



Annual Meeting with donators is held in Rio de Janeiro

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On October 31st, at the BNDES' headquarter in Rio de Janeiro, the 3rd annual meeting with donators of the Amazon Fund was held. The event aims to promote dialogue with the donators of the Fund.

The event was opened by the vice president of the BNDES, João Carlos Ferraz, and the Managing Director of the Environment Division of the Bank, Guilherme Lacerda. Also present were the Minister of the Environment (MMA), Izabella Teixeira, as well as representatives of the three Amazon Fund donators – Norway, Germany and Petrobras.

The Norwegian delegation, led by Ambassador Aud Marit Wiig, comprised the counselor of the Royal Norwegian Embassy, Elisabeth Forseth; the program's official representative, Patrícia Benthien; and senior advisor to the Norway's Ministry of the Environment, Marte Nordseth. Hubert Eisele represented the KfW and Humberto Augusto Spinola de Araujo, Petrobras.

Also present at the meeting, the deputy managing director of the Environmental Division, Sérgio Weguelin; the head of the Management Department of the Amazon Fund, Cláudia Soares Costa; the Executive Secretary of the



Minister Izabella Teixeira and João Carlos Ferraz, vice president of the BNDES

MMA, Francisco Gaetani; the representative of the German Technical Cooperation Agency (GIZ), Waldemar Wirsig; as well representatives from the BNDES' Environmental, Finance, International and Planning Divisions.

Agenda – The main issues discussed at the meeting were the current situation of the Amazon Fund; the role of Guidance and Technical Committees of the Amazon Fund; the Fund's financial and activities reports; the rules for the BNDES to request donators' resources; and the GIZ/BNDES' technical cooperation within the scope of the Amazon Fund.

Amazon Fund reinforces information-access strategy

New report models are available on the Amazon Fund's website

In order to increase the transparency of its efforts, the Amazon Fund has made the models of "Performance Report" and "Result Assessment Report" available on its website (www.fundoamazonia.gov.br) in the section "How to Present Projects". Publicly releasing these models allows potential beneficiaries of the Amazon Fund and the general public to know the basic information that must be forwarded to the BNDES' technical team throughout project execution and completion.

The "Performance Report" model is intended to guide Amazon Fund beneficiaries when forwarding information

on the physical and financial execution of a project, the fulfillment of contractual obligations and the monitoring of the indicators in the logical framework, among others.

The "Evaluation Report of Results" model, in its turn, must be submitted by the end of the project and is aimed at obtaining information on the evolution of the project, the monitoring of the indicators in its logical framework, the results and impacts achieved, the future sustainability of these results, problems that have arisen throughout implementation, as well as knowledge generated and lessons learned.

Amazon Fund participates in international event on climate changes

First edition of InterClima was held in Lima, Peru

From October 29 to 31, Lima, Peru, hosted the first edition of InterClima 2012, an international meeting organized by the Peruvian Ministry of the Environment for dialog between different initiatives and processes related to managing climate change.



Manager Ana Paula de A. Silva was one of the meeting's speakers

Amazon Fund Manager Ana Paula de Almeida Silva was on the panel "Institutionalization of Climate Risk Management" – which also included representatives from the United Kingdom, Colombia and Mexico – and gave a presentation on the BNDES' experience in managing the Amazon Fund. The Fund is considered one of Brazil's main initiatives in reducing greenhouse gas emissions caused by deforestation and degradation.

Discussions at the meeting also included the progress achieved and existing opportunities, besides defining priorities for future efforts in managing climate risks at different levels of government and sectors, among other issues. The InterClima 2012 content, including photos and presentations of the participants, may be consulted on the event's website: <http://interclima.minam.gob.pe>.

Bank of Brazil Foundation selects R\$ 9 million in projects

Calls-to-bid are aimed at sustainable production activities in the states of Amapá and Roraima

Nine projects have been enabled, so far, for analysis at the BNDES and the Bank of Brazil Foundation (FBB), totaling approximately R\$ 9 million, with R\$ 7.5 million coming from the Amazon Fund. The average amount is R\$ 840,000. Projects were selected in two calls-to-bid, providing support for sustainable production activities. These calls-to-bid were opened by FBB in the states of Amapá and Roraima, in October.

In the Technical and Financial Cooperation Agreement signed between the FBB and the BNDES in June, during the Rio+20, the institutions promised R\$ 15 million and R\$ 10 million, respectively, for investments in the Amazon Biome. Over five years, the partnership establishes a total of R\$ 100 million. The Foundation will use its own resources, and the BNDES, resources from the Amazon Fund.

The calls-to-bid encompassed several production sectors, such as: aquaculture and fishing, arts and crafts, babassu oil, rubber, Brazil nuts, flour and cassava, fibers, fruits,



Sector that produces honey is one of the included activities

honey, vegetable oil and essences, medicinal and aromatic plants, buriti or moriche palms, a type of palm tree from which fibers for arts and crafts are extracted, as are fruits to produce liqueurs, and murumuru, an edible fruit found along the rivers whose seed produces oil with softening properties, widely used in the cosmetic industry.