



The COP30 Simulation

Programme

Conference Agenda

The British University in Egypt

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We are proud that this Agenda is developed based on the background papers presented by the COP30 Simulation Programme Delegates

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INTRODUCTION

The British University in Egypt (BUE), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Egypt, with the support of the Danish Egyptian Dialogue Initiative (DEDI) and in collaboration with our academic partners: Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ/COPPE) and Federal University of Para (UFPA) are organising the COP30 Simulation Fellowship Programme under the auspices of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates, Ministry of Youth and Sports, the British Embassy in Cairo and with the continued support of H.E. Professor Mahmoud Mohieldin, UN Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Chair of UN High Level Expert Group on Debt and Honorary Chair of the COP Simulation Programme.

The COP Simulation is an annual youth-led climate Programme that empowers youth to become change agents and climate actors. The Simulation aims to mirror the procedures, protocols, and political tensions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), including bloc meetings, informal consultations, and declaration drafts. Thus, the Simulation equips participants with both technical and scientific skills. It also bridges between theoretical knowledge (e.g. historical roots and development of climate negotiations and the key international laws and agreements) and practical skills (e.g. presentation and negotiation).



This year, the Programme brings together 130 students from 47 countries and 91 universities around the world, including 22 Egyptian universities, to simulate COP chief negotiators, country delegates and representatives of international climate stakeholders.

The 2025 Simulation has been carefully designed to expand its scientific depth and knowledge impact. This Conference Agenda is inspired by research outcomes that were produced by the COP30 Simulation participants following their intensive 2-week online Capacity Building Programme that was held during 19 July-2 August 2025.

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During the Conference, participants simulate negotiations, plenary sessions and action rooms and present their experience in understanding conflicts, negotiations, the global climate agenda, and geopolitics. They also hold consultations in closed informal meetings, and discussions in thematic sessions, delegates draft and vote for COP30 Simulation Declaration Articles that would then be presented at COP30, Belem, Brazil

Recognising the central role of science and research, this year we introduced two pioneering labs.

1. **The Just Transition Lab:** Framing climate change as a human security challenge, while linking equity and justice to trade, resource governance, biodiversity, and geopolitical tensions.
2. **The Debt Alliance and Climate Finance Lab:** Addressing global inequalities at the nexus of finance, debt, and climate justice, and generating innovative solutions for a fairer and more resilient world.

These labs provide space for deeper research and challenging debates that reflect the real dynamics of international negotiations. They allow participants to experience first-hand how competing narratives and divergent interests can, through dialogue and collaboration, give way to shared solutions and policy breakthroughs at least within the simulation, and hopefully beyond.

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AGENDA

Day One: Saturday, 4 October 2025

9:00 – 9:45	Registration, Breakfast and Networking Venue: Building G
	COP30 Simulation Conference Opening
9:45 - 10:30	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sarah El-Khishin, Director of Strategy Development, University Advisor on SDGs and Director of COP Simulation Programme, The British University in Egypt • Dr. Abeer Shakweer, Assistant Resident Representative for Inclusive Growth and Innovation, UNDP Egypt • Prof. Gilmar Pereira Da Silva, Rector, Federal University of Para (UFPA) • Prof. Andréa Souza Santos, Executive Secretary of the Brazilian Panel On climate Change and Coordinator of the Sustainable Transport Lab (LAbTS) The Federal University of Rio De Janeiro (UFRJ) COP30 Simulation Plenary Opening Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COP27, COP28, COP29, COP30 and UNFCCC Secretariat • COP Simulation Ambassadors Venue: Building G LH2 MC: Ms. Rita Banoub, Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science
10:30 – 11:00	Daily Global Stocktake (GST) & GDC Check-ins Venue: Building G LH2 Moderator: Eng. Karim Ehab, Lead Technical Consultant, COP Simulation Programme
11:15-12:15	Negotiation Blocs (Closed sessions) <i>Participants are grouped as negotiating blocs to set positions and interests regarding climate topics where they will negotiate and lobby for actions during the conference technical and negotiations' sessions</i> Participants: Chief negotiators, Heads of Delegations and Rapporteurs Venue: Library
Action Room (1) Cultural Room	G77 Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Ms. Basmallah Rawash
Action Room (5)	Umbrella Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Ms. Nada Ali, Co-Chair: Mr. Bassel El Gohary
Action Room (6)	OPEC Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Mr. Mahmoud Hassan Co-Chair: Ms. Rim Wally
Action Room (4)	EU Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Mr. Bassel El Deghaidy, Co-Chair: Ms. Kenzy El Roweiy

