FROM KANANASKIS TO BELÉM –

ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON WILDFIRES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

ON THE PATH TO COP30

22 SEPTEMBER 2025, 2:00 – 3:30 PM, WESTIN NY GRAND CENTRAL, AMBASSADOR ROOM

Wildfires are becoming more frequent, severe, and unpredictable as climate change intensifies. Beyond immediate destruction, wildfires degrade forests, release greenhouse gases, threaten biodiversity, undermine food and water security, and endanger human health.

While most countries can manage typical fire seasons, increasingly extreme wildfires overwhelm national capacities. This reality underscores the urgent need for international cooperation.

Recognizing this challenge, several recent milestones have advanced the agenda:

- In 2023, the **GLOBAL FIRE MANAGEMENT HUB** was launched by FAO and partners as the main international platform for cooperation, knowledge exchange, and technical assistance on integrated fire management.
- In 2025, under its G7 Presidency, Canada spearheaded the **KANANASKIS WILDFIRE CHARTER**, the first high-level political commitment to enhance global capacity to prevent, respond and recover from wildfires.
- As host of COP30 in Belém, Brazil is preparing a **CALL TO ACTION ON INTEGRATED FIRE MANAGEMENT AND WILDFIRE RESILIENCE**, aimed at elevating integrated fire management to the highest political level.

This event will connect these initiatives, providing a platform to build momentum and convergence on the road to Belém.

OBJECTIVES

1. **SUSTAIN MOMENTUM** from the Kananaskis Wildfire Charter and encourage further endorsement and implementation.
2. **ADVANCE BRAZIL'S CALL TO ACTION** as the political vehicle for elevating fire management at COP30.
3. **REINFORCE THE ROLE OF THE GLOBAL FIRE MANAGEMENT HUB,** hosted at FAO, as the central technical platform for knowledge, capacity building, and interoperability.
4. **FACILITATE DIALOGUE AMONG COUNTRIES AND PARTNERS**, ensuring alignment of ongoing initiatives and gathering inputs to refine the draft Call to Action ahead of COP30.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Expanded political support for Brazil's proposed Call to Action and Canada's Kananaskis Charter.
- Agreement on next steps toward Belém, including discussions on the draft Call to Action and coordination ahead of Pre-COP.
- Amplified visibility of wildfire resilience as a shared global priority.

FORMAT

The event will be structured in two parts.

OPEN SESSION: opening remarks by senior representatives of Brazil, Canada, and FAO, as well as the COP30 Presidency.

> **OPENING REMARKS: MS. ANA TONI,** COP30 Presidency CEO (5 minutes)
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> **MS. CINDY TERMORSHUIZEN**, Deputy Minister for the G7 Summit and Personal Representative of the Prime Minister (Sherpa) for the G7 and G20 Summits, Canada (6 mins)
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> **AMBASSADOR MAURICIO CARVALHO LYRIO**, Secretary of Climate, Energy and Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chief Climate Negotiator, Brazil (6 mins)
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> **MR. ANDRÉ LIMA**, National Secretary, Extraordinary Secretariat for Deforestation Control, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil (6 min)
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> **MR. KAVEH ZAHEDI**, Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO (6 mins)

CLOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING SESSION (60 minutes): presentation of the current draft of the Call to Action, roundtable discussion among participating countries, and agreement on next steps.

PARTICIPANTS

The event will convene:

- Senior officials from Brazil, Canada, and FAO;
- Representatives of key countries engaged in the Global Fire Management Hub;
- Invited partners with active roles in wildfire management and climate action.