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Pacific Farmers Organisation (PFO) extends its heartfelt appreciation to all those who supported and contributed to the successful participation of Pacific farmers at the 30th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held in Belém, Brazil.

This engagement was made possible through the collective efforts of the PFO family: our member farmer organisations, national farmer representatives, and farmer leaders across the Pacific, whose unity and shared commitment continue to strengthen regional advocacy and farmer-led climate action. PFO warmly acknowledges the farmer delegates who represented the Voices of the Pacific with passion, professionalism, commitment, and authenticity, sharing lived experiences from the frontline of climate change and demonstrating the leadership of smallholder and family farmers in advancing locally led climate solutions.

PFO also acknowledges and sincerely thanks the Governments of Fiji and Samoa for their trust and support in enabling farmer participation through accreditation under their national delegations. This support helped ensure Pacific farmers were present, visible, and meaningfully engaged in global climate discussions.

We are grateful to our development partners, donors, and collaborators for their continued partnership and investment in strengthening climate resilience across Pacific farming communities. We also acknowledge the many regional and international civil society organisations, farmer networks, and stakeholders who worked alongside us throughout COP30, contributing to constructive dialogue, shared learning, and strengthened partnerships.

PFO looks forward to building on this collaborative support and strengthened partnerships to further elevate Pacific farmer voices, expand farmer led solutions and shape stronger outcomes for COP31 and beyond.

Vinaka vakalevu & Thank you

Executive Summary

The 30th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP30) was held in Belém, Brazil from 10-21 November 2025, gathering over 56,000 participants from various organisations around the world. COP30 was widely viewed as the “Implementation COP”, reinforcing the urgent need to accelerate delivery of climate action and finance, particularly for climate-vulnerable regions such as the Pacific.

With support of numerous partners, the Pacific Farmer Organisations (PFO) delegation participated in COP30 to elevate Pacific farmer priorities and strengthen advocacy for inclusive, farmer-centred climate action. The delegation included representatives from PNG Women in Agriculture (PNG), Women in Business Development Inc. (Samoa), Samoa Farmers Association (Samoa), TeiTei Taveuni (Fiji), and the PFO Secretariat.

PFO’s engagement at COP30 was guided by four objectives: *amplifying Pacific farmer voices in global climate discussions; advocating for increased and directly accessible adaptation finance; showcasing farmer-led, nature-based and inclusive resilience approaches; and strengthening partnerships with key stakeholders.* Across side events, panel discussions, bilateral meetings, and networking engagements, PFO delegates shared lived experiences from the region and highlighted practical adaptation solutions grounded in local leadership, Indigenous knowledge, and community-driven initiatives.

A major highlight was the ***PFO-led side event Leaving No One Behind: Farmer-Led Pathways to Inclusive Resilience in the Pacific***, which showcased inclusive resilience approaches across the region, including women’s leadership and disability-inclusive programming. PFO alongside Pacific CSOs co-hosted the side event: Voices of the Pacific: Indigenous Leadership in Climate Action, underscoring the importance of recognising Indigenous rights, traditional knowledge systems, and meaningful participation in national and global climate processes.

PFO delegates further engaged in sessions focused on scaling farmer-led adaptation, improving access to climate finance, and advancing innovative financial solutions for inclusive agrifood systems transformation. The delegation also contributed Pacific perspectives during a session organised by the Australian Government on advanced weather and climate modelling tools, highlighting the urgent need for climate information services that are accessible, locally relevant, and farmer-friendly.

COP30 strengthened strategic partnerships, including with the Governments of Fiji and Samoa for enabling Blue Zone access through Party accreditation, and a bilateral engagement with the Australian Government to explore deeper cooperation on climate-resilient agriculture and farmer-led adaptation pathways. COP30 also increased PFO’s visibility across the Pacific region, reinforcing the value of continued outreach, stronger coordination, and improved preparation for future COP participation.

Overall, COP30 marked an important milestone in advancing Pacific farmer representation in global climate spaces and reaffirmed the role of farmer organisations as key partners in climate action. PFO remains committed to advocating for equitable climate finance, inclusive resilience, and sustainable food systems that protect livelihoods and strengthen adaptation across Pacific farming communities.

