

This partnership between organisations makes it possible to scale up territorial support across Brazil. Together, the seven institutions amplify the direct flow of funding to grassroots communities, build local reach, and consolidate a shared agenda for territorial empowerment and transformation.

Watch our institutional video to discover the impact and reach of the Territorial Alliance on our official website aliancaterritorial.org

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COMUÁ CLIMATE PLATFORM

Active participation in in-person meetings of the Comuá Network and the 'Comuá for Climate' Working Group. In October, FunBEA contributed to the launch of the groundbreaking platform Comuá for Climate – Supporting Local Solutions, which brings together community-led initiatives across diverse biomes. FunBEA supported the publication of six territorial stories, featuring the experiences of Aldeia Rio Bonito (Guarani knowledge and solar energy), Caiçaras do Araçá (mangrove defense on the North Coast), Vozes da Vila Sahy (climate justice), and Ka'aguy Poty Flor da Mata (Guarani agroforestry).

Also within the Comuá Network, FunBEA conducted institutional engagements and relationship-building visits with network partners, including the Casa Socio-Environmental Fund and the Brazil Foundation.



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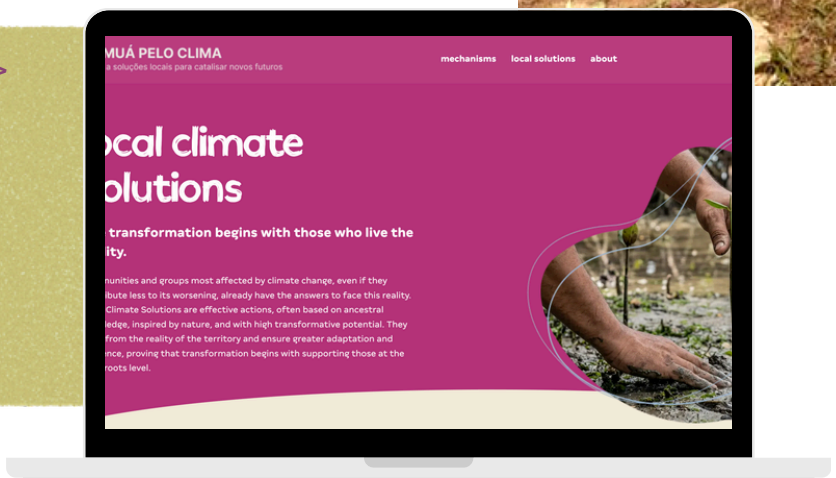



AMAZON COOPERATION: PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN FUNBEA AND FASE (TIPITI CENTER)

Entre 15 e 25 de fevereiro de 2025, o FunBEA e a FASE - Solidariedade e Educação realizaram uma visita diagnóstica nas comunidades tradicionais no Pará. A agenda incluiu encontros com comunidades ribeirinhas e quilombolas nos municípios de Igarapé-Miri, Barcarena e Abaetetuba.



The mission marked the signing of the cooperation agreement to strengthen the TIPITI Centre (Center for Socio-Environmental Education and Cooperation - CECSA). Coordinated by FASE, the Centre now benefits from FunBEA's support to amplify dialogue between Amazonian solutions and other initiatives backed by the organisation.

PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE IN THE ATLANTIC FOREST

On the Northern Coast of São Paulo, FunBEA continued driving regeneration and adaptation strategies through the Northern Coast Territorial Circle — a community governance initiative established in 2023 following a severe climate disaster that devastated the region, leaving over 2,000 people displaced, 68 dead, and more than 800 landslide scars across native forest. The circle brings together local stakeholders, such as NGOs, associations, education and research institutions, public managers, and community leaders, playing a key role in shaping FunBEA's support processes in the region.

Furthermore, in 2025, FunBEA maintained its active participation in the River Basin Committees of Ribeira de Iguape / Litoral Sul and Litoral Norte.

NOVAS ADESÕES NACIONAIS 2025:

PACTO PELA RESTAURAÇÃO DA MATA ATLANTICA

FunBEA joined the Pact for the Restoration of the Atlantic Forest, which operates across all 17 states in the biome with the goal of restoring 15 million hectares by 2050.



Integration into the national document review panel — alongside institutions such as IBAMA, ICMBio, Painel Mar, and CONFREM and ANPPEA —, focusing on the sustainable use and conservation of marine biodiversity.

Consolidating FunBEA's participation in this major national climate engagement network.

OBSERVATÓRIO DO CLIMA

Organisations Participating in the Territorial Circle

GERCO | POLÍTICA DE GERENCIAMENTO COSTEIRO

REDE ERRD LITORAL NORTE - SP

Cemaden Centro Nacional de Monitoramento e Alertas de Desastres Naturais

COLETIVO CAIÇARA

IMPACT HUB Ubatuba

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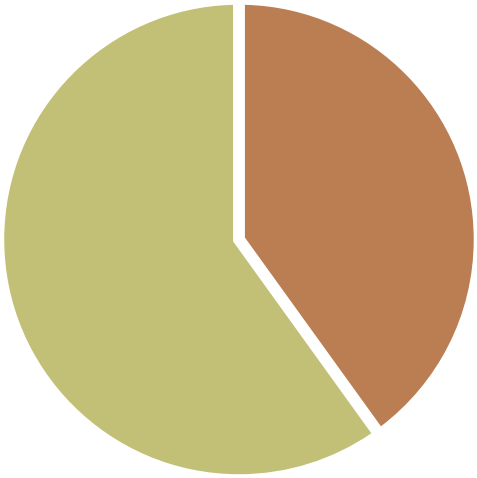
05. FUNBEA: IMPACT IN NUMBERS

2025 Total support"

OVER $150,000 , with:

OVER $80,000

Support for Public Policies and Environmental Education Programs



OVER $60,000

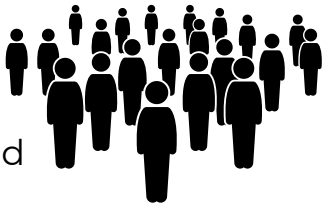
Support for social-environmental organizations

16

social-environmental organizations supported

53

Community leaders and youth supported directly



In 13 years, FunBEA has provided

OVER $1.2 MILLION IN SUPPORT

for social-environmental organizations, grassroots movements, and community collectives in Brazil

and public policies and environmental education programs



06. COP 30



FunBEA's participation in COP30 in Belém consolidated the organisation's role as a strategic bridge between global negotiations and ground-level territorial realities. As an accredited observer organisation, the fund attended with a six-member delegation — uniting governance representatives, technical staff, and youth leadership — to advocate for direct funding, critical environmental education, and climate justice.

During the event, FunBEA took part in 26 activities across the Blue Zone, Green Zone, and various parallel civil society spaces, contributing to debates on local climate finance, climate education, youth engagement, and the monitoring of official negotiations in its capacity as an observer organisation.

WHERE IS THE MONEY FOR THE CLIMATE?

FunBEA launched a strategic communication and advocacy initiative guided by an uncomfortable yet vital question: 'Where is the money for the climate?'. This central provocation set the tone for the fund's presence at the summit, unfolding into a social media campaign and exclusive printed materials distributed throughout Belém. The primary objective was to push the global debate on funding, shedding light on the stark contrast between the multi-billion commitments made by international funds and the actual trickle of resources reaching the frontline communities safeguarding our biomes.

The core of this campaign was amplified by the publication of an op-ed of the same title in Le Monde Diplomatique Brasil. In the piece, FunBEA articulated its grassroots mission, arguing that true climate justice will only be achieved when funding mechanisms are streamlined and decentralized.



FUNBEA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CLIMATE MARCH DURING COP30.

By asserting that traditional communities, urban peripheries, and local youth should not be seen merely as vulnerable groups, but as legitimate experts and implementers of local and collective climate solutions, FunBEA opened its COP30 agenda demanding a fairer, direct philanthropy deeply rooted in local territories.

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Where is the money for the climate?



GLOBAL SOUTH HOUSE
POLITICAL INFLUENCE AND CONNECTIVITY IN PHILANTHROPY



November 2025 will go down in the history of socio-environmental justice philanthropy. Through a robust collective advocacy effort, Rede Comuá and its member organisations established a strong presence in Belém during COP30, reaffirming that climate justice cannot exist without racial, gender, and rights-based justice. FunBEA's primary advocacy milestone within the philanthropic sector was achieved through this collective drive at the **Global South House — a strategic hub co-organised by Rede Comuá, the Socio-environmental Funds of the Global South and the Amazon Community Funds Network.** The House served as a powerful space for convening, coalition-building, visibility, and mutual support for the 40 Global South socio-environmental justice funds that comprise these key networks.

Demonstrating remarkable mobilising power, **the space brought together over 1,200 participants from nearly 50 countries, who actively engaged in 20 sessions and produced more than 350 hours of trilingual online content.**

The hub connected key strategic stakeholders — including national and international philanthropy, civil society organisations, social movements, and grassroots collectives.

This collective movement gave rise to the **MANIFESTO FOR A NEW FUNDING ARCHITECTURE FOR CLIMATE, NATURE, AND PEOPLE**, co-signed and championed by FunBEA. The document forcefully raised the urgent need to decolonise global climate investment, demanding that resources reach frontline communities directly, built upon four non-negotiable pillars for the sector:



PANEL PARTICIPANTS: 'WHAT HAPPENS WHEN RESOURCES REACH LOCAL TERRITORIES?'. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: NATALIA CERRI (ITAÚ SOCIAL/ITAUSA), LARISSA AMORIM (CASA FLUMINENSE), SEMÍRAMIS BIASOLI (FUNBEA), NAYSA AHUJA (ADAPTATION FUND), ANDREIA DE MELLO MARTINS (FUNBIO), CRIS AZEVEDO (ISPN), AND FACUNDO (FASOL).