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Action Room (7)	BRICS+ Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Ms. Amera El Shopaky, Co-Chair: Mr. Bassem El Gohary
Action Room (3)	LDCs Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Mr. Hossam Emam Co-Chair: Ms. Jana Kamel
Action Room (8)	AOSIS Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Ms. Luji Romouzy
Action Room (9)	Amazon Basin Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Mr. Omar Abouraiah, Co-Chair: Mr. Matthew Hill
Action Room (2)	African Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Ms. Maryam Azzam, Co-Chair: Ms. Fagr Rashwan
Interactive Room	12:15 – 12:30 Coffee Break Venue: Building G
12:30 - 14:30	Parallel Technical Sessions <i>Participants will breakout into parallel technical groups to discuss thematic climate topics. Moderators are international experts/ practitioners and climate advocates that will stimulate the discussions among participating students and share with them the latest thematic updates.</i> Participants: Chief negotiators, Heads of Delegations, Rapporteurs, Country Delegates and Non-State Actors/Observers Venue: Library
Action Room 6	Harnessing Nature-Based Solutions and Community-Driven Approaches to Build Inclusive and Sustainable Pathways for Global Mitigation Action (Objectives: 1, 2, 4, 5, 25) Theme 1 Moderator: Dr. Sameh Osama
Action Room 2 Interactive Room	Advancing Water Security, Climate-Resilient Agriculture, and Nature-Based Solutions as Cornerstones of Adaptation (Objectives: 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13) Theme 2 Moderator: Prof. Hala El Hadidi
Action Room 4	Scaling Finance and Innovative Mechanisms for Delivering Loss and Damage Support (Objectives: 17, 18, 30) Theme 3 Moderator: Dr. Abeer Rashdan
Action Room 1 Cultural Room	From Debt Burden to Climate Dividend: Reforming Global Finance for Justice and Resilience (Objectives: 20, 21, 28) Theme 4 Moderator: Prof. Mohamed Rashwan
Action Room 5	Empowering Voices: Youth, Gender, and Indigenous Leadership in Climate Action (Objectives: 10, 22, 27) Theme 5 Moderator: Dr. Ahmed Daoud
Action Room 3	Justice for People and Planet: Advancing Rights, Refuge, and Indigenous Leadership in a Changing Climate (Objectives: 11, 14, 15, 19, 26, 29) Theme 6

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	Moderator: Ms. Mariam Aboelmagd	
Action Room 7	From Stocktake to Stock-Action: Shaping a Globally Determined Contribution (Objectives: 23) Theme 7	
	Moderator: Prof. Yasmin Khodary	
14:30 – 15:30	Lunch Venue: Building G	
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Debt Alliance and Climate Finance Lab Venue: Botrous Ghali, Building C Moderator: Dr. Sarah Elkhishin, Director of Strategy Development, University Advisor on SDGs and Director of COP Simulation Programme Lab Coordinators: Mr. Youssef Emad, Strategy Development Office and Mr. Omar Mahmoud, COP30 Simulation Participant</p>	<p>Just Transition Lab Venue: Ibrahim Badran, Building C Chair: Professor Markus W. Gehring, Professor of European and International Law, member of the Centre for European Legal Studies (CELS) and Fellow and Director of Studies in Law at Hughes and Fellow of Lauterpacht Centre for International Law Moderator: Ms. Mariam Aboelmagd, Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Law Lab Coordinators: Ms. Jumana Megahed, Strategy Development Office and Ms. Fagr Rashwan, COP30 Simulation Participant</p>
17:00 - 18:00	<p>Committee of the Whole (Closed meeting) Chief negotiators will discuss policy proposals from negotiating groups and technical sessions' meetings Venue: Botrous Ghali (Main) & Building G LH2 Moderator: Eng. Karim Ehab</p>	