Key Outcomes at a Glance

- **Pacific farmer voices elevated** at a global level, strengthening visibility of frontline food producers in climate decision-making spaces.
- **Advocacy reinforced for direct and accessible adaptation finance**, ensuring funding reaches smallholder and family farmers who face the greatest climate risks.
- **Inclusive resilience showcased as a Pacific priority**, advancing approaches that strengthen women's leadership and disability inclusion in climate adaptation.
- **Indigenous knowledge and farmer-led solutions amplified**, demonstrating the value of nature-based and regenerative approaches for resilient food systems.
- **Strategic partnerships strengthened**, including engagement with Australia, collaboration with Pacific CSOs, and networking with global farmer organisations.
- **PFO regional awareness increased**, creating new opportunities for stronger coordination and Pacific-wide advocacy towards COP31 and beyond.

Introduction

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is the primary international treaty addressing climate change. To support decision-making under the Convention, Parties and observers convene annually at the Conference of the Parties (COP), the UNFCCC's highest decision-making body. COP meetings provide a critical platform where governments and stakeholders negotiate, review progress, and agree on actions related to global climate action. Decisions taken at COP shape climate policies, financing flows, and commitments, with direct implications for countries, communities, and vulnerable groups, including farmers.

Farmers, particularly smallholder and family farmers, are on the frontline of climate change, yet their voices remain underrepresented in global climate discussions. Pacific farmers, in particular, live at the centre of the climate crisis. Rising sea levels, saltwater intrusion, intensifying cyclones, prolonged droughts, shifting seasons, and declining soil fertility are already disrupting food production and livelihoods across the region. Participation at COP ensures that those most affected by climate change are visible, heard, and able to influence global solutions and decision-making processes.

The 30th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP30) was held in Belém, Brazil, from 10-21 November 2025. With more than 56,000 registered participants, COP30 was the second-largest COP to date, bringing together a wide range of state and non-state actors, including governments, civil society, farmer organisations, development partners, and the private sector. This COP was dubbed the “Implementation COP” with the Brazilian Presidency placing strong emphasis on accelerating delivery of existing commitments and translating global pledges into tangible action on the ground particularly for climate vulnerable communities. For Pacific farmers, COP30 reinforced the importance of elevating frontline voices, strengthening partnerships, and advancing practical, farmer-led solutions that can be supported through targeted investments and sustained collaboration.

With the support of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (**DFAT**), International Fund for Agricultural Development (**IFAD**), Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (**GAFSP**), World Rural Forum (**WRF**), and Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**), representatives from Pacific Farmer Organisations were able to participate in COP30. This support enabled Pacific farmers to engage with other stakeholders and share lived experiences from the region, and advocate for inclusive, farmer-centred climate action.

The Pacific Farmer Organisations (PFO) delegation to COP30 comprised:

1. Barbara Tomi - PNG Women in Agriculture, Papua New Guinea
2. Taaloga Apa - Women in Business Development Inc, Samoa
3. Clayton Simamao - Samoa Farmers Association, Samoa

4. Alan Petersen - TeiTei Taveuni, Fiji
5. Merewalesi Rokosawa - PFO Secretariat
6. Ilisapeci Vakacegu - PFO Secretariat

Objectives of PFO Participation at COP30

PFOs participation centred on four key objectives:

1. Amplify the voices of Pacific farmers in global climate policy discussions.
2. Advocate for increased and directly accessible climate adaptation finance, especially for smallholder farmers.
3. Showcase farmer-led, nature-based, gender-responsive, and disability-inclusive resilience solutions being implemented across the Pacific.
4. Strengthen partnerships with various stakeholders.



Fig 1: Pacific Farmers delegation to COP30 (L-R) Clayton Simamao (SFA), Ilisapeci Vakacegu (PFO), Alan Petersen (TTT), Barbara Tomi (PNGWiA), Merewalesi Rokosawa (PFO) and Taaloga Apa (WIBDI)

Key Engagements & Activities

During COP30, the Pacific Farmers delegation participated in a number of formal and informal platforms. PFO delegates participated in side events, panel discussions, bilateral meetings, and networking engagements, sharing their experiences and showcasing farmer-led adaptation and resilience solutions from the Pacific. These engagements increased the visibility of Pacific farmers at this global climate meeting and provided an opportunity for networking and strengthening relationships with governments, development partners, and civil society, while advancing advocacy for inclusive, farmer-centred climate action.