Funding that is **More Legitimate** (governed by affected communities), **More Accountable** (delivering agile and flexible transfers), and **Fairer** (guided by historical reparation) and **More Diverse** (respecting the plurality of Indigenous, Quilombola, feminist, and youth funds). Through this alliance, FunBEA reaffirmed that true solutions are born on the ground in local territories.



REDE COMUÁ TERRITORIAL ALLIANCE AT THE GLOBAL SOUTH HOUSE.

As part of the Global South House agenda, FunBEA took part in the following discussions:

14/11- Collaborative and Innovative Arrangements to Channel Climate Finance into Local Territories

Panellists: Georgia Nicolau (Instituto Procomum, representing the Territorial Alliance); Ana Valéria Araújo (Fundo Brasil de Direitos Humanos); Grace Iara Souza (Alliance for the Amazon and Beyond); Alda Salomão (Alianza Fondos del Sur); and Natália Cerri (Itaúsa).

17/11- What Happens When Resources Reach Local Territories? A Conversation on Embedded Philanthropy Walking Hand-in-Hand with Local Climate Solutions

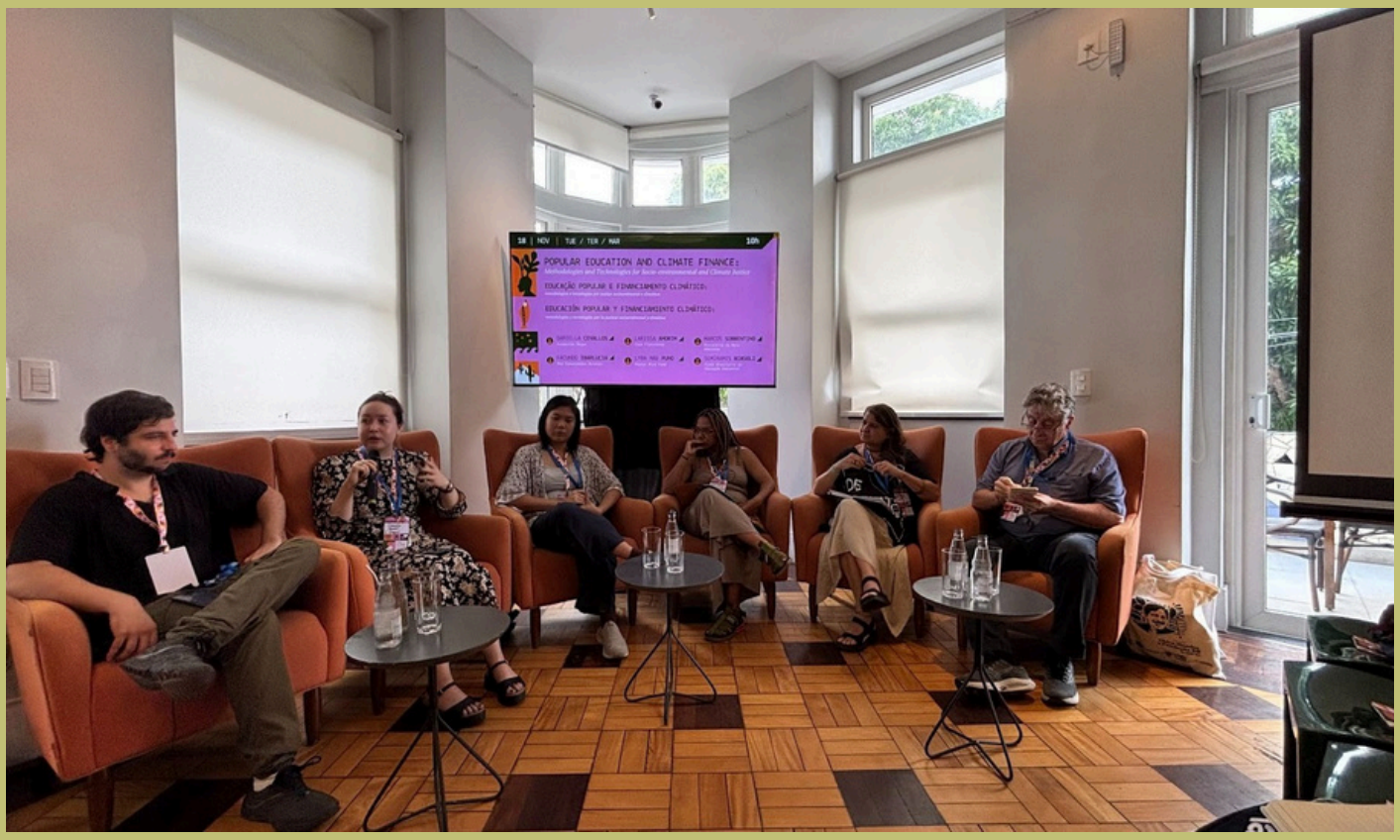
Moderated by Semíramis Biasoli, with Facundo Ibarlucía (Red Comunidades Rurales), Natália Cerri (Itaúsa), Andreia de Mello Martins (FUNBIO), Cristiane Azevedo (ISPN), and Naisa Ahuja (Adaptation Fund).

18/11 - Popular Education and Climate Finance

Panellists: Semíramis Biasoli (FunBEA); Marcos Sorrentino (Department of Environmental Education and Citizenship – Ministry of Environment and Climate Change); Larissa Amorim (Casa Fluminense); Daniela Cevallos (Fondo Ñeque); Facundo Ibarlucía (Red Comunidades Rurales); and Lyra Mae Puno (Pastor Rice Fund).

19/11- Global South Youth: Decolonising Climate Finance from the Grassroots

Panellists: Mahryan Sampaio (FunBEA); Regilon Matos (Fundo Casa Socioambiental); Joyce Mendes (Youth Climate Justice Fund); Thalita Silva (Global Fund for Children); Larissa Moraes (Engajamundo); and Josimara Baré (Fundo Rutî).



POPULAR EDUCATION AND CLIMATE FINANCE PANEL, WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM FUNBEA, FUNDACIÓN ÑEQUE, RED COMUNIDADES RURALES, CASA FLUMINENSE, THE PASTOR RICE FUND, AND THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

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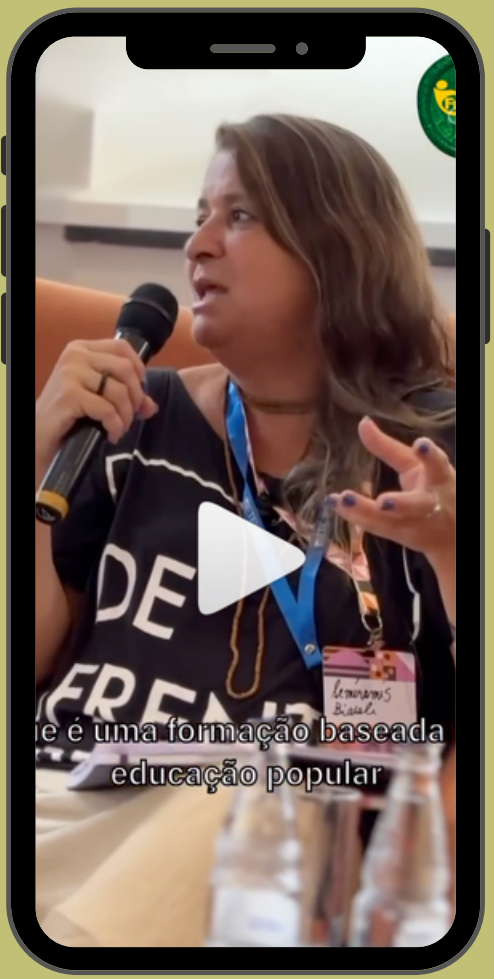
DURING THE 'POPULAR EDUCATION AND CLIMATE FINANCE' PANEL, FUNBEA'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, SEMÍRAMIS BIASOLI, EXPLAINED THE LEARNING COMMUNITY APPROACH USED WITHIN THE FUND'S SUPPORT PROCESS.





DIALOGUE AT THE ANGOLA PAVILION ON FUNDING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND INDEPENDENT FUNDS, WITH THE CASA SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL FUND, FUNBEA, THE LUSO NETWORK, THE GUINEA-BISSAU ENVIRONMENTAL FUND, AND THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF ANGOLA.

ALLIANCE OF PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES IN THE BLUE ZONE

FunBEA's international role gained momentum in the Blue Zone through an important joint effort with Portuguese-speaking countries and communities. In partnership with the CPLP (Community of Portuguese Language Countries), the Lusophone Environmental Education Network, and the Ministries of the Environment of Brazil and Angola, FunBEA led discussions in the official Portuguese and Angolan pavilions.

The proposal drew on the **Manifesto in Defence of Funding for Environmental Education in Portuguese-Speaking Countries and Communities**, which stresses the urgent need to include environmental education funding as a key strategy in tackling the climate crisis.

FROM THE TERRITORIES TO THE WORLD: COMMUNITY VOICES IN THE BLUE ZONE

True to its mission of empowering those on the front lines, FunBEA launched an internal call for applications among its 2024 grantee organisations to select a community leader from the Northern Coast of São Paulo to join the COP30 delegation. The person selected was rapper, poet, and educator MC Brenalta. Organised alongside Climate Live Global, he took center stage in a landmark moment by delivering a brilliant performance at the Blue Zone's cultural opening in the **Climate Live Entertainment + Culture pavilion.** Through the power of slam poetry and art, Brenalta echoed the memories of victims of climate disasters in his territory, transforming grief into advocacy and calls for public policy.

Alongside MC Brenalta, FunBEA also supported community leaders Cosme Victor and Rosilene dos Santos, both from the Union of People Affected by Climate Disasters Movement in São Sebastião/SP, in their advocacy efforts throughout the event.



BRENALTA MC NNO PAVILHÃO CLIMATE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT + CULTURE.

