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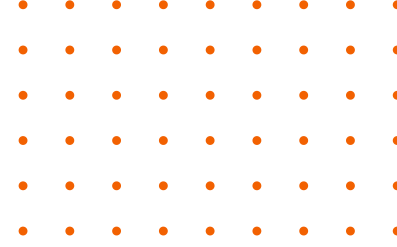
*"Repairing the harm
and embracing
environmental
democracy."*

Last year, the highest courts affirmed a truth our communities have long defended: we have the right not to suffer the harms of the climate crisis, and we are entitled to seek reparations for the loss and damage imposed on our territories. This recognition marks a turning point—responsibility must now become the foundation of global climate governance.

Our injuries are not accidents; they stem from the wrongful actions of the Global North, driven by profit and enabled by decades of inaction. The fossil fuel wealth accumulated elsewhere has translated into destruction here. This imbalance can no longer be denied, ignored, or excused. Reparations are not optional—they are owed.

Working with communities we build power, give us lessons on resistance and and reinforce our commitment to climate justice. Together, we are fighting to build back environmental democracy and human rights in international climate governance.

We call on States to fulfill their duty to protect their people and territories. And we call on all allies to stand with us—to help build a future rooted in solidarity, dignity, and justice.



Who We Are

La Ruta del Clima is a Latin American research and advocacy non-governmental organization committed to promoting public participation and human rights in climate governance.

We work to strengthen the capacities of communities and institutions across Latin America to face the challenges of climate change.

Our Approach

People are an essential democratic and sustainable futures.

Participation in climate decision making is not optional it is a human right.

Education, training and public awareness are key to encouraging the widest possible participation.





Impact & Vision

We promote public participation in climate and environmental decision-making through research, transformative projects, and advocacy on climate change in Latin America.

To be a leading national and Latin American NGO focused on climate change and political advocacy to promote citizen participation with international recognition and positioning.

La Ruta del Clima is a Costa Rican non-governmental organization (NGO) that advocates for the public's right to participate in the climate governance process and for climate justice.

How We Work

La Ruta del Clima generates research that supports public policies and concrete climate action, while actively engaging in climate decision-making processes at local, national and international levels. Through the creation of educational and informative content for media and digital platforms, and the development of trainings and workshops, the organization strengthens climate understanding and promotes collective action within communities across the region.



PROGRAMS

We promote spaces where citizens can become active participants in climate governance. Community empowerment is central to building effective climate responses.

ADVOCACY

Climate justice is built with people at the center of decision-making, where participation becomes a right and a driver of effective climate action.

RESEARCH

Addressing climate justice through reparations, loss and damage, gender, mobility and children's rights strengthened the intersectional perspective of our research.

Support our Work

We need your support. The withdraw of international cooperation and philanthropy from the Central American region has hurt our work and closed many of our fellow organizations. We work with dozens of communities fighting for climate justice, building capacities and generating research for advocacy. We are looking for allies that support our organization and helps us strengthen the work we have collectively built. Become a partner and lets do this work together.



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Access to Climate Reparations



LYRA PROJECT

Women Empowerment



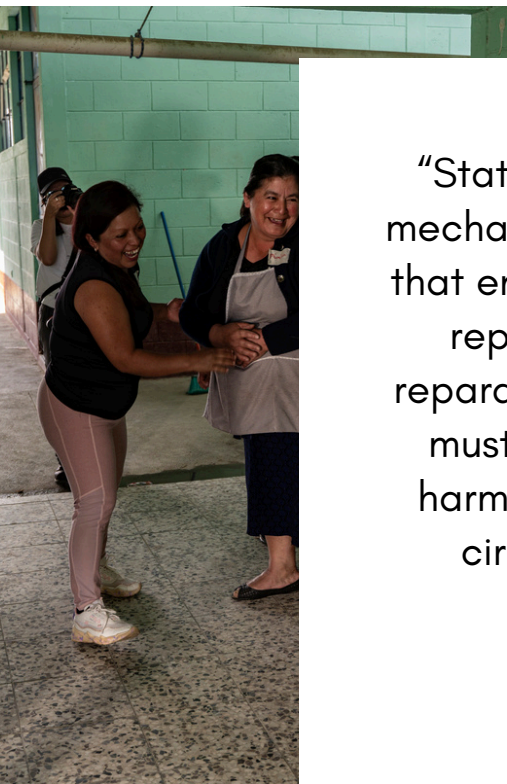
REPAIR THE HARM

Science and Advocacy for justice



COLIBRÍ PROJECT

Feeling and sharing about the climate crisis



“States are obligated to provide effective mechanisms, both judicial and administrative, that enable victims to access comprehensive reparation. Such mechanisms, and the reparation measures provided through them, must be appropriate to the nature of the harm and take into account the particular circumstances of the harm caused to individuals and to Nature.”

INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS* ADVISORY OPINION AO-32/25



Publications:



In 2025, La Ruta del Clima published sixteen research papers, guides and strategic analyses addressing key climate justice issues, including community-based monitoring, loss and damage, reparations, climate finance, human mobility, public health and climate governance.

These publications highlight community experiences and provide technical and political evidence to strengthen citizen participation and climate decision-making across local, regional and international levels.



Access our publications here:

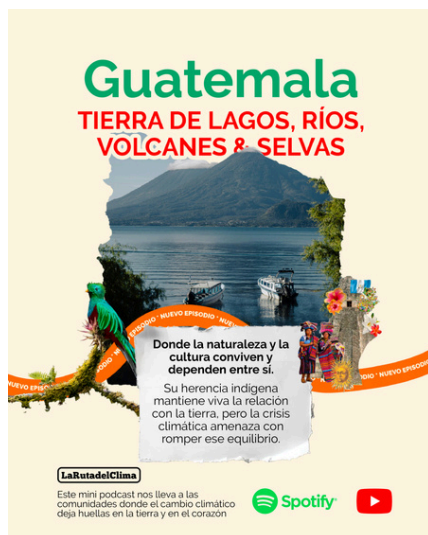


Podcast

La Ruta del Clima used its podcast in 2025 to share key insights on climate justice, human rights, and climate change. This year's series centered on the impacts of climate change in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica, providing a reflective and accessible platform grounded in regional realities.

The episodes amplified community experiences and highlighted the structural challenges driving climate vulnerability, contributing to a deeper regional understanding of climate justice.

To explore the full series and access all episodes, visit the following link:



Insights

- As part of its advocacy and community-centered work, La Ruta del Clima participated in diverse in-person, virtual and community spaces throughout 2025 to amplify local voices and share key information.
- These efforts strengthened networks and deepened perspectives on human mobility and climate finance, enhancing the organization's ability to address climate challenges collaboratively.



La Ruta del Clima advanced its community science program on Loss and Damage gathering evidence to support climate reparations. We worked with communities in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, and Panamá. We documented the adverse effects of climate change, strengthened local data-collection capacities, and empowered community's advocacy for climate justice.

In 2025, we had strong presence in key international spaces—including COP30, UNGA, SB61, FfD and Climate Week in Ethiopia—reinforcing its advocacy efforts, strengthening coordination, and elevating the international profile of climate reparations and climate justice.

Our interdisciplinary team actively participated in webinars, podcasts, workshops and technical working groups focused on human rights, gender, human mobility and loss and damage strengthening knowledge exchange, advocacy and collective learning processes.

Our community-based work across the region reinforces the organization's objectives in participation, research and communication, fostering collective knowledge generation, amplifying local voices and strengthening climate advocacy processes.

2025 Results

+27

VIRTUAL EVENTS

+7

INTERNATIONAL
FORUM ADVOCACY

+16

RESEARCH
PUBLICATIONS

IN-PERSON EVENTS

+29

COMMUNITIES
EMPOWERMENT

+15

Projects



COLIBRÍ PROJECT

Feeling and sharing about
the climate crisis

- * The Colibrí Project focuses on working with young people to address the climate and environmental crisis, seek solutions through dialogue, community science, and mental health awareness.
- * The project trains community members in psychosocial support, creates spaces for empowerment, and promotes community-based scientific action to make informed decisions.

01 Psychosocial care workshops

These workshops strengthen psychosocial support strategies for young people in the context of climate change. They are accompanied by a methodological guide and tools designed for working with youth.

02 Empowerment Youth Camps

The camps are spaces for empowerment and addressing the concerns of young people regarding the climate crisis. Tools designed for a respectful and educational approach are implemented.

03 Community science training

Networks for observing and reporting climate impacts. Using digital tools and fostering collective exchange, training in community climate science is provided.

Projects



REPAIR THE HARM

Science and Advocacy for justice

- * Data gathering and assessment research on loss and damage in Central America.
- * Advocate for the development of reparations mechanisms or policies at national level.
- * Strengthen capacities for civil society and communities to demand climate reparations.

01 Remote Monitoring

Use of technology for data gathering with communities on loss and damage. Development of new methodologies with key stakeholders for the assessment of economic and non economic loss and damage.

02 Gender Data

We are working to improve and innovate current indicators of loss and damage with a gender perspective. A first step toward disaggregated that reflects adequately the adverse effects of climate change suffered by women in Central America.

03 Reparations Coalition

Launch a Coalition for Reparations with Latin American NGOs. Capacity building, network empowerment and joint advocacy with a human rights perspective on reparations for loss and damage.