PFO-Led and Joint Side Events

Leaving No One Behind: Farmer-Led Pathways to Inclusive Resilience in the Pacific



Fig 2: PFO delegates speaking at the Moana Pacific Pavilion on inclusive resilience, women's leadership, and disability inclusion in Pacific farming communities.

This event highlighted how Pacific farmer organisations lead inclusive resilience by empowering women, youth, and persons with disabilities, showcasing:

- WIBDI's work with deaf women farmers in Samoa
- TeiTaveuni's climate-resilient agroforestry and traditional crop revitalisation

- PNG Women in Agriculture's support for women-led climate adaptation in rural communities

PFO panelists spoke on the work they are currently implementing under the CRF-PI project and how it has helped communities build resilience to environmental changes they are currently facing. The panelists also spoke about the effectiveness of farmer to farmer learning, an approach often taken by Pacific farmers to build capacity, share knowledge and help other farmers adopt new practices more confidently by learning directly from peers who face similar challenges and realities.

Discussions emphasised that inclusive adaptation is not an option but a requirement for effective resilience-building across Pacific communities.

Voices of the Pacific: Indigenous Leadership in Climate Action

Co-hosted with regional civil society organisations, this event highlighted the leadership of Indigenous Peoples and the central role of Indigenous knowledge systems in strengthening climate resilience in the Pacific. The discussion showcased how traditional knowledge, cultural values, and Indigenous governance systems contribute to locally led climate solutions.

The session was facilitated by Ms. Alumita Sekinairai, President of iTaukei Women in Conservation, and featured panellists from Adventist Development & Relief Agency (ADRA) Fiji, the United Nations Development Programme – Small Grants Programme (UNDP SGP), the Kiribati Climate Action Network (KiriCAN), and PFO.

A key intervention was delivered by the KiriCAN representative, who also serves as the Pacific regional representative to the Facilitative Working Group (FWG) of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) under the UNFCCC. The panellist outlined the role of the LCIPP in global climate processes and emphasised the importance of ensuring Indigenous voices are meaningfully reflected in international climate decision-making.

Panellists collectively called for:

- Full recognition of Indigenous land and ocean rights
- Direct access to climate finance for Indigenous Peoples and local communities
- Meaningful participation of Indigenous Peoples in National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and the work of the LCIPP



Fig 3: Voices of the Pacific: honouring Indigenous knowledge and leadership at the heart of locally led climate solutions.

Other Speaking Engagements

From Farmer-Led Adaptation to National Scale: Scaling Farmer Resilience for Climate Action

Smallholder family farmers produce over 80 percent of the world's food, yet they are among the most exposed to climate-related risks and shocks. This side event, hosted by World Rural Forum (WRF) in partnership with Pula Advisors, explored how farmer-led adaptation can be effectively scaled through strong government leadership, public-private partnerships, farmer ownership, and sustained support from development partners. The session highlighted practical pathways for integrating locally driven adaptation solutions into national programmes to strengthen food systems, while ensuring farmers' voices are reflected in climate policy and investment decisions. A key contribution came from Barbara Tomi of PFO, who shared her experience in building the resilience of local farming communities in Simbu Province, Papua New Guinea. By showcasing locally led solutions and lived farmer experiences, the event reinforced the role of smallholder farmers as critical actors in climate action and underscored the need for increased investment in agricultural adaptation.



Fig 4: Scaling solutions that work: lifting locally led adaptation into national climate investments through strong government leadership, public-private partnerships and sustained development partner support.

Strengthening Inclusion of Family Farmers' Organizations in Climate Finance Facilities

Family farmers are among the most vulnerable groups affected by climate change, as their livelihoods are directly dependent on climate conditions. This side event, *Strengthening Inclusion of Family Farmers' Organizations in Climate Finance Facilities*, was organised by the Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA) and Stichting Hivos, in partnership with family farmer organisations from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The session examined the climate finance needs of family farmers at household and farm levels, highlighted barriers to accessing finance for climate-resilient transitions, and explored policy recommendations to enable more inclusive climate finance at national and global levels. Alan Petersen, Board Member of the Pacific Farmers Organisation (PFO), participated in the first panel on *Farmers' Initiatives for Resiliency and their Need for Climate Finance*, where he presented Pacific perspectives on the climate finance needs of family farmers and outlined the changes required to ensure climate finance mechanisms become more accessible, inclusive, and farmer-driven.



