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The Brazilian government has chosen the Amazonian city of Belem, capital of the state of Para, to host the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) in 2025, the President of Brazil announced Wednesday.

"Itamaraty [Ministry of Foreign Affairs] formalized the city of Belem as the city that is disputing the candidacy to hold COP30 in Belem," Lula da Silva said in a video shared on social media. "I hope we will be there to make a beautiful COP," he added.

Next door, the governor of the state of Pará, thanked the government for the gesture and stressed that Belem has "open doors" to discuss the ***Amazon***, "discuss the world's climate and find solutions."

Lula da Silva had already expressed his desire to host the climate conference last November during his participation in the COP27 in Egypt, which was his first international trip after winning the October elections against Jair Bolsonaro, who was seeking re-election.

On January 1, in his inauguration speech, the Brazilian head of state stated that he "will not tolerate" the destruction of the ***Amazon***, whose ***deforestation*** rates have skyrocketed during Bolsonaro's four-year administration (2019-2022).

According to environmental organizations, ***deforestation*** in the Brazilian ***Amazon*** has increased by 60% during Bolsonaro's administration compared to the previous four years, when Dilma Rousseff and Michel Temer ruled.

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who will hold the presidency of Brazil until January 04, 2027, has also pledged to end illegal mining and to protect indigenous peoples by providing them with more resources to take care of their lands.

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