

COP23 Media Backgrounder - Brazil's Positions, New Initiatives and COP23 Events

Please find linked an overview of Brazil's positions in relation to COP23 and the Paris Agreement, its newest climate change initiatives, and COP23 events at the Brazilian Pavilion.

You can access the overview document at [Brazil at COP 23](#)

A few highlights are below. Please contact me if you would like to connect to a spokesperson to discuss further.

- Brazil's new law to develop and publish Brazil's "Green GDP" – passed on Oct 18 (page 5)
- Brazil's "efforts to strengthen economic growth at an equal footing with considerations of social impact and environmental harm" (page 12)
- Brazil's issuance of \$1 billion of "Green Bonds" – the first time a national bank has issued green bonds in the international market; proceeds will be used for wind or solar energy projects (page 17)
- Recent data (Oct 17) showing a 16% decrease in deforestation in Brazil in the 12 months from August 2016 to July 2017, compared to the previous year (page 21)
- Key events at the Brazilian Pavilion (Bonn Zone): (full program on p28)
 - Today (Thursday Nov 9): Zero deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon: impacts of the current political and economic context (3pm)
 - Monday Nov 13: Water themed day, starting with Water Security: a challenge for business (9.30am)
 - Tuesday Nov 11: Financing NDCs Through Innovation (9.30am)
 - Wednesday Nov 12: Biofuels: fighting climate change (2pm)
 - Thursday Nov 13: Amazon Fund: helping Brazil achieve its goals (12.30pm)

You are welcome to directly quote anything in the document.

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