Fig 5: PFO representatives joined global farmer organisations and partners to advocate for climate finance that reaches smallholder and family farmers.

Agricultura Familiar e Mutirão Climático: Liderança Global para Sistemas Alimentares Resilientes e Sustentáveis

On COP30 Food and Agriculture Day, the World Rural Forum organised the event "Family Farming and Climate Mutirão: Global Leadership for Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems" at the Brazil Pavilion.

This high-level meeting built on the conclusions of the PreCOP 30 on family farming held in Brasilia. The session focused on local solutions and encouraged reflection on how to strengthen the participation of family farming in the climate agenda.

Moderated by WRF Director Belén Citoler, the meeting was attended by Thomas Patriota, head of the international secretariat of Brazil's Ministry of Agrarian Development and Family Farming, and Paulo Petersen, COP30 Special Envoy for Family Farming.

WRF members Daine Sibanda (ESAFF), Inola Mapp (PDRR) and Clayton Simamao (PFO) also participated as speakers.



Fig. 6: *Mutirão for resilience: family farmers united for sustainable food systems at this side event organised during Food and Agriculture day at COP30*

FAST Partnership Thematic Hub Event – Innovative Financial Solutions for Inclusive Agrifood Systems Transformation

Transforming agrifood systems to be more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive is essential to achieving global climate and food security goals, yet significant gaps persist in directing climate finance to those who need it most: small-scale producers, Indigenous Peoples, women, and youth. The *FAST Partnership Thematic Hub Event: Innovative Financial Solutions for Inclusive Agrifood Systems Transformation*, organized by FAO, explored innovative and inclusive financial solutions for strengthening agrifood systems, with a particular focus on improving access to finance for smallholders, women, youth, and Indigenous Peoples. The session brought together local producers, Indigenous organisations, policymakers, researchers, and financial

institutions to examine how climate finance can become more effective, equitable, and locally grounded.

The discussion highlighted scalable and replicable financing pathways, the critical role of national delivery systems, and opportunities to better align global climate commitments with local implementation. **Taaloga Apa** brought forward Pacific perspectives on the lived realities faced by smallholder farmers, underscoring the importance of designing climate finance mechanisms that are accessible, equitable, and responsive to local contexts. Anchored in the FAST Partnership's COP-to-COP collaboration model, the event reinforced actionable pathways to unlock inclusive, innovative, and scalable finance to support land restoration, climate adaptation, improved nutrition, and agrifood systems transformation aligned with COP30 outcomes.



Fig 7: Pacific perspectives shared at the FAST Partnership event, advocating for climate finance that is accessible to smallholders, women, youth, and Indigenous producers.

Harnessing Advanced Weather Modelling for Climate-Resilient Agriculture

The side event *Harnessing Advanced Weather Modelling for Climate-Resilient Agriculture*, organised by the Australian Government, highlighted how advanced weather and climate modelling tools can strengthen farmers' ability to anticipate climate risks and plan more effectively in an era of increasing climate variability. The panel showcased Australia's *My Climate View* platform under the Climate Services for Agriculture, demonstrating how location-specific climate projections support informed decision-making across agricultural systems. Alan Petersen, Chairman of Teitei Taveuni, shared Pacific perspectives on the challenges faced by farmers without access to such tools and highlighted the significant benefits that improved forecasting systems could bring to farm planning, risk management, and climate adaptation across the region.

