



**Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
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## **EIGHTH MEETING OF THE FORUM OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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### **TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COUNTRY STATEMENTS**

**TUESDAY, 1 APRIL 2025 | 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

Session on the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Belem do Para, Brazil, 2025)

#### **Trinidad and Tobago's priorities and perspectives in preparation for the Thirtieth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Brazil**

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, good afternoon, Trinidad and Tobago extends greetings to the Executive of ECLAC and appreciates the hospitality thus far for this Forum. I thank the panellists for their presentations.

COP29, held in Azerbaijan, took place amid record-breaking global temperatures in 2024, underscoring the urgency for stronger climate action. The conference prioritized climate finance, resulting in an agreement on a new collective quantified goal to mobilize at least USD 1.3 trillion annually by 2035, though immediate commitments secured at least USD 300 billion per year for developing countries. Another key notable achievement was the establishment of a global carbon market framework, with clear operational rules for carbon trading and measures to ensure transparency and environmental integrity. Looking ahead to COP30 in Brazil, where discussions will focus on implementing financial commitments, refining carbon trading mechanisms, and strengthening support for climate adaptation and mitigation, Trinidad and Tobago has its own priorities and perspectives.

In the build-up to COP30, Trinidad and Tobago will continue to prioritize securing climate finance, strengthening adaptation efforts, and advancing just transition strategies to align with global climate goals while ensuring economic resilience. Given the agreement at COP29 on a new collective quantified goal (NCQG) for climate finance, Trinidad and Tobago will continue to advocate for accessible and predictable funding to support its climate actions, particularly for adaptation, mitigation, and capacity building. Additionally, engaging in

discussions on carbon markets and technology transfer mechanisms will be crucial in leveraging opportunities for sustainable development while maintaining economic competitiveness. Furthermore, Trinidad and Tobago, though an oil and gas producer, still is a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) and we will continue to advocate for frameworks and the relevant financing that facilitate a just transition, ensuring that low-carbon economic pathways do not undermine energy security or socio-economic stability.

With COP30 set in the Amazon, the conference is expected to emphasize links between climate change, biodiversity, and deforestation, focusing on nature-based solutions and sustainable development with a push for stronger global action on deforestation and land use. We note the COP30 president-designate's call for integrating climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development agendas, shifting discussions from negotiation to implementation to ensure real progress on past commitments. For Trinidad and Tobago, COP30's emphasis on the interconnections between climate change, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable development presents an opportunity to strengthen our own policies and international advocacy. As a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) with rich biodiversity and unique ecosystems, my country will look at aligning climate action with nature-based solutions, particularly through the conservation and restoration of mangroves, forests, and coastal ecosystems, which serve as critical carbon sinks and buffers against climate impacts.

Finally, we recognise that at the end of 2025, the world will be reflecting on the 10 years since the adoption of the Paris Agreement, this is a significant global milestone. Given that by 2025, all countries will have submitted their updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), outlining their climate action plans to reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change. We look forward to fruitful discussions on this key area of focus, examining how we can continue to raise the bar on climate ambition, as countries head towards COP30.

With this in mind, Trinidad and Tobago remains steadfast in its commitment to addressing climate change while balancing economic resilience, and it will continue to play an active role in shaping the global climate agenda as the global community moves towards COP30 and beyond.

Thank you.

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