THE POWER AND LEADERSHIP OF YOUTH IN THE GLOBAL DEBATE

The climate emergency demands a renewal of leadership, and FunBEA demonstrated at COP30 that youth are not just the future, but the driving force of territorial transformation today. **This strong presence was embodied by the Chair of the Fund's Board, Mahryan Sampaio — herself a powerful young voice in socio-environmental activism — who engaged in strategic decision-making and debate spaces throughout the conference in Belém**.

Mahryan led profound reflections at COY20 (the Conference of Youth) and was on the front lines of the panel 'Education and Climate Justice: Strengthening Territories and Youth', organised by FunBEA in the Green Zone. **The debate featured crucial contributions from renowned Indigenous leader Txai Suruí, Perifa Sustentável Institute representative Mariana Teixeira, and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MMA) representative Pedro Cardim.**

Ao conectar as vivências da juventude periférica, indígena e de comunidades tradicionais, esses encontros reafirmaram o compromisso inegociável do FunBEA em apoiar e descolonizar os recursos para que as novas gerações tenham autonomia para gerar e gerir as soluções climáticas em seus biomas.



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In addition, the Chair of the Board delivered a powerful contribution to the 'Women's COP' during the panel 'Gender-Responsive Climate Finance'. Held at the Margarida Schivasappa Theatre, the official event was organised by the Grupo Mulheres do Brasil initiative, led by business leader Luiza Helena Trajano.

On that occasion, Mahryan brought FunBEA's positioning to the forefront of the debate, arguing that global climate justice will only be fully achieved when financial investments directly recognise, protect, and empower the women, youth, and traditional communities who lead climate resilience across their biomes.

CLIMATE EDUCATION ON THE COP AGENDA

As a guardian and promoter of environmental and climate education, FunBEA led and joined key debates that positioned education as a fundamental pillar in tackling the climate crisis.

On the day dedicated to education (12 November), at the Gasômetro Theatre in Belém, Board Chair Mahryan Sampaio discussed **the inclusion of climate topics in school curricula alongside the National Forum for Indigenous School Education (FNEEI) and the National Campaign for the Right to Education.**

The Fund's strategic role was also highlighted at **Casa IPÊ**, where Executive Secretary Semíramis Biasoli joined a panel on education as the foundation for social and territorial engagement, moderated by environmentalist Suzana Padua. The event was co-organised by **Instituto Alana**, which brought the perspective of children and adolescents to the climate education debate.

Advocacy across cross-sector networks and international policy arenas took shape in the panel organised by **The Climate Reality Project** in the Blue Zone, where Mahryan Sampaio contributed to mapping Brazil's climate education ecosystem.

Finally, childhood and knowledge-building were celebrated at **Casa Futura** with the launch of 'Little Big Learnings: a climate glossary through the eyes of children and adolescents', in partnership with ActionAid — an event highlighted by the prominent attendance of FunBEA's Vice-President, Mariana Rico. Together, these agendas reaffirmed that global sustainability fundamentally depends on continuous, inclusive, and transformative educational processes.



ON THE LEFT (IN RED), FUNBEA VICE-PRESIDENT MARIANA RICO AT CASA FUTURA WITH ACTIONAID BRASIL.



SEMÍRAMIS BIASOLI PARTICIPATED IN THE PANEL 'ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE EDUCATION' AT CASA IPÊ, ALONGSIDE OTHER ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS INSTITUTO ALANA.

07. FUNBEA GRANTS



PUBLIC CALL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE AND EDUCATION

The Public Call for Environmental and Climate Education and Justice, launched by FunBEA in 2024 with a total allocation of R$ **914,200.10 (comprising R$ 715,000.00 in direct funding and R$ 199,200.10 in indirect support)**, aimed fundamentally at strengthening the institutional capacity of collectives and movements across the Atlantic Forest biome under the thematic umbrella of education and climate justice. Focused on organizational development and capacity building for those on the front lines of the climate crisis in the Northern Coast of São Paulo, the call established **a new paradigm of financial and pedagogical support by connecting grantees around a shared agenda for local policy advocacy.**

2025: ON-THE-GROUND PRACTICE

The year 2024 marked the implementation phases of a shared agenda through the Communities of Learning. Subsequently, 2025 stood out as the pivotal moment for practical action. During this phase, the 18 supported organisations and 5 community leaders brought to life and implemented their local and collective climate solutions. Ultimately, these actions were carried out directly at the grassroots and community levels across the region.



UNIÃO DOS ATINGIDOS COLLECTIVE AT A COMMUNITY GATHERING IN SÃO SEBASTIÃO.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Far from being a mere distribution of funds, the 2025 implementation was defined by close technical and political mentoring coordinated by FunBEA's educators. Through active and dedicated listening, this mentorship served as a pedagogical tool to diagnose urgent demands, mediate local conflicts, and address the impacts of environmental racism.

- **289 HOURS OF ADVISORY SUPPORT: DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO SUPPORTING AND DEVELOPING SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL COLLECTIVES.**
- **175 HOURS OF MENTORSHIP: FOCUSED ON PEDAGOGICAL SUPPORT AND STRENGTHENING LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.**
- **POLITICAL-PEDAGOGICAL FRAMEWORK: DELIVERED THROUGH MONTHLY ONLINE MENTORING SESSIONS AND IN-PERSON IMMERSION MEETINGS WITH THE LEARNING COMMUNITY.**

>RESOURCE LEVERAGING:

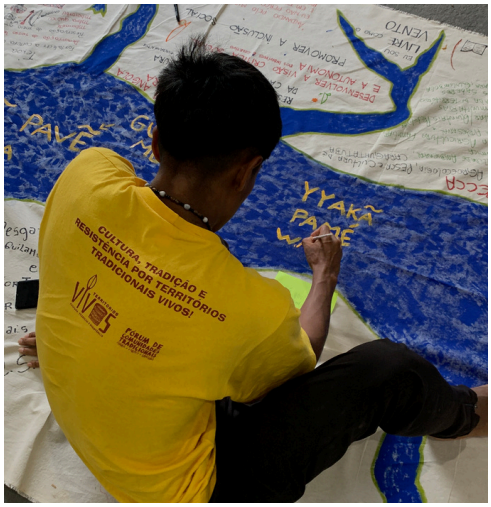
This advisory support enabled grantees to overcome technical barriers and access new partner funds (such as the Casa Socio-Environmental Fund's 'Living Atlantic Forest – Supporting Solutions for Conservation and Regeneration' call for proposals), sustainably scaling up grassroots fundraising.

The Learning Communities' workshops fostered urgent debates on local climate solutions and a just ecological transition. This ongoing process of collaboration culminated in the participatory organisation of the Climate in Motion Festival, establishing the Northern Coast as a hub for disseminating social technologies in climate mitigation and adaptation.

COMMUNITIES OF LEARNING AND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

The collective growth achieved in 2025 is the result of consolidating a robust regional community network. Regular engagement within the Learning Communities (LCs) — structured across two concurrent fronts (collectives and leaders) — fostered meaningful spaces for exchanging traditional, academic, and popular knowledge on socio-environmental justice, weaving bonds of solidarity and partnership among participants.





LOCAL AND COLLECTIVE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS (LCCS)

The defining milestone of 2025 was the autonomy granted to local movements, allowing financial resources to be transformed into strategies for community retention and territorial protection. While the climate crisis is global, it is within the territory that its impacts are felt and resilience is built. Drawing on traditional knowledge, collective action, and a deep connection to the land, these movements implemented local and collective climate solutions structured across 5 practical pillars — aligned with the collaborative work of Rede Comuá members under the Comuá pelo Clima project. Discover these categories in the column alongside:

The Comuá pelo Clima platform brings together local climate solutions from various members of the Rede Comuá network.

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Thecnological innovation

Development and implementation of technologies adapted to local needs.

Education and Public Awareness

Promoting awareness of climate change and sustainable actions within the community, empowering individuals to address climate challenges.

Community Empowerment

Building community capacity to participate actively in environmental decision-making and climate change adaptation, ensuring an inclusive and equitable approach.

Conservation and Restoration

Protection and restoration of local ecosystems, such as forests, mangroves, and wetlands, which play a crucial role in carbon sequestration and protection against natural disasters.

Adaptation

Developing strategies to address the impacts of climate change, such as flooding, droughts, or sea-level rise, through adapted agricultural practices, resilient infrastructure, and sustainable urban planning.

Mitigation

Implementation of measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions locally, such as the adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency.



Quilombola Ancestral Health House

The establishment of the Vitória Auxiliadora Ferreira de Sá Quilombola Health Support Space – Ancestral Knowledge, an initiative conceived by the Caçandoca Quilombo Remnant Association in Ubatuba, stands out as a major local collective climate solution supported by FunBEA, addressing a long-standing community demand to combat geographic isolation and environmental racism.

The initiative operates in an innovative way by combining and institutionalising ancestral and traditional healing knowledge — such as the use of medicinal herbs and traditional prayers — within the healthcare delivery framework provided by the Unified Health System (SUS) in the region.

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Where Memory Heals: Securing the 'Ancestral Knowledge' Quilombola Health Support Room



By integrating conventional medicine with the local wisdom of traditional healers (benzedeiras) and midwives, the space strengthens the territory's climate adaptation and resilience through self-reliance, ensuring continuous care even during climate crises or geographical isolation on the Northern Coast of São Paulo.

Mini Caiçara Museum



The inauguration of the Mini Caiçara Museum and the headquarters of ACAJU (Rio Juqueriquerê Caiçara Association) in São Sebastião represents a powerful local collective climate solution supported by FunBEA, designed to strengthen community resilience and adaptation through the safeguarding of memory and cultural identity.

In the face of rapid real estate speculation and extreme socio-environmental impacts threatening São Paulo's Northern Coast, the museum functions as a living space for environmental education that preserves traditional knowledge essential for biodiversity conservation, such as artisanal fishing techniques and Atlantic Forest stewardship.