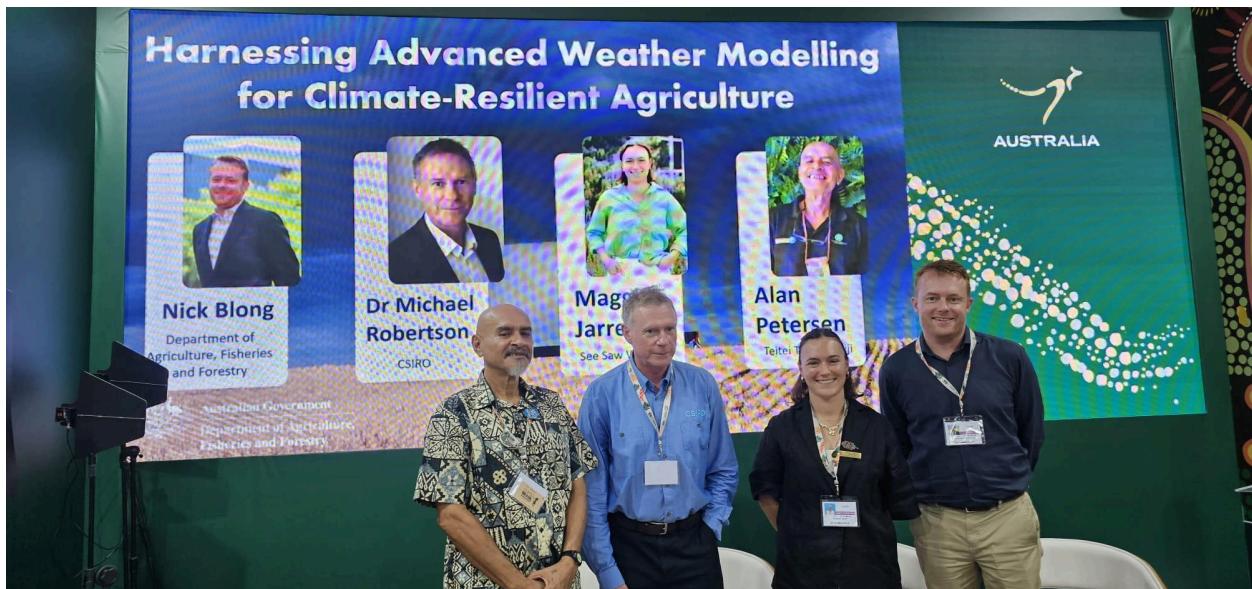


Fig 8: From projections to preparedness: empowering farmers with climate information tools. Mr Alan Petersen advocates for climate tools that help farmers plan, adapt, and better prepare for climatic events.

Partnerships and Strategic Engagements

Partnerships were a central part of PFO's engagement at COP30, reflecting the collaborative spirit of Pacific farmer organisations and the broader global farmer movement. The conference provided a valuable opportunity to establish and strengthen relationships across the Pacific and internationally, offering direct access to key leaders, negotiators, regional bodies, and international farmer networks. Through these engagements, PFO both reinforced existing partnerships and forged new connections that will support long-term resilience outcomes, improved access to finance, and strengthened farmer-led climate action across the region.

Support from the Governments of Fiji and Samoa

PFO acknowledges with deep appreciation the Government of Fiji and the Government of Samoa for providing Party accreditation badges to members of the PFO delegation.

This support was critical and enabled PFO delegates to:

- Access the Blue Zone as part of official national delegations
- Enter negotiation rooms and technical spaces
- Observe negotiations directly, gaining insights that will strengthen PFO's policy advocacy

PFO extends sincere gratitude to both governments for their continued support and trust.

Engagement with the Australian Delegation

On Tuesday, 18 November, the PFO delegation held a bilateral meeting with representatives of the Australian Government delegation at COP to discuss Australia's climate and agriculture priorities and their relevance for Pacific farming communities. The meeting provided an important opportunity to exchange perspectives on shared challenges and explore pathways for strengthening collaboration in climate-resilient agriculture across the Pacific region.

Discussions focused on Australia's existing and emerging agricultural resilience programmes, including investments in climate services, adaptation planning, and drought resilience, and how these approaches could inform or be adapted to Pacific contexts. The PFO delegation emphasised the urgent need for climate-informed decision-making tools that are accessible, locally relevant, and responsive to the realities faced by smallholder farmers in Pacific island countries. The conversation also highlighted opportunities to advance farmer-led adaptation pathways, recognising farmers and their organisations as key partners in designing, implementing, and scaling effective climate adaptation solutions.

