

Brazil and Vanuatu join the *International Climate Councils Network*

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- ▶ The newly established Brazilian Scientific Advisory Chamber (CAC) and Vanuatu's National Advisory Board for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB) have joined an international network of 28 climate councils from around the world.
- ▶ The creation of the Scientific Advisory Chamber by the Brazilian government speaks to the COP30 host's commitment to strengthening its national climate governance. Vanuatu's long-standing National Advisory Board will bring an experienced and urgent small-island developing state perspective to the network.
- ▶ The new members from Brazil and Vanuatu will be formally welcomed by the other 16 members present at COP30 at a pavilion event on Monday 17th at 17:30.

Story

Climate advisory bodies to the Brazilian and Vanuatu governments have joined the International Climate Councils Network, a group of 28 science-based councils from around the world.

The Scientific Advisory Chamber (Câmara de Assessoramento Científico, or CAC) was officially launched by the Brazilian government this year, along with two other advisory bodies to the Interministerial Committee on Climate Change (CIM), in an effort to ensure that policymakers are equipped with advice grounded in science.

Vanuatu's National Advisory Board for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB), which was established in 2012, has played an active role in supporting the small island nation's ambitious climate change response, including leading on its recently submitted Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

An in-person announcement of Brazil and Vanuatu's joining will take place at COP30 on Monday 17 November at 17:30, at a side event in the Regional Climate Foundations Pavilion. Media are invited to attend by registering [here](#).

This follows a joint statement published by the ICCN focused on the role of climate councils in supporting governments to effectively implement evidence-based climate policy. Click [here](#) to read the statement, which was endorsed by global leaders like ex-UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres and Australian Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen.

Quotes

Jean Ometto, Vice-Chair, Brazilian Scientific Advisory Chamber, said:

“The Câmara de Assessoramento Científico looks forward to actively engaging with other International Climate Councils Network members, so that we can learn from their experiences and ensure that our governments are equipped with the highest-quality science-based advice.”

Hon Ralph Regenvanu, Minister for Climate Change Adaptation, Energy, Environment, Meteorology, GeoHazards and Disaster Management, Republic of Vanuatu, said:

“Climate councils like Vanuatu’s National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB) are refining our climate adaptation policy space, designing world-first loss and damage response programmes and stewarding our Climate Finance Platform. The continued central role of the NAB is of highest priority as we navigate an uncertain future.”

Rick Smith, Co-Chair, International Climate Councils Network and President, Canadian Climate Institute, said:

“Both climate leaders in their own right, our new members will collaborate with peers around the world to help drive the implementation of evidence-based policy in their own countries. The addition of Brazil and Vanuatu to our network is a critical step towards achieving our mission of strengthening climate governance through effective climate councils.”

Available for comment

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Notes to editors

1. The International Climate Councils Network was launched in 2021 to support and amplify the work of a growing network of climate councils: 28 expert bodies officially mandated to advise their national governments on climate policy. Hosted by independent think tank E3G since 2024, the Secretariat's aims are to build capacity amongst our members, raise their profile internationally, and improve climate governance by strengthening the network. www.climatecouncils.org
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