

Call for Applications — Reporting Grants

"A Today and a Tomorrow with Climate Adaptation"

1. Introduction

Abraji and Instituto Talanoa are offering nine reporting grants to encourage journalistic investigations on climate adaptation, focusing on COP30 and its impacts in Brazil and around the world. There will be nine reporting grants - three for Brazil, three for countries in Asia, and three for countries in Europe. The topics of the reports can reflect the realities - challenges and solutions - of each country. Applications can be submitted in Portuguese or English.

2. Objectives

- Encourage qualified coverage on climate adaptation;
- Expand and strengthen narratives on climate adaptation based on current data and solutions;
- Support journalist training on the topic, with technical mentorship and access to specialists;
- Finance original reports with public impact.

3. Who Can Participate

- Professional journalists (freelancers or contracted), in individual applications or in pairs;
- The reporting grants are aimed at national-scope journalistic media outlets or freelancers who work for these outlets. The focus is to disseminate these adaptation concepts with practical examples to the general public, so preference will be given to newspapers, websites, TV stations and similar national and international-scope outlets;
- Reports can be published in various countries;
- Mandatory to submit a letter of commitment for publication from a journalistic outlet (ideally at the time of application or can be delivered up to three business days after pre-selection);
- People with party affiliations, public agencies or corporate lobbying entities, nor Abraji collaborators cannot apply.

4. Priority Themes

a - International agenda and commitments

COP30, which will be held in Belém (PA), should be a watershed in the global climate adaptation agenda, with emphasis on predictable financing and implementation of concrete actions. Adaptation continues to be underfunded in the international scenario, representing only about one-third of global climate resources — even though it is one of the central dimensions of the Paris Agreement.

Among the main commitments and instruments that will be on the agenda are:

Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) — the Global Adaptation Goal, which will have detailed indicators and parameters during COP30. It defines global priorities and serves as a guide for national and regional adaptation policies.

International climate funds — financial instruments aimed at developing countries to reduce vulnerabilities and strengthen adaptive capacities. There is strong international pressure to triple the volume of financing for adaptation by 2030, reaching US\$ 86 billion annually.

National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) — national adaptation plans that connect international commitments to domestic policies. Brazil is a signatory and must present advances in aligning these plans with global goals.

Loss and damage — compensation mechanisms for countries most affected by climate impacts. These negotiations gain relevance in a context where droughts, floods, and heat waves intensify social and economic inequalities.

b - Financing for climate adaptation

Climate adaptation still receives less than 40% of global climate resources, despite impacts already affecting billions of people in developing countries. Therefore, COP30 should be decisive in redefining financing flows and volumes.

Central points:

Goal to triple resources by 2030 — international organizations and civil society are calling for the volume to reach at least US\$ 86 billion annually, reducing the gap between needs and available resources. See the [Letter to leaders at the Brasília pre-COP](#) on this topic.

International financing instruments — multilateral climate funds, bilateral mechanisms, credits and donations.

Domestic and hybrid financing — coordination between public, private and international resources to strengthen national and local policies.

Predictability and climate justice — ensure that financing is stable, accessible and prioritizes the most vulnerable communities.

c - National and local climate adaptation policies

Public policies are the bridge between international commitments and territorial realities. National and municipal climate adaptation plans define priorities, budgets and integrated actions to protect communities and ecosystems from the impacts of the climate crisis.

Key elements:

National, state and municipal adaptation plans — articulated with the goals of the Paris Agreement and COP30.

Intersectoral integration — climate adaptation linked to public health, sanitation, housing, transportation, agriculture, water and food security.

Governance and transparency — clarity in planning, execution and monitoring of public policies.

Social participation — local communities, traditional peoples and civil organizations must have an active role in the design and monitoring of these policies.

d - Territorial solutions linked to the political agenda of climate adaptation

Climate adaptation happens, in practice, in territories. Cities, rural areas, coastal areas, river regions and forests face specific challenges and demand diverse solutions — often articulated with local policies, traditional knowledge and community initiatives.

Analysis focuses:

Resilient infrastructure: works, services and systems planned to resist extreme events and reduce social vulnerabilities.

Nature-based solutions (NbS): restoration of ecosystems, wetlands, mangroves and urban green areas as a way to increase climate resilience.

Local adaptation plans and experiences: municipal, state and community initiatives that integrate innovation, social participation and gender equity.

Territorial justice: different levels of impact and response capacity among urban, rural, peripheral, indigenous, traditional and women-led territories.

Connection between local solutions and national policies: how territorial experiences and projects dialogue (or not) with public policies, climate goals and international commitments.

5. Applications and Deadlines

First phase — Applications until November 7, 2025. Three reporting grants will be selected for journalists who will be in Belém during COP30, with publications planned for the event period (preferably by November 21). The result of this first selection should be announced by November 5. The first phase is aimed at journalists who will already be in Belém and

involved in covering the climate conference. Interviews can be conducted during COP30, for example.

Second phase — Applications until December 7, 2025. Six additional reporting grants will be awarded for coverage and publications by the end of February 2026.

In the selection, the committee will consider gender, ethnicity, race and region criteria. Additionally, the reporting proposals must meet the following requirements:

- adequacy to the theme,
- originality of the story,
- social impact,
- creativity,
- predictability of execution,
- diversification of sources

How the proposal should be submitted:

The reporting proposal submitted at the time of application must have:

- a) Up to five pages, with description of the story hypothesis;
- b) People to interview and/or places to visit;
- c) Team involved,
- d) Chronological planning of activities (respecting the maximum publication deadline in the first selection phase preferably by November 21, 2025, or if for the second selection phase by February 27, 2026);
- e) Estimated expenses

6. Training

Date: October 27 - 4pm-6pm - on Abraji's YouTube: www.youtube.com/live/Pjd-zRB-8m8

Format: intensive training on climate adaptation (90% of the time focused on technical content, 10% on information about the call).

Open to all interested journalists, with pre- and post-participation evaluation.

Date: November 1 - 10:30am-12pm - on Abraji's YouTube:
www.youtube.com/live/WMHO8igTV24

Format: English chat with BBC World Service environmental correspondent

Open to all interested journalists, with pre- and post-participation evaluation.

7. Financial Support and Mentorship

Grant amount: R\$ 5,500 for grants in Brazil and US\$ 1,000 per international report

Payment in two installments (50% at the beginning (in the second selection phase the first payment will be made after the end-of-year break); and another 50% after delivery/publication).

Each grant recipient will have editorial and technical support from specialized mentors.

8. Selection Criteria

- Public relevance and adherence to key themes
- Originality and impact
- Method and use of data/sources
- Feasibility and timeline
- Regional diversity

9. Copyright

The journalist retains copyright, authorizing Abraji and Talanoa to republish, non-exclusively, with attribution.

10. Accountability

Selected applicants must submit links to publications and basic impact data (reach, engagement, repercussion).

11. Registration link

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/tiZ4xVh31caCKoRp8>

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