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Mini Caiçara Museum: Where Memory Lives Like the Tide



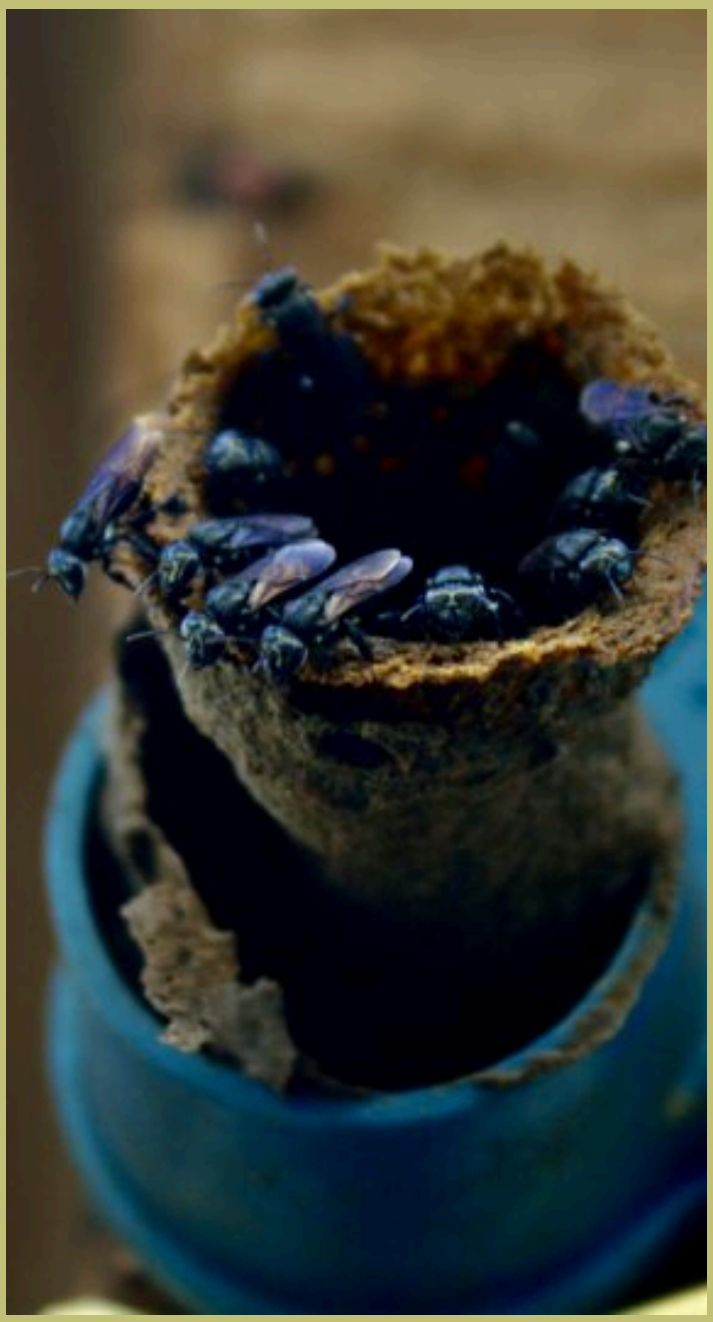
By connecting the community's past and present, the initiative transforms the appreciation of tangible and intangible heritage into a key strategy for resistance and sustainability, ensuring that ancestral knowledge continues to guide future generations in addressing the climate crisis.

Community Meliponary

The inauguration of the stingless bee apiary (meliponário) by the Instituto Capoeira Lobo Guará in Cambury, São Sebastião (SP), reveals how tackling the global climate crisis and socio-environmental inequalities depends fundamentally on strengthening local social organisation.

In this initiative supported by FunBEA, capoeira acts as a vital community bond: building on a social network already consolidated through the ancestral culture of the roda, the community mobilises and turns its attention to the urgent needs of its own territory.

By uniting this collective strength with the management of native stingless bees and community-based environmental education, the project embodies a living climate solution on São Paulo's Northern Coast. The engagement of children, youth, and residents from marginalized areas in the





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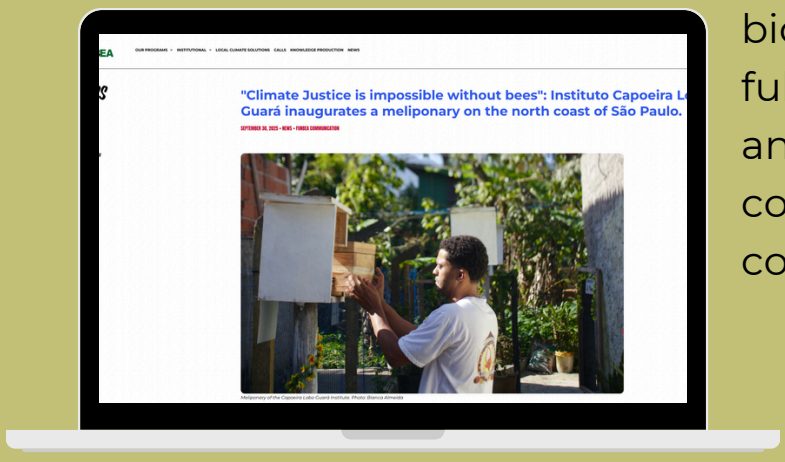
“Climate Justice Is Impossible Without Bees’: Instituto Capoeira Lobo Guará Inaugurates Stingless Bee Apiary on São Paulo’s Northern Coast"



stingless bee apiary generates income, enhances food security, and restores the Atlantic Forest — demonstrating in practice that biodiversity conservation is only fully effective and lasting when anchored in an organised, conscious, and autonomous community.

Strengthening the Community Network



The defining highlight of 2025 was the maturing and consolidation of a robust community network in the region, built directly through engagement in the **Learning Community (Comunidade de Aprendizagem — CA)** gatherings. Structured across two parallel tracks — one focused on collectives and the other on community leaders — the CAs provided dedicated spaces for the deep exchange of socio-environmental justice knowledge, establishing strong bonds of solidarity and partnership among the supported initiatives themselves.



This community network gained even greater momentum through historic bioclimatic exchanges, such as the visit by board member Neidinha Suruí, an internationally renowned activist leading the defense of the Amazon rainforest.



Over three days, Neidinha completed an immersion across traditional territories on São Paulo's Northern Coast, visiting communities supported by the fund: the Renascer Village (home to Guarani and Tupi Indigenous peoples in Ubatuba), the Rio Silveiras Village (Guarani Mbya in São Sebastião), the Sertão de Itamambuca Quilombo, and the Caçandoca Quilombo (both in Ubatuba).

THIS UNPRECEDENTED ENCOUNTER CONNECTED THE REALITIES OF THE AMAZON AND THE ATLANTIC FOREST, HIGHLIGHTING THAT WHILE CLIMATE CRISES MANIFEST DIFFERENTLY ACROSS BIOMES, THE FIGHT TO DEFEND LIFE AND TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY REMAINS ONE AND THE SAME.

In the Indigenous villages, the board member observed firsthand key initiatives in plant nurseries and Atlantic Forest reforestation, which are fundamental to the region's environmental regeneration. In the Quilombola territories, Neidinha witnessed a profound revival of local ancestry and community empowerment through social technologies that fulfill these peoples' historical demands: the construction of the Healthcare House in the Caçandoca Quilombo and the establishment of the Cassava Flour House (Casa de Farinha) in the Sertão de Itamambuca Quilombo.

Witnessing these local solutions that combine traditional knowledge with climate resilience, Neidinha emphasized that funding based on trust and autonomy yields exponential impacts on the ground. For her, supporting Quilombola, Caiçara, and Indigenous communities goes far beyond cultural preservation: it represents a crucial strategy for biodiversity conservation and for securing their right to remain on their lands.





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TERRITORIAL LEADERS

FunBEA's support boosted the positioning of the cultural movement Slam do Verso, led by young artist **Brenalta MC**, connecting urban culture with the climate justice agenda. The funding enabled the publication of his poetry book, engaged new movements — such as the Movimento União dos Atingidos in Boiçucanga — and expanded its reach across diverse spaces.

In addition to youth leadership, FunBEA's backing strengthened the advocacy and resistance of other leaders across the region:

- **Sara Regina:** Brought the climate justice agenda to the Journey of Affected Women (Jornada das Mulheres Atingidas) in Brasília and assumed the coordination of research and legal support for victims of environmental disasters in partnership with the Access to Justice Clinic at UFRRJ.
- **Cosme Vitor (Elder Leader):** Connected São Paulo's Northern Coast to the global housing movement, coordinating the approval of social housing in Ubatuba (Ministry of Cities Ordinance 549/2025) and preparing the submission on the "Northern Coast disaster-crime" for COP30.
- **Pajé Serginho (Indigenous Leader):** Secured food sovereignty for his village by restoring soil health for sustainable farming (in partnership with CATI) and established a stingless bee apiary in collaboration with the Forest Foundation (Fundação Florestal).
- **Nego Léo:** Maintained cultural integration and classes for local children despite the territorial freeze in Vila Sahy, while monitoring land regularization initiatives and participating in capacity-building programmes with Fiocruz.





› STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES HIGHLIGHTED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS

Throughout 2025, FunBEA hosted in-person active listening sessions and delivered 35 hours of individual mentoring (seven hours per leader). This close support proved essential for developing financial and institutional strengthening plans, offering vital planning time that is often stifled by the overwhelming volume of daily community demands.

Key takeaways highlight the lack of funding for the sustainability of movements and their leaders, alongside widespread distrust in local government — factors that deter participation in formal councils, yet do not diminish the strategic value and innovation of their grassroots initiatives.

Overall Impact of Indirect Support

• 225 ACTIONS DELIVERED:

130 territorial actions and 95 focused on institutional strengthening.