The meeting reinforced Australia's commitment to supporting Pacific-led initiatives and acknowledged the critical role of farmer organisations in strengthening food system resilience. It also opened avenues for deeper cooperation between Australia and Pacific farmer organisations, particularly in areas such as knowledge sharing, access to climate information and services, and the co-development of adaptation approaches that align national priorities with community-level needs. Overall, the bilateral engagement strengthened mutual understanding and laid the groundwork for continued dialogue and collaboration beyond COP.



Fig 9: Bilateral engagement with Australia at COP30, advancing dialogue on climate services, adaptation planning, and Pacific farmer priorities.

Collaboration with Pacific CSOs

In the lead-up to COP30, PFO partnered closely with Pacific Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), including regional advocacy networks working across climate justice, Indigenous rights, biodiversity, and food systems.

This collaboration strengthened shared messaging on:

- Climate finance access
- Inclusion of women, youth, and persons with disabilities
- Rights and leadership of Indigenous Peoples

This partnership ensured a united Pacific civil society presence at COP, amplifying regional priorities across multiple events.



Fig 10 : Voices of the Pacific: Partnerships amplifying Pacific priorities at COP30. Representatives of various Pacific CSOs at COP30

Increased Visibility of PFO Across the Pacific Region

COP30 also offered an important opportunity to raise awareness of PFO's role and mandate within the wider Pacific climate community. A large majority of Pacific delegates, across both government and civil society, were not previously familiar with PFO or the support provided to national farmer organisations. Having Pacific farmers physically present in COP spaces significantly increased visibility and understanding of the work PFO leads across the region.

This new awareness lays the foundation for deeper engagement with Pacific governments, regional organisations, and CSO networks ahead of COP31 and beyond.

Engagement with Global Farmer Organisations

PFO met with several farmer organisations from other regions, including Africa and Asia, creating opportunities for cross-regional exchange and solidarity. These engagements highlighted common global challenges such as climate finance access, food security threats, and climate-driven production losses and aligned efforts to advocate for smallholder farmers at the international level.

These connections strengthen PFO's partnerships and broaden networks for joint advocacy, knowledge exchange, and future collaboration.



Fig 11: Pacific Farmer delegates with WRF representatives and member

Daily Debrief and Coordination with the World Rural Forum (WRF)

Throughout COP30, the PFO delegation attended daily coordination and debrief sessions with the World Rural Forum (WRF), which provided:

- Updates on negotiations
- Strategic advice for engagements
- Messaging coordination for farmer-led advocacy
- Networking opportunities across WRF partner organisations

These daily meetings ensured PFO remained aligned with global farmer priorities and equipped with real-time insights into negotiation outcomes and emerging advocacy opportunities.

Media Advocacy for PFO

Effective media advocacy is a critical tool for Pacific Farmer Organisations (PFOs) to ensure that the voices, priorities, and lived realities of small-scale family farmers are heard in global climate spaces such as COP30 in Belém. For Pacific communities, who contribute least to global

emissions yet face some of the most severe climate impacts, media engagement is essential to influence narratives, policies, and climate finance decisions.

Pacific Farmer Organisations use media advocacy to elevate farmer-led solutions, highlight climate-resilient and traditional farming practices, and draw attention to the disproportionate impacts of climate change on food systems, livelihoods, and rural communities across the Pacific. Through strategic engagement with regional and international media, social media platforms, and policy-focused communications, PFOs amplify grassroots perspectives that are often underrepresented in global climate discourse.

At COP30, media advocacy Pacific Farmers Organisation took on were:

- Collaboration with the communication team and regional outlets like *Islands Business* and *Fiji One News* to ensure the "Pacific Voice" reaches home audiences and international delegates simultaneously.

<https://fijionenews.com.fj/pacific-farmers-call-for-direct-climate-finance-at-cop-30-in-brazil-1/>

<https://islandsbusiness.com/partner-news/pacific-farmers-head-to-cop-30-in-brazil-to-discuss-direct-access-to-climate-finance/>

- Ahead of COP30, we took part in an interview with ABC Radio Australia to share our perspectives and priorities.

