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## INSTITUTO TALANOA WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR ANDRÉ CORRÊA DO LAGO AS COP30 PRESIDENT

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - Instituto Talanoa welcomes today's announcement of Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago as the incoming President of COP30, to be held in Belém, Brazil. This appointment marks a crucial moment for Brazil's climate leadership and the future of global climate action.

## Natalie Unterstell, President of the Talanoa Institute, stated:

"COP 30 cannot be just another conference—it must be a turning point. Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago brings a rare blend of diplomatic expertise and vision to push the Paris Agreement from paper to reality. His leadership will be critical to turning global ambition into actionable, measurable outcomes."

Belém, at the heart of the Amazon, is not just a symbolic venue—it's a call to action. The Talanoa Institute emphasizes that COP 30 must go beyond the status quo, addressing the systemic inequities and barriers that hinder global climate progress.

"The Amazon is not merely a stage for the COP. It is important that the COP president leads the proceedings with its demands in mind, especially regarding climate adaptation in cities, which needs to be accelerated," says **Wendell Andrade**, a Pará native and public policy expert for the Amazon at the Talanoa Institute.

"Brazil's leadership in Belém can catalyze global momentum for a just and inclusive transition. COP 30 must show the world how to prioritize the voices of the most vulnerable, unlock climate finance, and accelerate solutions that bridge the gap between ambition and implementation," **said Unterstell**.

The success of COP 30 will depend on its ability to align policies, financing, and implementation strategies to keep the 1.5°C target within reach.

"This COP is not about incremental progress; it's about resetting the trajectory of climate governance. Ambassador Corrêa do Lago has the experience to navigate complex negotiations and ensure COP 30 delivers the breakthroughs we need," **Unterstell concluded**.

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