Day Two: Sunday, 5 October 2025

9:00-9:30	Breakfast, Networking and Reflections on Day One Venue: Building G
9:30 – 10:00	Daily Global Stocktake (GST) Check-ins Venue: Building G LH2 Moderator: Eng. Karim Ehab
10:00- 11:00	Closed negotiating groups meetings and developing negotiating positions Negotiation Blocs (Closed sessions)

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	<p>Participants are grouped as negotiating blocs to set positions and interests regarding climate topics where they will negotiate and lobby for actions during the conference technical and negotiations' sessions</p> <p>Participants: Chief Negotiators, Heads of Delegations and Rapporteurs</p> <p>Venue: Library</p>
Action Room (1) Cultural Room	<p>G77 Group Meeting</p> <p>Moderators: Chair: Ms. Helena Branco</p>
Action Room (5)	<p>Umbrella Group Meeting</p> <p>Moderators: Chair: Ms. Basmallah Rawash, Co-Chair: Mr. Bassel El Gohary</p>
Action Room (6)	<p>OPEC Group Meeting</p> <p>Moderators: Chair: Mr. Mahmoud Hassan, Co-Chair: Ms. Rim Wally</p>
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Action Room (9)	<p>Amazon Basin Group Meeting</p> <p>Moderators: Chair: Mr. Matthew Hill</p>
Action Room (2) Interactive Room	<p>African Group Meeting</p> <p>Moderators: Chair: Ms. Fagr Rashwan</p>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Parallel Negotiations Thematic Group Sessions</p> <p>Participants will breakout into parallel technical groups to discuss thematic climate topics. Moderators are international experts/ practitioners and climate advocates that will stimulate the discussions among participating students Partner: EY4C and Expert Negotiators</p> <p>Participants: Chief Negotiators, Heads of Delegations, Rapporteurs, Country Delegates and Non-State Actors/Observers</p> <p>Venue: Library</p>
Action Room 6	<p>Transforming Energy Systems and Mobilising Technological Innovation to Deliver Accelerated Decarbonisation Across Economies and Industries (Objectives: 1, 2, 4, 5, 25)</p> <p>Theme 1</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Sameh Osama</p>
Action Room 2 Interactive Room	<p>Building and Reimagining Climate-Resilient Infrastructure and Urban Systems for Sustainable Futures (Objectives: 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13)</p> <p>Theme 2</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Iman Gawad</p>
Action Room 4	<p>Legal, Policy, and Governance Pathways for Operationalising Loss and Damage Commitments (Objectives: 17, 18, 30)</p> <p>Theme 3</p>

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	Moderator: Dr. Maha Ghalwash	
Action Room 1 Cultural Room	Financing Adaptation Futures: Mainstreaming Resilience through Agriculture, Insurance, and Community Solutions (Objectives: 20, 21, 28) Theme 4 Moderator: Dr. Mohamed Salama	
Action Room 5	Digital Horizons for Climate Empowerment: AI, Education, and Public Infrastructure for Inclusive Capacity Building (Objectives: 10, 22, 27) Theme 5 Moderator: Dr. Doaa Ayoub	
Action Room 3	From Ecocide to Accountability: Corporate Liability, Carbon Sovereignty, and Governance for Secure Futures (Objectives: 11, 14, 15, 19, 26, 29) Theme 6 Moderator: Dr. Olga Khrushcheva	
Action Room 7	Global Stocktake to Groundbreak: Accountability, Equity, and Carbon Clarity (Objectives: 23) Theme 7 Moderator: Ms. Sarah Hesham Rashed	
12:30 - 14:30	Coffee Break & Sustainability Exhibition Venue: Building G and Library Area	
14:30 – 16:30	Debt Alliance and Climate Finance Lab Venue: Botrous Ghali, Building C Chair: H.E. Professor Mahmoud Mohieldin, UN Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Chair of UN High Level Expert Group on Debt and Honorary Chair of the COP Simulation Programme Moderator: Dr. Sarah Elkhishin	Just Transition Lab Venue: Ibrahim Badran, Building C Chair: Professor Ibrahim Salama, Dean of Faculty of Law and Director of Human Rights Research and Training Center, The British University in Egypt and former Chief of the Human Rights Treaties Branch Office of UNHCR in Geneva Moderator: Ms. Mariam Abouelmagd
16:30 - 17:00	Lunch Venue: Building C & Building G	
17:00 – 19:00	Committee of the Whole (Closed meeting) <i>Chief negotiators will discuss policy proposals from negotiating groups and technical sessions' meetings</i> Venue: Botrous Ghali (Main) & Building G LH2 Moderator: Eng. Karim Ehab	