<https://youtu.be/s0yTqAUWqRc?si=wt14fX7ApwHqompf>

However, the majority of daily updates from COP were shared through the Pacific Farmer Organisations' social media platforms (Facebook, Linked In and Instagram), capturing member engagement across side events, panel discussions, and partner meetings. Content formats included reels, quote cards, and photographs that highlighted key activities and moments from each day.

Media advocacy also builds the capacity of Pacific Farmer Organisations to communicate effectively through interviews, press releases, digital storytelling, and coordinated messaging. By equipping farmer leaders with media skills and platforms, PFOs ensure that advocacy is not only done *about* farmers, but *by* farmers themselves.

Ultimately, media advocacy at COP30 is about shifting power and narratives—recognising Pacific farmers not as victims of climate change, but as knowledge holders, innovators, and essential partners in delivering just, inclusive, and resilient climate solutions for the Pacific and beyond.



Fig 12: Barbara Tomi being interviewed by a journalist

Key Themes Emerging from COP30

I. Urgency of Adaptation Finance for Farmers

A consistent message across COP30 was the critical financing gap facing smallholder and family farmers. While smallholders contribute significantly to global food production, they continue to receive less than 1% of global adaptation finance despite being among the most exposed to climate shocks. A recent report developed by Family Farmers for Climate Action (FFCA) indicates that Pacific smallholders require a minimum of USD 77 million annually to meet adaptation needs, underscoring the importance of scaled, predictable, and accessible finance that reaches farmers directly. This highlights a clear opportunity for development partners to strengthen targeted, farmer-centred financing mechanisms that deliver measurable resilience outcomes at community level.

II. Centrality of Traditional Knowledge and Nature-Based Solutions

COP30 reaffirmed that effective and sustainable adaptation is rooted in locally led solutions. Pacific farmer representatives demonstrated the value of Indigenous knowledge systems, traditional crops (including breadfruit, taro, and other climate-resilient staples), and nature-based approaches such as agroforestry and regenerative farming. These practices are already delivering resilience benefits improving soil health, strengthening food and nutrition security, and reducing

vulnerability to climate extremes while also aligning with broader donor priorities on biodiversity, land restoration, and low-emissions development. There is strong potential to expand these approaches through strategic investment, technical support, and peer learning.

III. Inclusive Resilience: Gender and Disability Leadership

Discussions throughout COP30 reinforced that adaptation outcomes are stronger when inclusion is embedded in design and implementation. Sessions repeatedly highlighted that women, youth, and persons with disabilities must be supported not only as beneficiaries, but as decision-makers and leaders in climate resilience. PFO's emphasis on inclusive, farmer-led approaches resonated strongly across engagements and reflects a practical pathway for partners seeking to advance gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) commitments through evidence-based programming. This positions inclusive resilience as both a development imperative and a high-impact investment area for partners seeking meaningful, equitable outcomes.

IV. Food Systems Transformation

COP30 further demonstrated the growing recognition that climate action and food systems security are inseparable. Pacific farmers contributed frontline perspectives on climate-driven impacts including changing seasons, declining soil fertility, and crop losses, while also showcasing locally led interventions to address these challenges. The dialogue reinforced the need for integrated investments that strengthen climate-resilient and nutrition-sensitive food systems, support sustainable livelihoods, and reduce the risk of future food insecurity. For partners, this offers an opportunity to invest in scalable, farmer-led solutions that deliver outcomes across adaptation, food security, and resilient rural development.

Conclusion

As global climate efforts move toward accelerated implementation, it is essential that farmers, especially smallholder and family farmers, are recognised as key partners in climate action, not only beneficiaries. COP30 marked a historic milestone as the first time Pacific farmers participated in a UNFCCC COP meeting. Their presence ensured that the realities and solutions of frontline food producers were brought directly into global climate discussions. Their participation strengthened advocacy for climate finance, inclusive resilience, and sustainable, farmer-led food systems in the Pacific.

Building on the momentum of COP30, PFO will continue to strengthen partnerships, improve preparation and coordination for future policy and advocacy work, and work with governments and development partners to ensure climate investments reach farming communities where resilience must be built first.

PFO remains committed to supporting Pacific farmers to actively engage in global climate action, advocate for fair climate finance, and lead inclusive, resilient, and sustainable food systems.