



Brazilian CDESS (2023–2026)

Executive Brief

Overview

Re-established in 2023, the Council for Sustainable Economic and Social Development (CDESS) retook its role as Brazil's national platform for a broad and plural social dialogue. It supports policy design that combines economic inclusion, labor discussions, climate responsibility and productivity. Two annual plenaries consolidate outputs from Thematic Commissions and working groups for delivery to the Presidency.

CDESS's priorities are centered on reducing social and regional inequalities, addressing climate change, and ensuring universal access to health, education, and quality employment, foundations that will strengthen Brazil's productivity and competitiveness in the global arena.

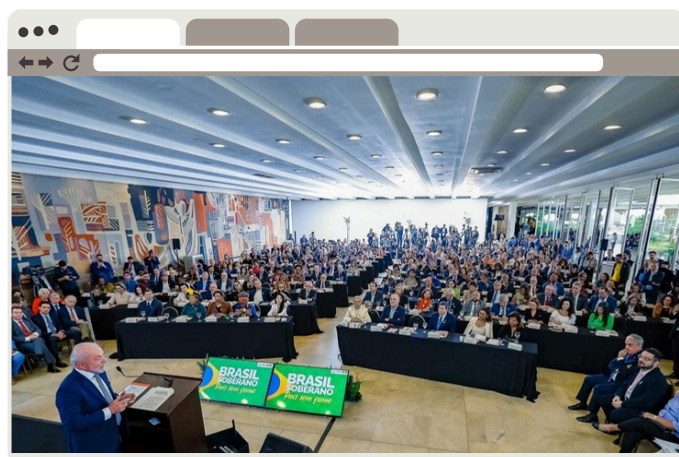
Activities & Deliverables (2023–2025)

- Cross-cutting proposals on energy transition, regulated carbon market, circular economy, recovery of degraded areas, socio-bioeconomy for the Amazon, climate governance, equal pay, early childhood, popular credit and the impacts of AI on work, in line with ILO guidelines and mindful of the impacts of artificial intelligence for a just transition.
- Structural contributions spanning legal modernization, digital public infrastructure and rights protection; inputs to AI and social-media regulation; strengthening disability-rights policy; and the Brazil Digital 2030+ agenda. Among the major milestones already achieved are the General Law on Private International Law, improvements to the Public Security Law, and enhancements to the National Data Center Policy.

- Social inclusion results highlighted within the CDESS agenda (as government programs aligned to Council debates): return of Brazil to outside the Hunger Map, millions lifted from poverty in two years, expansion of full-time education and health access, restructured Bolsa Família with conditionalities, real minimum-wage gains, Minha Casa Minha Vida relaunch, Pé-de-Meia student savings, Desenrola debt renegotiation and Acredita microcredit expansion. Tax reform with cashback mechanisms and a regional-development fund reduces regressivity and fosters convergence - aligned with Novo PAC and New Industry Brazil.
- Climate leadership: deforestation fell markedly since 2023; policy design integrates economic, social, environmental and climate dimensions. CDESS considers that it is not possible to separate the economic, social, environmental, and climate dimensions.
- Working cadence: continuous commission agendas, dialogue sprints and events with academia, finance, unions, social movements and government.

Participants

CDESS brings together 286 council members appointed for 2025–2027, reflecting regional and sectoral diversity, industry, commerce and services, culture, education, academia, unions, grassroots movements, entrepreneurship and Indigenous peoples, with balanced gender and racial representation.



5th Complete Plenary Session, 2025.

Thematic Commissions

- 1) Racial Equality & Gender Equity: equality, inclusion, equal pay, care policies.
- 2) Technology, Innovation & Digital Transformation: AI regulation, Brazil Digital 2030+, data infrastructure, investment attraction.
- 3) Sovereignty, Rights & Democracy: democratic safeguards, human rights, counter-disinformation.
- 4) Environment, Climate & Sustainable Development: energy transition, carbon markets, circular economy, recovery of degraded areas, Amazon bioeconomy.

5) Economic Affairs: productivity, decent work and employability, access to credit and green finance to unlock sustainability investments.