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Day Three: Monday, 6 October 2025

9:00-9:30	Breakfast, Networking and Reflections on Day Two Venue: Building G
9:30- 10:30	Closed negotiating groups meetings and developing negotiating positions Negotiation Blocs (Closed sessions) <i>Participants are grouped as negotiating blocs to set positions and interests regarding climate topics where they will negotiate and lobby for actions during the conference technical and negotiations' sessions</i> Participants: Chief negotiators, Heads of delegations, delegates and Rapporteurs Venue: Library
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Action Room (2) Interactive Room	African Group Meeting Moderators: Chair: Ms. Fagr Rashwan
10:30 – 12:00	Parallel Negotiations Thematic Group Sessions <i>Participants will breakout into parallel technical groups to discuss thematic climate topics. Moderators are international experts/ practitioners and climate advocates that will stimulate the discussions among participating students</i> <i>Partner: EY4C and Expert Negotiators</i> Participants: Chief Negotiators, Heads of Delegations, Rapporteurs, Country Delegates and Non-State Actors/Observers Venue: Library
Action Room 6	Reforming Carbon Markets, Expanding Climate Finance, and Strengthening Governance Frameworks to Bridge Mitigation Gaps and Advance a Just Transition (Objectives: 1, 2, 4, 5, 25) Theme I Moderator: Prof. Eman Aboukhousa

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Action Room 2 Interactive Room	Driving Inclusive, Justice-Centered, and Governance-Led Approaches to Adaptation in Health, Gender, and Finance (Objectives: 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13) Theme 2 Moderator: Dr. Passaint Massoud
Action Room 4	Strengthening Communities, Knowledge Systems, and Adaptive Measures in the Face of Loss and Damage (Objectives: 17, 18, 30) Theme 3 Moderator: Dr. Maha Ghalwash
Action Room 1 Cultural Room	Innovating Climate Finance: Markets, Governance, and Entrepreneurship for a Just Transition (Objectives: 20, 21, 28) Theme 4 Moderator: Ms. Nardin Ehab
Action Room 5	From Classrooms to Communities: Building Climate Literacy and Green Skills for a Just Transition (Objectives: 10, 22, 27) Theme 5 Moderator: Ms. Sarah Hesham Rashed & Ms. Meghan Ellis
Action Room 3	Resilient Governance in Times of Crisis: Water, Disasters, and Human Security under Climate Stress (Objectives: 11, 14, 15, 19, 26, 29) Theme 6 Moderator: Dr. Ragaa Magdy
Action Room 7	Mutirão for the Planet: Collective Implementation Across the COP30 Action Agenda (Objectives: 23) Theme 7 Moderator: Prof. Yasmin Khodary
12:00 - 12:30	Coffee Break Venue: Building G
12:30-13:00	Youth in Climate Action: Egypt Legacy Venue: Botrous Ghali Building C (Main) & Cultural Room, Library (Online) Moderator: Mr. Mostafa Ezz Elarab, Associate Minister of Youth and Sports in Egypt for Cultural and Community Development
13:00 – 14:30	Committee of the Whole (Closed meeting) Chief negotiators will discuss policy proposals from negotiating groups and technical sessions' meetings Venue: Botrous Ghali (Main) & Cultural Room, Library (Online) Moderator: Eng. Karim Ehab
14:30-15:00	Group Photo with President and Vice Chancellor, Professor Mohamed Loutfi Venue: Building C
15:00 – 16:00	Lunch Venue: Building C
16:00 – 18:00	Final Negotiations Session to Finalise the Declaration Venue: Botrous Ghali (Main) & Cultural Room, Library (Online) Moderator: Eng. Karim Ehab

