Shared Risk. Shared Responsibility

The scale and complexity of today's socio-environmental crises demand a financing ecosystem capable of combining capital, territorial knowledge, implementation capacity, and long-term trust.

Governments, philanthropies, development banks, multilateral institutions, impact investors, and locally-rooted funds each hold part of the infrastructure needed to accelerate socio-environmental justice in the Global South.

We may not yet have all the answers. But experiences emerging across the Global South are already helping illuminate the path forward.

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP SHAPE THE NEXT GENERATION OF COLLABORATIVE CLIMATE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS.

- What is the current financial architecture designed to deliver? And how does it impact people, communities, and the planet?
- What emerging practices, institutional shifts, or financial models are already challenging these constraints? And what still remains beyond the reach of current agreements and mechanisms?
- What shifts in power, visibility, and resource flows are your practices already making possible?

JOIN UPCOMING DIALOGUES AND COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSIONS BY THE GLOBAL SOUTH HOUSE

ORGANIZED BY:

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

AN INITIATIVE OF:

THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY:

Resourcing Community-Led Climate Solutions in the Global South

A call for collaboration to reimagine the finance architecture for Climate, Nature and People

Across the Global South, overlapping environmental, social, and economic crises are intensifying precisely in the contexts where communities have the least access to resources to adapt and build resilience.

These communities play a critical role in protecting ecosystems, safeguarding essential resources such as water and soil, and strengthening resilience on the ground in the face of multiple and compounding shocks.

Today, less than **10% of total climate finance supports adaptation**, while developing countries face an annual shortfall of $359 billion in meeting their adaptation needs[1].

Only around **1% of international climate finance** is managed by indigenous peoples and traditional communities directly[2].

THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A LIQUIDITY ISSUE. IT IS A QUESTION OF CLIMATE RESOURCES ALLOCATION AND FINANCIAL ARCHITECTURE

Addressing this requires a shift in how finance is structured and delivered. Rather than requiring communities to adapt to systems that are not designed around their realities, timelines, or capacities, financial architecture should be better aligned with local contexts and delivery systems.

ANOTHER MODEL ALREADY EXISTS

In the Global South, there is a robust infrastructure of socio and environmental justice funds, combining efficient direct resource allocation to communities in priority territories with trust, local intelligence, and strong implementation capacity. These actors in the philanthropic ecosystem are essential to advancing a more inclusive and scalable financing architecture for climate, nature, and people.

The challenge is not identifying local solutions.
The challenge is designing financial systems capable of working with them.

[1] https://www.climateworks.org/report/foundation-funding-for-climate-change-adaptation-and-resilience-2025/

[2] http://rainforestfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/How-Climate-Finance-Can-Reach-Indigenous-Peoples-and-Local-Communities-IS-case-studies.pdf

THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FUNDS

Global South socio-environmental justice funds function as **trusted locally-rooted financial infrastructure connecting capital with territorial realities.**

Their work combines:

- participatory and decentralized governance;
- long-term relationships with communities and social movements;
- rapid-response capacity during socio-environmental emergencies;
- flexible and trust-based capital;
- technical accompaniment and capacity strengthening;
- mobilization of local leadership, networks, and contextual intelligence.

These funds help solve one of the greatest inefficiencies in climate and nature finance: last-mile delivery.

By operating through proximity, trust, and local legitimacy, they reduce relational friction, improve contextual due diligence, strengthen accountability, and increase the likelihood that investments generate long-term territorial impact.

> *Communities are often treated as beneficiaries of climate finance. In practice, they are already frontline investors in resilience, adaptation, and ecosystem protection.*

How to Finance Climate, Nature and People at scale?

During COP30 in Belém, more than 40 Global South socio-environmental justice funds gathered at The Global South House to exchange experiences and showcase **collaborative pathways for financing locally-led solutions.**

Examples of equitable collaboration that strengthens territorial initiatives:

Collaborative arrangements at scale

Many of these arrangements are already operating successfully across territories — demonstrating how collaboration between corporate and family philanthropy, governments, multilateral actors, and socio-environmental justice funding mechanisms can unlock more effective models for climate finance delivery.

It brings together multiple actors across the financing spectrum, and creates space for innovation by increasing the speed, efficiency, and scale at which resources reach territories. They are not merely one-off partnerships, but ongoing architectures built on trust and complementarity.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC BANKS

A joint arrangement between Casa Socio-Environmental Fund and Brazilian national public bank (Caixa Econômica Federal) mobilized over BRL 53 million (approximately US$10.67 million) through the Teia da Sociobiodiversidade program. The bank provided institutional scale; Casa Fund delivered territorial intelligence and decentralized grantmaking to support over 400 community-based organizations.

MULTILATERAL INTEGRATION

Samdhana Institute co-designed a dedicated grant mechanism supported by the World Bank in Southeast Asia, distributing direct resources to nearly 200 Indigenous and local communities, managing 2 million hectares of forests. The partnership successfully adapted complex reporting metrics to local capacities.

The Global South House Contribution

We are a coalition of Global South-led and Global South-oriented socio-environmental justice funding mechanisms. Created by the Socio-environmental Funds of the Global South **(Alianza Socioambiental Fondos del Sur)** and **Rede Comuá**, the initiative works to strengthen Global South leadership in debates on financing for climate, nature and people.

Bolstering Global South socio-environmental justice funds is therefore a strategic investment in trusted territorial infrastructure capable of improving delivery and reducing systemic risk.

> *At its core is a simple premise: communities closest to socio-environmental crises are also closest to long-term solutions.*

Lessons from COP30

The first in-person edition of The Global South House at COP30 transformed the heart of the Brazilian Amazon into a global hub for advancing climate, nature, and people-centered finance, placing locally-led solutions from the Global South at the center of global discussions, bringing together 40 funds.

One of the clearest lessons emerging from Belém is that collaborative financing arrangements already exist in practice, and facing global crises will require our ability to scale them.

> *The future of climate finance may depend less on creating new mechanisms and more on learning how to collaborate with the systems already operating in territories.*