KEY OUTCOMES OBSERVED DURING THE PERIOD:

› EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE:

Community engagement, alignment with climate justice, valuation of traditional knowledge, cultural events, and the opening of new spaces for dialogue.

› PRODUCTION AND AGROECOLOGY:

Hosting eco-markets, community vegetable gardens, productive backyards, establishing a stingless bee apiary, and waste management infrastructure in schools.

› SOCIAL IMPACT AND INCOME GENERATION:

Technical training (sewing, printmaking, and culinary arts), procurement of production machinery, and a focus on empowering and including youth and women.

› RIGHTS AND HEALTH:

Expanded dialogue on territorial defense, rights awareness, and the construction of a healthcare room to ensure autonomy for a Quilombola community.

› PUBLISHED MATERIALS:

Launch of 3 books honoring the culture of the Caiçara fishing community, alongside the launch of a poetry book on marginal poetry by Brenalta MC.

'Climate in Motion' Festival Celebrates Local Solutions Ahead of COP 30



Organised by the team at FunBEA (Brazilian Environmental Education Fund) in direct partnership with supported collectives—who curated the entire programme—the 'Climate in Motion' festival took place on 20 September 2025 in Vila Sahy, São Sebastião (SP).

The event marked the conclusion of the 2024/25 Call for Proposals for Education and Climate Justice and celebrated the welcoming of grantees from the 2025/26 cohort, highlighting Local and Collective Climate Solutions.

The festival marked 12 months of work by 18 collectives and community leaders from the North Coast. The choice of month formed part of the Transformative Philanthropy Month initiative by the Comuá Network, which in 2025 focused on the theme 'Climate and Rights'.

Festival Spaces:

- **Collectives Fair:** Exhibition and sale of traditional arts and crafts and local cuisine from the 18 supported groups.
- **COP 30 Space:** Information materials and educational games provided by CEMADEN Education.
- **Multi-Arena Tent:** Stage for cultural performances and panel discussions.
- **Environmental Management**: Children's play area, local food stalls, and waste management featuring community composting

> CULTURE, RESISTANCE, AND YOUTH VOICES

The festival's cultural programme reflected the territory's diversity, bringing together performances of samba de roda, samba de coco, capoeira, a Guarani Indigenous choir, hip-hop, a fashion show, and poetry recitations.

The youth supported by the 2025 FunBEA Call for Proposals 'Youth, Educommunication, and Climate Justice' took center stage in the educommunicative coverage (audiovisual, text, and photography) and urban art interventions. Under the mentorship of artist and educommunicator Sylvio Ayala, young participants also led open workshops on graffiti, wheatpaste art (lambe-lambe), painting, and drawing.



DEBATES: CLIMATE JUSTICE IN PRACTICE

The festival hosted two major roundtables focused on policy advocacy and territorial action:

- **Climate and Rights:** Discussed the role of traditional communities in the face of the climate crisis. Panelists included Ivanildes Kerexu (leader of the Rio Bonito Village), Mahryan Sampaio (Board Chair of FunBEA and UN Youth Climate Ambassador), Pedro Rego (biologist and member of the North Coast Territorial Circle), and Semíramis Biasoli (Secretary-General of FunBEA).
- **Youth and Educommunication:** Brought together young grassroots communicators Caio Rezende (Coastal Conservation Institute), Sandy Santos (Visual Arts student and social mentor), and Mariane Garcia (cultural producer and illustrator), alongside researcher Fernanda Lazar (Educom&Climate project/USP), moderated by Mahryan Sampaio."

ARTE INTERATIVA CONECTA TERRITÓRIO À COP 30

The Escambau Cultura collective transformed Praça dos Estudantes into an open-air gallery. Among the works displayed was Yyakã Pamé Warã ('river for all' in Tupi-Guarani), a large unbleached cotton canvas painted collectively to symbolise the unity of local struggles.

The highlight was the interactive artwork Rizoma, which invited the public to weave messages addressed to COP 30.

"THE HANDIWORK OF EACH PARTICIPANT STRENGTHENS THE ARTWORK, PROMPTING REFLECTION ON OUR COLLECTIVE CLIMATE FUTURE AS THE THREADS INTERTWINE."

Visual artist Fernanda Lenzi

The festival concluded with a forró performance by the band Peixelétrico, consolidating the spirit of alliance, celebration, and collective action cultivated by FunBEA on the North Coast."









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Experience the highlights of the event in the video alongside:







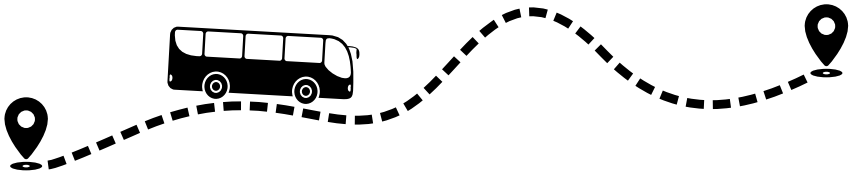
FESTIVAL OUTCOMES



Around **400 VISITORS** attended the festival and

+ 120 MEMBERS

of local organisations were present



4 buses provided to transport

75 PARTICIPANTS



14 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATORS

FunBEA-supported young people were directly involved in covering the event

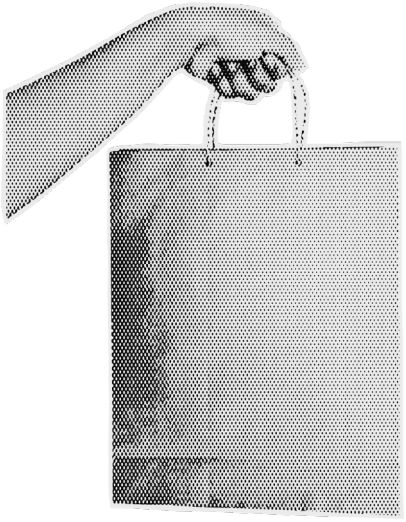


22 COMMUNITIES

representing 4 municipalities in the region

+ OVER USD 7,000

invested in the local economy



31,645 KG

Waste correctly diverted and managed





PUBLIC CALL 2025/26: YOUTH, EDUCOMMUNICATION AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

YOUTH COMMUNICATORS CAPACITY BUILDING IN SÃO PAULO'S ATLANTIC FOREST

Building on the 2024 initiatives, **the 2025 FunBEA Public Call was created to address a direct demand identified within the Learning Communities (LCs)**: the need to engage young people and strengthen the communication structures of local collectives.

The primary objective of the call was to train young grassroots communicators in vulnerable territories on the North Coast of São Paulo — particularly in the neighbourhoods most affected by the February 2023 climate disaster. Through socio-environmental educommunication, participants translate knowledge about the climate emergency into critical and creative tools for community mobilisation.

INVESTMENT AND TRAINING STRUCTURE

The Public Call mobilises financial and pedagogical resources to ensure student retention and practical learning.

Direct Financial Support Total direct financial support amounted to USD 14,000 (R$ 84,000.00), distributed as follows:

- **Beneficiaries: 65 selected young people**
- **Amount per participant: USD 235 (R$ 1,120.00),** allocated to cover attendance at training sessions and regional exchanges.

Training Structure (164 total hours)

- **Mentorship Sessions (32h):** 8 theoretical-practical sessions (3h30 each) held in the evening (August 2025 – March 2026), spaced 15 to 20 days apart.
- Community Interventions (60h): 8 practical sessions covering filming, mural painting, public address system experiments, community data research, and dialogue circles with local leaders.
- **Municipal Exchanges (18h)** in the North Coast São Paulo . Meetings with young people from other socio-environmental movements across Caraguatatuba, Ubatuba, and Ilhabela.
- **Online Mentorship Cycle (21h)**: Sessions pairing student groups with educommunicators and experts to produce media across specific formats (videos, articles/reporting, and visual arts).

TERRITÓRIOS E COLETIVOS REPRESENTADOS

The selection process received 85 applications (with 6 withdrawals and 14 uncontactable candidates), resulting in 65 selected young women and 52 who continued in the training programme. The group reflects the diversity of the territory, genders, ethnicities, and occupations (including fisherwomen, poets, designers, activists, and secondary school students).

The majority of young people aged 15 to 29 combine their studies — from primary to higher education — with informal employment, facing the pronounced inequalities in access to the regional labour market.

NETWORK OF COLLECTIVES AND PARTNER MOVEMENTS

The selected young people include groups already supported by FunBEA as well as new partner organisations, expanding the network's reach and engagement with youth involved in organized community networks. With 58.5% formally active in movements and collectives, their participation strengthens the training strategy, improves communication with these initiatives, and enhances local mobilization.



PORTFOLIO OF MEDIA FORMATS

To facilitate student transport and logistics across the territory, the training sessions were decentralised into three hubs of approximately 20 participants each. The pedagogical design was built around the core concepts and practices of educommunication, addressing key themes such as water resource management and climate justice. As part of these educommunicative practices, students worked with a portfolio of media formats, exploring journalistic writing (news stories and opinion pieces), literary styles (poetry, short stories, and cordel literature), graphic arts (collages, fanzines, graffiti, and wheatpaste poster art), as well as audiovisual techniques (documentary experiments, animation, and video blogging).

MENTORSHIP AND PRACTICAL RESULTS

To enhance the quality of the produced materials, the project implemented weekly, individual online mentorship sessions across four streams: Audiovisual, Graphic Art & Graffiti, Text, and Media.

KEY DELIVERABLES AND ACTIONS IN 2025:

> VISUAL IDENTITY:

Creation of dedicated logos by the groups for the Climate in Motion Festival.

> ARTICLES AND NEWS REPORTS:

Production of critical coverage published on the FunBEA website, including commentary on the Environmental Preservation Fee (TPA) in São Sebastião, the Abra de Dentro collective's agroecological garden, and activities at the Lobo Guará Institute.

> COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Execution of a community art workshop and discussion on environmental racism at the Lobo Guará Capoeira Institute (Cambury), led by educommunicator Sylvio Ayala, resulting in murals and informative posters.

> PROPRIETARY MEDIA CHANNEL:

Development of the layout for a new Digital Platform to publish content created by the young participants, alongside contributions to FunBEA's Resenha Sustentável newsletter.





ATLANTIC FOREST YOUTH AT LCOY 2025: HEADING TOWARDS COP30

On 14 August 2025, the youth delegation from the 2025 Call for Applications, alongside other leaders from the Northern Coast, attended the Local Conference of Youth – LCOY SP 2025 at the Federal University of ABC (UFABC) in São Bernardo do Campo

The invitation was extended by the Chair of the Board of FunBEA, Mahryan Sampaio, who mobilised 25 young people for one of the country's leading climate discussion forums.



PARTICIPATION HIGHLIGHTS

Voice in the Debate: Damaris Olinda Alves dos Santos, an activist from the Northern Coast supported by the Open Call and a member of the Traditional Communities Forum (Youth Wing), joined the panel "Climate Justice, Territories and Combating Environmental Racism". • **Collective Coverage:** Participants produced real-time content (photos and videos), boosting engagement across the institution's social media channels.

Behind the scenes! Watch the full coverage created by the young delegates on our Reels.

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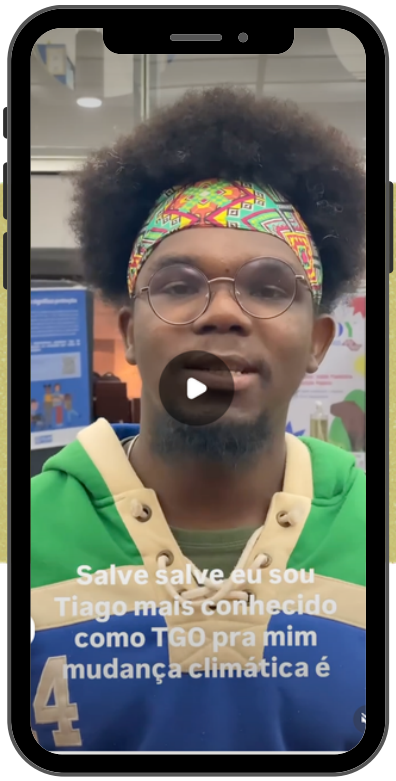




REGIONAL EXCHANGE IN 2026

In 2026, the young grassroots communicators enter a new phase: a series of regional exchanges across the municipalities of Ubatuba, Caraguatatuba, Ilhabela, and São Sebastião. These gatherings will showcase the materials produced alongside practical animation workshops (ranging from 2D to stop-motion), consolidating the Northern Coast youth communication network.



SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC POLICIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

EDUCOMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MOBILISATION: FUNBEA AND COPASA PARTNERSHIP (PRÓ-MANANCIAIS)

Within the scope of the Pró-Mananciais Programme, the Brazilian Environmental Education Fund (FunBEA) and the Sanitation Company of Minas Gerais (COPASA MG) strengthened 58 Local Environmental Collectives (COLMEIAS), bringing together activists, environmentalists, public managers, and company staff across several municipalities in Minas Gerais. This coordination was driven through an educommunication training programme structured into eight territorial clusters, fostering intergenerational knowledge exchange, network collaboration, and the creation of local environmental conservation narratives.

STRUCTURE AND WORKLOAD OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- The learning journey was structured into complementary stages, delivering a comprehensive balance of theoretical and practical training:
- Online Stage (192 hours): Synchronous sessions focused on the core concepts of educommunication and video production techniques.
- Virtual Mentorship (216 hours): Targeted sessions providing pedagogical support and technical guidance for the development of community educommunicative products.
- In-Person Workshops (60 hours): Practical audiovisual production activities (scriptwriting, filming, and editing), delivered through two face-to-face workshops across each of the eight territorial clusters.

IMPACT & RESULTS IN NUMBERS

- **+ 200 participants** engaged across generations and multiple sectors.
- **48 in-person workshops + 16 face-to-face sessions,** combining environmental education with audiovisual production.
- **30+ educommunicative videos,** scripts, and photographic records produced across the territories.
- **•51 territorial communication plans** developed to drive local social mobilisation.

THE WORKSHOPS WERE EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE. THEY COVERED EVERYTHING FROM INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE AND METHODOLOGIES TO SCRIPTWRITING AND PHOTOGRAPHY. I FELT INSPIRED TO CREATE AND SHARE THE PRÓ-MANANCIAIS ACTIVITIES IN MY MUNICIPALITY, VIEWING EDUCOMMUNICATION AS A STRATEGIC TOOL FOR WATER MOBILISATION.

***Rodrigo**, Colmeia participant (Tiros/MG).*



WORKSHOP IN THE CITY OF TEÓFILO OTONI, MINAS GERAIS.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN 2026?

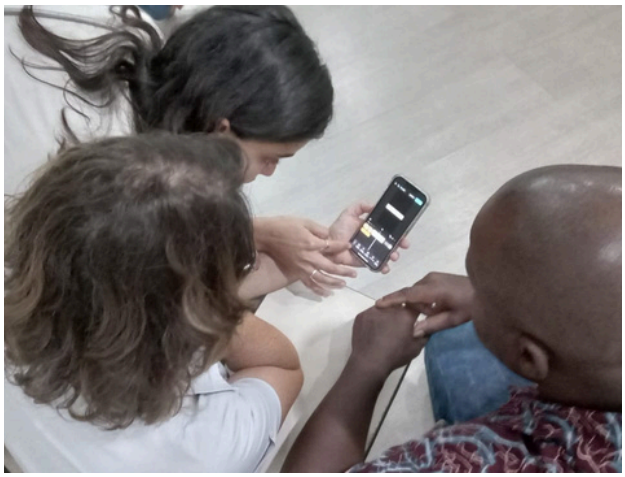
In 2026, the project enters its consolidation phase with the completion of educational materials derived from the entire process. The following outputs are currently under production:

- A kit of 10 selected and edited videos compiled from participant productions;
- A methodological magazine detailing the project's pedagogical journey; • An informative booklet on the Pró-Mananciais Programme;
- An institutional documentary preserving the memory and behind-the-scenes moments of the entire training process.

The strengthening of the COLMEIAS through community communication consolidates an action that constitutes the very essence and mission of FunBEA: to support and enhance public policies and environmental education programmes across Brazil.







PRACTICAL VIDEO RECORDING AND EDITING ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT WITH PARTICIPANTS



08. POLICY ADVOCACY: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AGENDAS

In 2025, FunBEA consolidated its national and international policy advocacy strategy, actively engaging in governance spaces, debates on grassroots climate finance, and the coordination process for COP 30.

INTERNATIONAL AGENDA: THE ROAD TO COP 30

Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB62) | Germany

Represented by President Mahryan Sampaio, FunBEA attended the 62nd session of the UN Subsidiary Bodies (SB62) on climate change — the key lead-up event to the Conference of the Parties.

> AGENDAS AND DIALOGUES:

Meeting with the Brazilian Government to discuss environmental education initiatives and engagement strategies rooted in local territories.

> VOICES AND ADVOCACY:

- Official delivery of the Climate Environmental Education Guidelines document to strategic stakeholders across the global and national ecosystems, including:
- **Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago (COP 30 President)** and Ana Toni (National Secretary for Climate Change/COP 30 CEO);
- **Joenia Wapichana (President of FUNAI)**, opening synergies around childhood, youth, and climate education;
- **The Ministry of Racial Equality**, reinforcing the intersections between climate justice and racial justice;
- **YOUNGO Youth Constituency**, aimed at broadening access for young people from traditional Brazilian communities to UNFCCC processes.



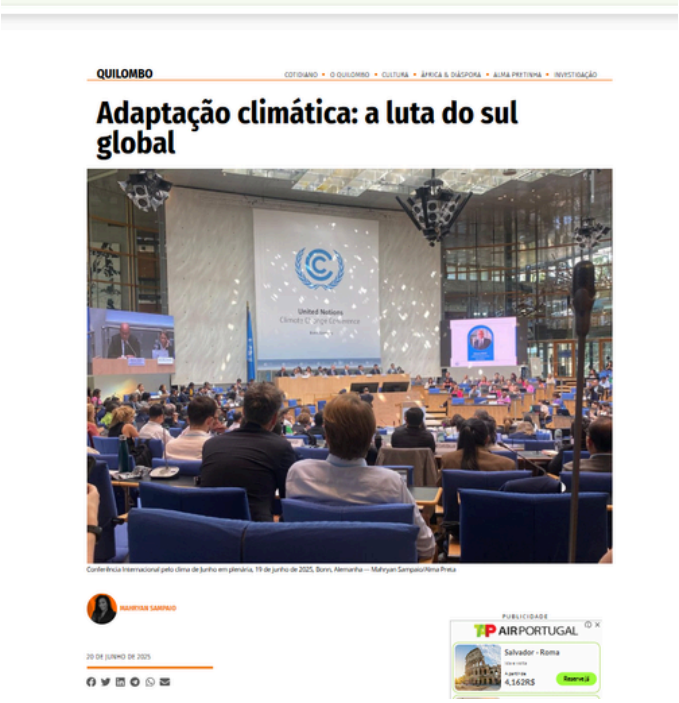
AMBASSADOR ANDRÉ CORRÊA DO LAGO WITH MAHRYAN SAMPAIO AT THE BONN CLIMATE CONFERENCE

"THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE MATERIAL WAS WELL RECEIVED AND PAVES THE WAY FOR KEY FUTURE COLLABORATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE LEAD-UP TO COP 30."

Mahryan Sampaio.