Projects



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Access to Climate Reparations

- * Channel financing of donors for cost-effective community projects that repair damages and climatic hazards and promote adaptation.
- * A reliable, medible and participatory social reversal mechanism that supports climate justice.
- * Direct financing access window, non-refundable, to traditionally exclusive communities in Central America.



LYRA PROJECT

Women Empowerment

- * Empowerment of grassroots women organizations in climate justice and environmental democracy
- * Implementation of projects focused on environmental protection and climate impacts data generation.
- * Political education and advocacy training of rural organizations women leaders.

COMMUNITY WORK



Next steps for 2026

For 2025, we plan to continue working under the same ideals of advocacy, human rights and climate justice in the face of climate change, always hand in hand with communities and their needs. Below, we share our values and pillars for the coming year, inviting you to join us in this commitment and be an active part of this transformative process.

Our values



CLIMATE JUSTICE

We advocate for equity in the fight against climate change, ensuring that the most vulnerable are heard and protected.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

We believe in the importance of empowering communities to lead their own climate solutions.



COLLABORATION

We foster strategic alliances to strengthen the impact of our actions.



PILLARS 2026

RESEARCH

Generate evidence-based knowledge on the impacts of climate change in the territories, with a focus on justice, gender and human rights.

PROGRAMMES - PROJECTS

Implement programmes and projects on climate impacts, gender, human mobility, public policy, mitigation and health that promote justice in Latin American countries affected by climate change.

COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY

Strengthen environmental democracy by influencing environmental and climate decision-making processes.

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Together towards climate
justice, restoring balance for all!

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Loss and Damage Youth Coalition

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Civil Society Organisations
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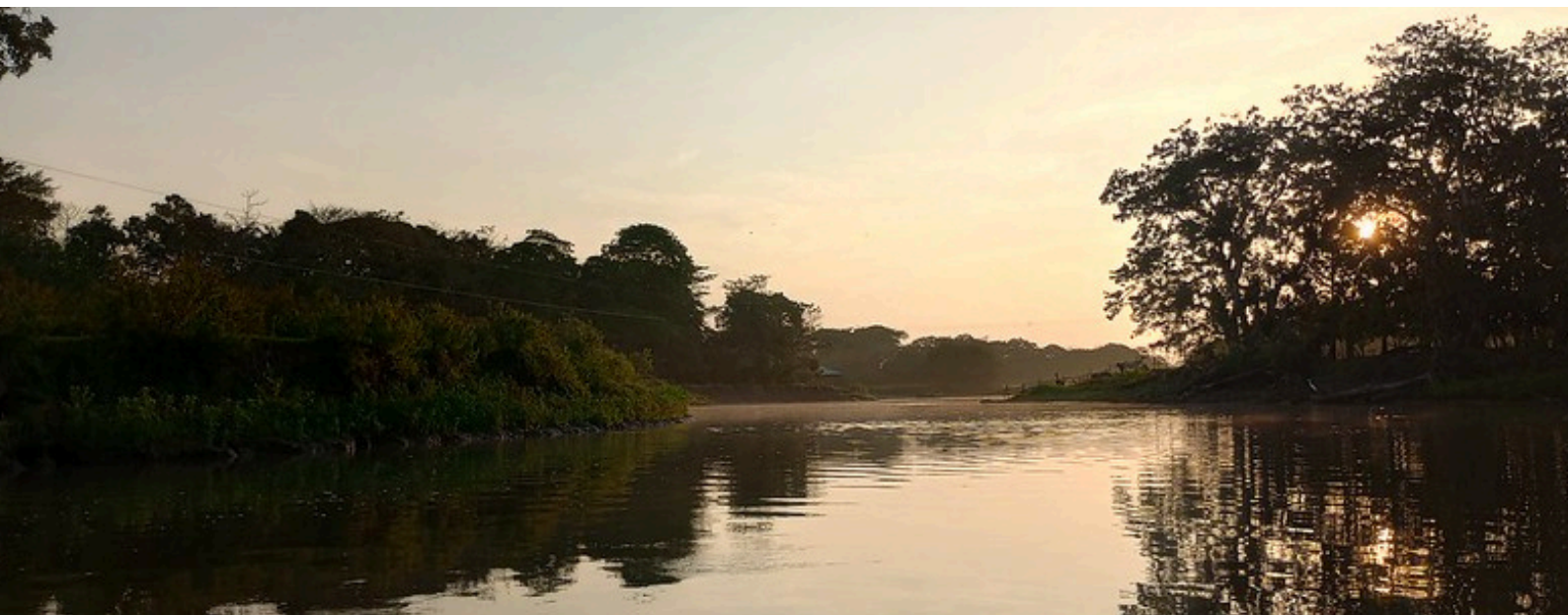
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