

Information on the results of the 2nd IEC 2026 Preparatory Conference

The 2nd Preparatory Conference of the International Environmental Council (IEC 2026) **took place successfully** on September 14, 2025, with around **50 participants from 12 countries!** It was mainly conducted as an international ZOOM meeting.

In addition, there were two individual meetings on the same day (due to scheduling reasons). The atmosphere at the conference was good, with discussions characterized by solidarity and a focus on results. **The preparatory process has been further consolidated in terms of content and expanded internationally.**

Weak points were the low participation of industrial workers and trade unionists as well as young people. Due to the last-minute cancellation of translators, not all international participants were able to follow the discussion, for which the coordination group would like to apologize once again!

Online participants came from the following countries:

Italy, Portugal, Peru, Chile, Pakistan, Togo, Nigeria, Mauritania, another person from Africa (country unclear), Germany. One-on-one meetings in the morning with environmental activists from Afghanistan (now in Germany) and the Netherlands, both of whom were unable to attend the conference but want to collaborate in the future. Cancellations due to scheduling conflicts, but with continued interest, came from South Africa, Russia, and China.

The most important results:

- The topics of the **forums and workshops** proposed so far were confirmed in their entirety and defined more precisely in the discussion. The number of forums was streamlined by combining similar topics. Above all, the discussion showed that the increasing fascist attacks on the environmental movement are a global problem and that the struggle against them must be given greater weight at the IEC.
- (The updated list of forums and workshops will be published here in multiple languages as soon as it has been translated).
- The proposed **financial guidelines** and the **principle of self-organization and self-financing** were confirmed. At the same time, a graduated system of solidarity-based support for the travel expenses of participants with limited financial means was established. (The financial guidelines will also be published here shortly).
- No decision has yet been reached on the question of the **IEC country**. Concerns about long flight times for a large number of participants and security concerns in view of global fascist developments were seriously discussed, and in this respect countries in Europe were favored, but not exclusively.
- Strengthening the **coordination group**: S., an environmental activist from Togo, decided at the end of the conference to join the coordination group, which now has an international composition.
- **Practical cooperation** among IEC2026 supporters: It is proposed that on **International Environmental Action Day on November 15**, in conjunction with **participation in a delegation to the COP30 protests in Belém, Brazil**, actions be carried out everywhere according to the capabilities of each location. These actions are intended to raise awareness of IEC 2026 and recruit new supporters. For this purpose, IEC2026 posters in several languages are available on the homepage, which are to be used in every country or city for a mobilization photo – for later publication on the homepage and in social media.