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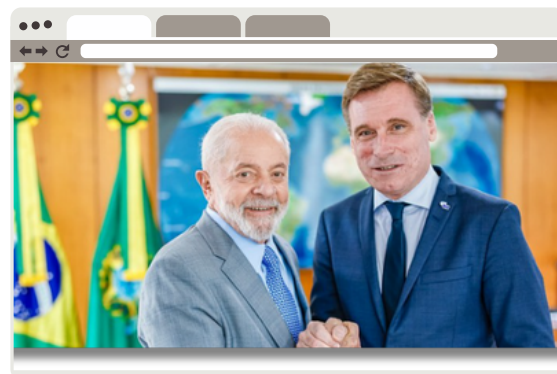


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Each commission formulates proposals consolidated at plenaries.

International Partnerships & Networks

CDESS acts in AICESIS, RICESIS and CESALC, and maintains bilateral partnerships with bodies such as the EESC and ILO. It promotes exchange of experiences, common agendas and technical cooperation, reinforcing multilateralism and Brazil's role in global social dialogue.



President Lula with Oliver Röpke, 2024

COP30 (Belém, Nov 2025): Role & Priorities



Deputy Secretary Raimunda Monteiro and the President of COP30, André Corrêa do Lago, 2025.

Brazil's presidency prioritizes strengthening UNFCCC multilateralism, connecting climate policy to everyday life and accelerating the Paris Agreement. Government action includes a more ambitious NDC and the PPCDAm targeting zero illegal deforestation by 2030. CDESS will present: (i) a Positive Agricultural Agenda that couples productivity with compliance and social responsibility; (ii) Amazonian science-and-technology contributions for the COP Action Agenda; and (iii) an investment portfolio for ecological transformation using Brazil's sustainable taxonomy to catalyze public-private finance domestically and internationally.

Future Agenda & Vision 2035

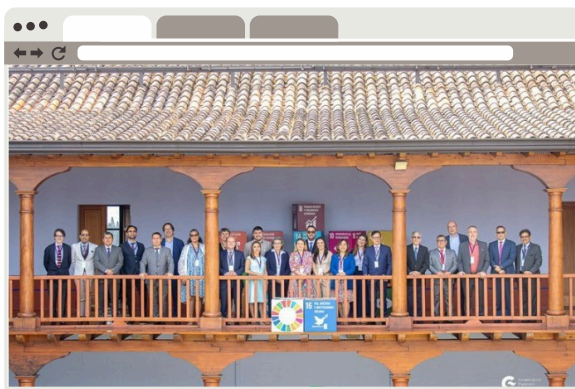
Guided by the initiative “Pillars of a National Project,” CDESS will mobilize civil society to draft proposals that accelerate structural goals and support implementation through 2026 and beyond.

Alignment with Brazil 2050 Strategy, New Industry Brazil and the Ecological

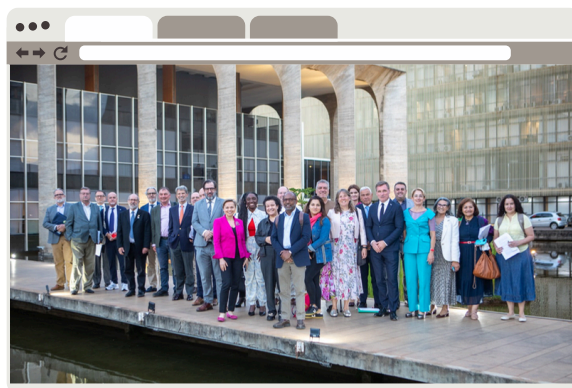
Transformation Plan ensures coherence between industrial policy, energy transition, decarbonization finance and just-transition employment. Targeted impacts include stronger productive capacities, quality jobs, inclusive technology and fairer income distribution across regions. Vision 2035: a sovereign, just, democratic and sustainable Brazil, overcoming historical inequalities, guaranteeing social participation, emancipatory education, decent work, universal quality healthcare and ethical technology; an inclusive, innovative economy that respects biodiversity and exercises international leadership through cooperation, peace and multilateralism.



Executive Secretary Olavo Noleto and the Minister of Indigenous Peoples, Sônia Guajajara, 2025



CDESS at the Meeting of Ibero-American Economic and Social Councils and Institutions for Social Dialogue, 2025



CDESS and EESC during the 9th Round Table Brasil - European Union in July, 2025

The results of CDESS's work are available online at **cdess.gov.br**

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