> PUBLICATIONS AND PRESS COVERAGE (SB62)

- **Article in Alma Preta Jornalismo:** ‘Climate adaptation: the struggle of the Global South’, in which Mahryan Sampaio analysed the Bonn negotiations through the racial and geographical lens of the Global South.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Adaptação climática: a luta do sul global

- **Article in Agência Jovem de Notícias:** ‘COP 30 is coming, but the game has already begun at the Bonn Conference’, highlighting the behind-the-scenes negotiations and the leading role of youth in decision-making on the planet’s future.


Agência Jovem de Notícias

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A COP 30 vem aí, mas o jogo já começou na Conferência de Bonn

Por Mahryan Sampaio

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AGENDAS

13th GIFE Congress | Fortaleza (CE)

FunBEA took part in the country's largest gathering on philanthropy and private social investment, bringing new resource-allocation frameworks to the agenda.

- Pre-Congress Sessions: Attendance by Executive Secretary Semíramis Biasoli and Communications Coordinator Grace Luzzi at the international seminar "Frontline Philanthropy: Which approaches best strengthen local responses to social and climate injustices?", held in partnership with the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) think tank, Instituto Pólis, Fundação Tide Setubal, and WINGS.
- Voices and Panels: Mahryan Sampaio featured on the panel "Participatory Grantmaking and Funding Models" alongside Camila Haddad from Próspera Social, Marcelle Decothé from Iniciativa Pipa, and Carlos Jorge from Instituto Mundaú Mundo, discussing how participatory grantmaking can redistribute power, knowledge, and wealth while promoting collaborative governance with communities.

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19th International Conference on Community-Based Adaptation to Climate Change (CBA19) | Recife (PE)

Hosted in Latin America for the first time, CBA19 brought together governments, civil society, and donors to share innovations in community-based adaptation.

- **Agendas and Panels:** FunBEA, in partnership with the Rede Comuá Territorial Alliance, co-hosted the panel 'Territorial Alliance: Connecting territories and communities to build a new philanthropy'.

8th International Congress of Environmental Education of Portuguese-Speaking Countries and Communities | Manaus (AM)

The event brought together 1,600 participants from ten Portuguese-speaking countries and communities under the theme 'Environmental education and local action: responses to the climate emergency, environmental justice, democracy, and well-being.

The Brazilian Environmental Education Fund (FunBEA) was one of the event's supporters, also contributing to the setup of debate panels and the articulation of strategic guidelines.

- Voices and Advocacy: Active role in discussions on funding for environmental education and climate guidelines, in partnership with CEMADEN Educação and the Educom&Clima project (USP).
- Key Publication: FunBEA was one of the key drivers and signatories of the Manifesto in Defence of Funding for Environmental Education in Portuguese-Speaking Countries and Communities, which calls for structural and sustained resources for environmental education in the face of the climate crisis.



SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS: CLIMATE WEEKS

SP Climate Week

- **Event Agenda:** Hosting of the hybrid event "Climate Education is a Right: Why Climate Education Must Be at the Core of COP 30", hosted by the Educom&Clima project at the School of Communications and Arts (ECA-USP).
- **Network Building:** Partnership with the Brazilian Coalition for Climate Education (working to integrate education into national and international climate agendas).
- **Key Publication:** Official launch of the "Manifesto for Greater Space for Climate Education at COP-30", available across partner channels (Climate Reality Project).

RJ Climate Week & The Climate Reality Project

FunBEA acted as a strategic partner in the global initiative founded by Al Gore (former US Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize laureate).

- **Voices and Panels:** Participation in the Partners Roundtable, where Chair Mahryan Sampaio presented FunBEA's grassroots climate finance methodology, ensuring financial resources reach local territories directly without intermediaries.
- **Key Agendas:** Official handover of the Climate Environmental Education Guidelines directly to Al Gore and Phyllis Cuttino (President and CEO of The Climate Reality Project).



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Junte-se ao Corpo de Liderança do Climate Reality participando do nosso treinamento gratuito no Rio de Janeiro, de 15 a 17 de agosto.
Você vai se conectar com outras pessoas apaixonadas por mudança, aprender com vozes locais inspiradoras e receber as ferramentas necessárias para impulsionar a ação climática na sua comunidade.

O FunBEA é parceiro do The Climate Reality Project por meio da Coalizão Brasileira pela Educação Climática, uma iniciativa que reúne mais de 60 organizações comprometidas em promover a educação sobre mudanças climáticas no Brasil.

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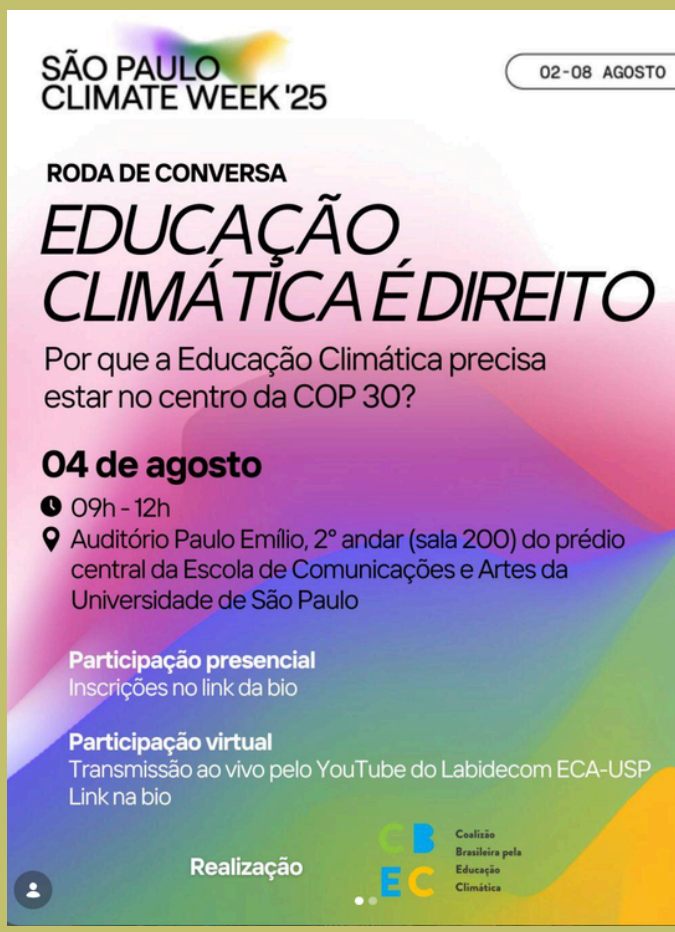

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O CBEC estará presente com a roda de conversa Educação Climática: Por que a Educação Climática precisa estar no centro da COP 30?

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09. KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION

Knowledge production is one of FunBEA's structural pillars, underpinning its political advocacy, community empowerment, and dissemination of knowledge focused on socio-environmental and climate justice. In 2025, the organisation consolidated this work through strategic publications, manifestos, and field research.

STRATEGIC PUBLICATIONS AND INFOGRAPHICS

Diálogos Magazine (Center for Sovereignty and Climate)

FunBEA contributed to the March 2025 special edition of Diálogos magazine, published by the Center for Sovereignty and Climate (Centro Soberania e Clima), with the article **"Tackling the climate emergency requires investing in transformative environmental education".** (V.4, N.1).

- Scope: The article explored the intrinsic link between Climate Environmental Education and addressing climate emergencies, positioning education as a structural and strategic driver to guide government decision-making and secure long-term resources.
- Supporting Material: The publication was accompanied by a **thematic infographic on education, designed to visually illustrate the connections between educational, environmental, and funding policies.**

Manifesto Letter to COP 30

In collaboration with the Brazilian Coalition for Climate Education (CBEC), **The Climate Reality Project Brazil, the Brazil Climate Center (CBC),** and other collectives, FunBEA signed the Manifesto Letter addressed to the COP 30 Presidency.

- Pleito Principal: O documento reivindicou a inclusão do tema ***"O Papel da Educação do Sul Global na Agenda Climática* na Blue Zone"** (espaço oficial de negociações da ONU).
- Subsídio Técnico: O manifesto deu visibilidade às "Diretrizes de Educação Ambiental Climática" — formuladas pelo FunBEA em parceria com o Programa Cemaden Educação e o Instituto Clima e Sociedade (iCS) —, defendendo a urgência de fortalecer a educação climática nos âmbitos formal e informal.

<Read the letter>



FIELD RESEARCH: KNOWING TO SUPPORT

Led by researcher Igor Carvalho, the "Knowing to Support" (Conhecer para Apoiar) study conducted an in-depth immersion across Brazil's North and Northeast regions. The goal was to hear directly from frontline socio-environmental justice leaders to assess opportunities, challenges, and perspectives that could inform and strengthen their work.

Between late January and early February 2025, technical and diagnostic site visits were carried out with key organisations in Pará and Bahia, including:

- **Gambá (Grupo Ambientalista da Bahia): A landmark institution in socio-environmental defence, with a trajectory dating back to the military dictatorship, bringing decades of expertise in conservation projects and social justice.**
- **Coletivo Chibé (Icoaraci - PA): An organisation with strong community roots in the Amazon, focused on territorial empowerment through cultural preservation, environmental protection, and environmental education for children.**
- **Instituto Rainha do Mar (Recôncavo Baiano - BA): An organisation led by Black women dedicated to defending the land and territorial rights of traditional fishing peoples and quilombola communities.**
- **Elas Negras Conexões (Iguape Basin - BA): A Black women's institute focused on restoring and protecting mangroves and local waterways, while simultaneously providing socio-economic support to local shellfish gatherers and crab catchers.**

Internal Impact and Strategic Alignment: Beyond local diagnostics, the research served as robust internal supporting material for the development of FunBEA's programmatic area. The collected data provided valuable insights into the status quo of community-based organisations across different Brazilian states, mapping their actual technical, institutional, and financial support needs, and guiding the fund's future granting lines and operational strategies.





10. COMMUNICATION

In 2025, FunBEA's communications strategy consolidated its strategic role in translating and democratising information. The focus was on producing content that informed, drove engagement, and bridged complex global climate policy issues with local territorial realities.

