

André Corrêa do Lago
President of COP30

Dear Mr. Corrêa do Lago:

I'm writing on behalf of my friends at PETA to ask you to align COP30's menu with its mission by making it all vegetarian. This would greatly reduce its carbon footprint and overall environmental impact, setting a positive example for the world to follow.

It is fitting that COP30 will be held in Belem, the gateway to the Amazon, whose rainforest is often called "the lungs of the Earth" because it absorbs and stores massive amounts of carbon dioxide while releasing oxygen. Protecting the life-sustaining Amazon must be a top priority for environmentalists of all nationalities, so I was shocked to learn that only 40% of the food served at COP30 is currently slated to be vegetarian.

Serving meat at a climate summit is like handing out cigarettes at a cancer-prevention conference! The animal agriculture industry is a top driver of deforestation and the climate catastrophe that is wreaking havoc on the planet. Indeed, cattle ranching accounts for 80% of rainforest deforestation. In Brazil, the practice of cutting and burning the rainforest to make room for cattle farms, combined with ever-drier conditions due to climate change, is causing the Amazon to [burn](#) at an alarming rate, creating a vicious cycle with devastating and far-reaching consequences.

COP30's own [website](#) confirms that plant-based meals have a substantially lower carbon footprint, so I urge you to lead by example and make the conference all vegetarian.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sir Paul McCartney