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Day Four: Tuesday, 7 October 2025

9:00-10:00

Breakfast and Networking

Venue: Building G

10:00-14:00

Committee of the Whole and Closing Plenary

Review of the Final Declaration

Venue: Auditorium – Building C

Moderator: Eng. Karim Ehab

14:00-15:00

Lunch Break

Venue: Building C

15:00-15:45

Photos, Press, TV, and Media interviews

Venue: Building C

16:00-18:30

Closing Ceremony

Venue: Auditorium – Building C

Opening Remarks

- Professor Mohamed Loutfi, President and Vice Chancellor, The British University in Egypt
- Ms. Chitose Noguchi, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme in Egypt
- H.E. Ambassador Paulino Franco de Carvalho Neto, Ambassador of Brazil in Egypt

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Keynote Speakers

- H.E. Dr. Badr Abdelatty, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Emigration and Egyptian Expatriates
- H.E. Dr. Ashraf Sobhy, Minister of Youth and Sports
- H.E. Dr. Rania Al-Mashat, Minister of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation

The COP30 Simulation Closing Plenary Session

Introduction and Recognitions

- Dr. Sarah El-Khishin, Director of Strategy Development and University Advisor on SDGs
- *Participants run the COP30 Simulation Closing Plenary Session and present the outcomes of the Simulation*

Reflections on Voted COP30 Simulation Declaration

- H.E. Ambassador Wael Abouelmagd, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Climate, Environment and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

Closing Remarks

Ms. Farida Khamis, Chair of the Board of Trustees, The British University in Egypt

MC: Ms. Rita Banoub

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3	Prof. Yasmin Khodary	Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Business Administration, Economics and Political Science	The British University in Egypt
4	Prof. Iman Gawad	Professor of Sustainable Architecture, Vice-Dean for Community Service and Enterprise, Faculty of Art and Design	The British University in Egypt
5	Dr. Maha Ghalwash	Associate Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Business Administration, Economics and Political Science	The British University in Egypt
6	Dr. Passaint Massoud	Associate Professor of Sustainable Building culture and Digital computing in Architectural Design Head of Environmental Sustainable Architecture Department Acting Vice Dean, Research, Post Graduates and Community	The British University in Egypt

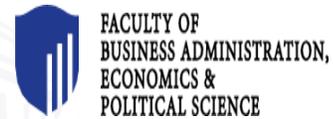
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9	Dr. Ahmed Daoud	Assistant Professor of Construction Engineering & Management, Faculty of Engineering	The British University in Egypt
10	Ms. Mariam Aboelmagd	Assistant Lecturer, Research and Training Advisor, HRRTC, Faculty of Law	The British University in Egypt
11	Ms. Nardin Ehab	Assistant Lecturer of Finance, Faculty of Business Administration, Economics and Political Science	The British University in Egypt
12	Dr. Mohamed Salama	Dean of College of Engineering	Applied Science University, Bahrain
13	Dr. Olga Khrushcheva	Education Lead for History, Politics and Philosophy	Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
14	Ms. Meghan Ellis	Senior Global Engagement Mobility Manager	Bournemouth University, UK
15	Prof. Eman Aboukhousa	Professor for Information Technology & Communication	University of Europe for Applied Systems, UAE
16	Dr. Abeer Rashdan	Associate Professor of Economics Head of Economics Department	Future University in Egypt, Egypt
17	Dr. Ragaa Magdy	Assistant Professor of Sustainable Chemistry	Ahram Canadian University, Egypt
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