This strategy was designed to engage effectively with the two main audience profiles within FunBEA's ecosystem:

- **The Grassroots Base:** Traditional communities, members of community-based organisations across Brazil, students, activists, environmentalists, researchers, teachers, and environmental educators (both formal and community-based).
- **The Funder Ecosystem:** Members of philanthropic organisations, partner institutes, and private sector collaborators.

2025 Communications Highlights

Instagram



346.7K
Profile views (304,076 organic and 42,666 sponsored)



9,007
Followers

(+3.3k followers increase over the last year)



12.5K
Content engagements
(likes, comments, shares, and saves)

126.7K
reach

9.2K
profile visits

200
published posts

(60% Stories and 40% Feed)

1.8K
Bio link clicks
(most posts direct to website)

Linkedin

18.151
engagements

9.783
profiles reach

11,5%
engagement rate

3.333
followers

Newsletter Resenha Sustentável (Sustainable Briefing)

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Mailchimp contacts

800+
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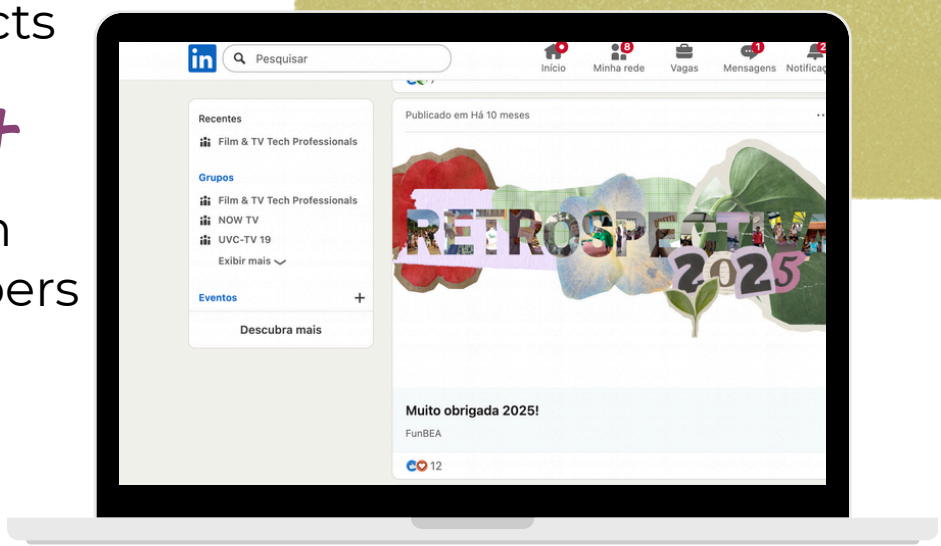


MEDIA COVERAGE AND PUBLIC INFLUENCE

The communication strategy ensured that FunBEA's voice and positions reached key high-profile national media outlets, driving conversations on fair financing and the role of environmental education in the year leading up to COP 30 in Brazil.

- **Exclusive Interview with Grupo Liberal (PA):** FunBEA's Secretary-Executive, Semíramis Biasoli, gave an exclusive interview to one of Amazonia's leading mass media outlets. Across print, digital, and YouTube video formats, she stressed the urgent need for COP 30 to prioritise the Amazon territory as the main stage for the event:



"COP 30 IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AMAZON, AND OUR FUND IS DEDICATED TO DRIVING INITIATIVES THAT ENSURE THE REGION'S MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES ARE NOT LEFT BEHIND. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR REGIONAL TRANSFORMATION."

Semíramis Biasoli.

- **Coverage in Exame Magazine:** FunBEA President, Mahryan Sampaio, took centre stage in the economic and philanthropic debate in an interview with Exame, advocating that **“COP 30 must prioritize fair financing and the fight against inequality”**, directly shaping the institution's grantmaking vision for the private sector and private social investment.

CITIZEN-CENTRED LANGUAGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA INNOVATION

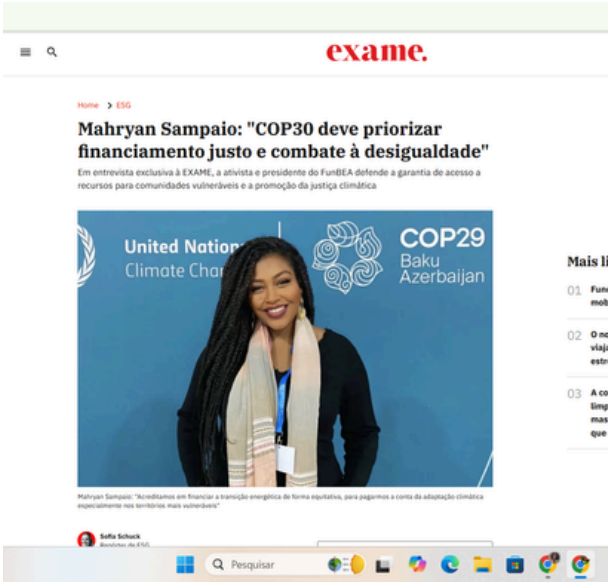
Bridging the gap between technical UN (UNFCCC) negotiation terminology and youth and grassroots communities was one of the period’s greatest communication challenges and achievements.

Special Series: “If countries argued like...”

Conceived and presented by Mahryan Sampaio, the short-video social media series used humor, creativity, and everyday metaphors to demystify complex topics such as climate finance, adaptation goals, and energy transition. The format transported global negotiations into three everyday settings:

- **A pub table;**
- **A classroom;**
- **A beauty salon.**

This innovative approach ensured high engagement rates, proving that the complexity of climate debates can—and must—be translated so that youth and environmental educators can take ownership and actively contribute to building solutions.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Mahryan Sampaio: "COP30 deve priorizar financiamento justo e combate à desigualdade"

Em entrevista exclusiva à EXAME, a ativista e presidente do FunBEA defende a garantia de acesso a recursos para comunidades vulneráveis e a promoção da justiça climática

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Mahryan Sampaio: "Acreditamos em financiar a transição energética de forma equitativa, para pagarmos a conta da adaptação climática especialmente nos territórios mais vulneráveis"

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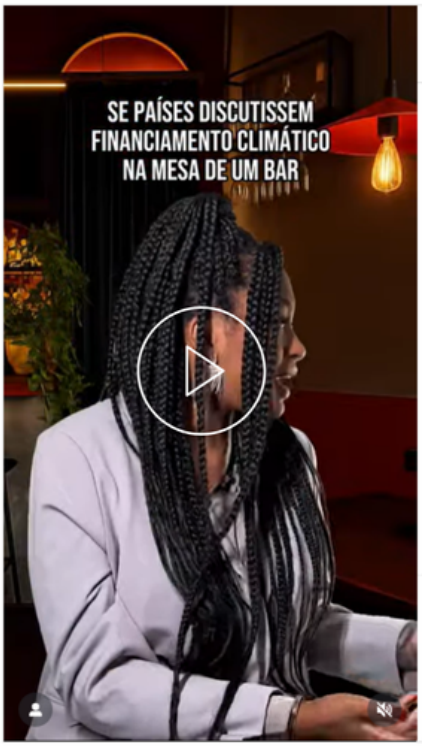

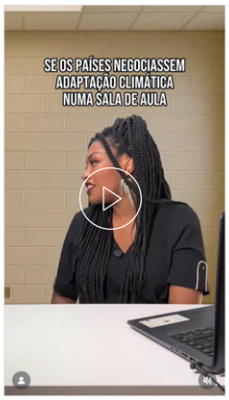

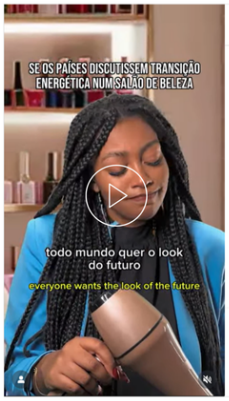

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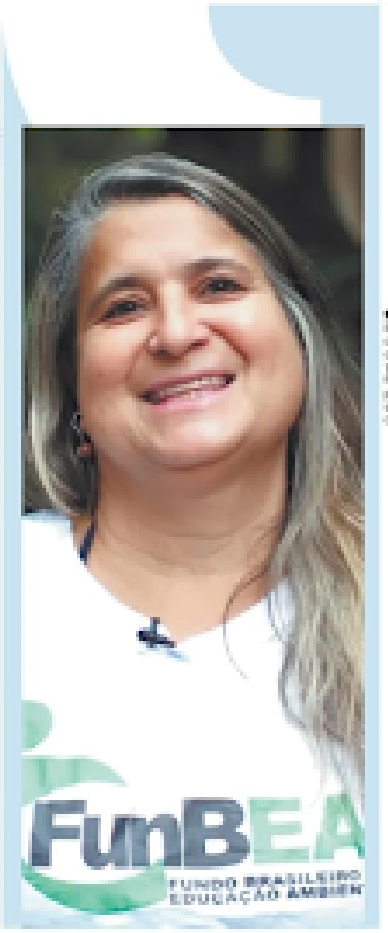

11. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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12. CLOSING REMARKS

The year 2025 marked a historic milestone for FunBEA, bridging local grassroots power with global decision-making ahead of COP 30 in Brazil. Beyond expanding our programmatic support for environmental education and socio-biodiversity, we led civil society climate diplomacy—from training over 50 local collectives in Minas Gerais to advocating direct, inclusive climate finance at the Bonn Conference. As this cycle closes, FunBEA stands stronger than ever: an institution defined by structural solidity, enduring persistence, and deeply rooted, long-term territorial presence across Brazilian biomes. We extend our sincere gratitude to all partners and allies walking this path with us, fully convinced that funding grassroots climate education is the only path to a just, democratic, and sustainable future.

Semíramis Biasoli, FunBEA's Executive Secretary

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