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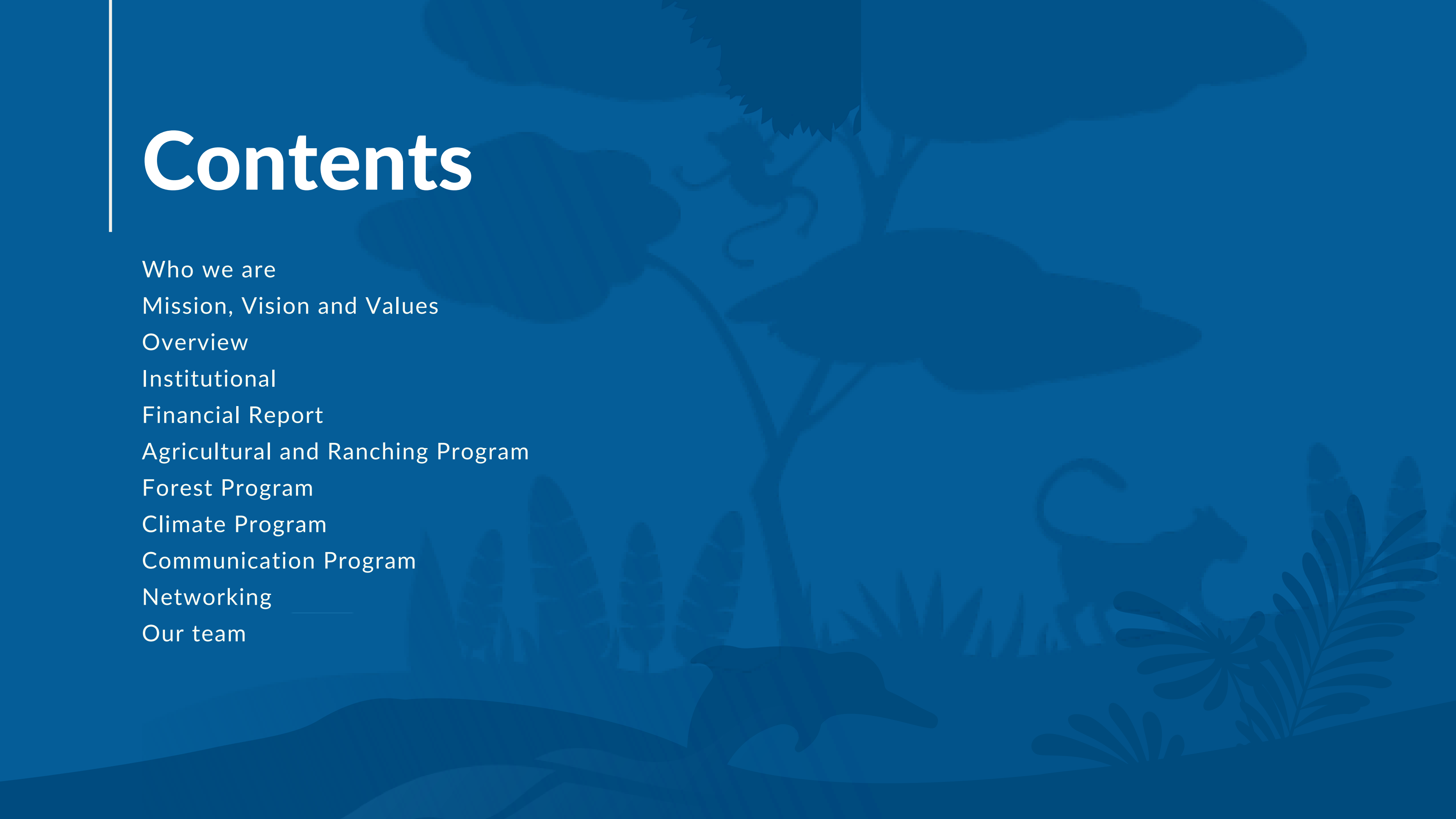
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Amazônia Brasileira



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Who we are

We are a Brazilian non-governmental and non-profit organization with 30 years of experience in the socio-environmental field. Our work focuses on promoting sustainable initiatives aimed at zero deforestation in Brazilian natural habitats, with a primary but not exclusive focus on the Amazon.

With this mission we work with governments and companies with a view to influencing public and private policies that can promote sustainable development and prevent environmental degradation. We also support local communities and work to generate and share relevant information about our areas of activity.

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Mission

Proposing and promoting solutions for environmental conservation and social well-being.

Values

- Our relationships with governments, companies and other civil society organizations must be transparent and guided by our mission.
- Partners make the difference. Teamwork and collaboration with other organizations, companies and governments is crucial to fulfilling our mission.
- We focus on results, with respect for the differences between the social actors involved in the discussions and activities developed.
- We defend and work to strengthen democracy, the rule of law and its institutions as tools for sustainable socio-environmental development

Vision

Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira believes in a development model that does not depend on activities that promote deforestation, since it is already possible to increase agricultural productivity without further loss of forest areas. We advocate "0 deforestation" and believe that it is possible to make production compatible with zero deforestation targets for the two main agricultural commodities, soy and cattle, by 2030.

Overview

Democracy Under Attack, Strong Resistance

In 2023 Brazil was the scene of an intense battle between the democratic advances of the past and a desire for rolling back those advances in the present. At the same time, the planet began to take its toll on human activities, echoing the blunt warning of the IPCC final report: a change of course is imperative.

For the first time in January, an Indigenous person walked up the ramp of the Planalto Presidential Palace at an inauguration. Chief Raoni Metuktire, alongside president-elect Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, represented the struggle for the environment and traditional peoples. This representation was also present in the symbolic inaugural speech of the new administration, where zero deforestation would no longer be a campaign promise, but a government goal.

On his first day in office, Lula revived environmental policies abandoned by the previous government,

such as the reactivation of the Amazon Fund and the transfer of the Rural Environmental Registry back to the Ministry of the Environment. He also reintroduced the Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Deforestation in the Legal Amazon (PPCDAm) and announced important appointments, such as Marina Silva to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and Sônia Guajajara to the newly created Ministry of Indigenous Peoples (MPI). FUNAI was transferred to the MPI and is no longer subordinate to the Ministry of Justice and Public Security. It is also now headed by Joênia Wapichana, the first Indigenous woman to occupy the top post at the agency.

The calm was short-lived. On January 8, there were violent attacks by extremists in Brasilia seeking to attack and destabilize democracy. Around 4,000 people left the Army Headquarters and, confronting a passive Military Police, invaded Federal Government buildings, including Congress, the Planalto Palace and the Federal Supreme Court Palace. By March 2023, a total of 2,182 people had been arrested for their involvement in the attacks.

After that day, for all defenders of the environment it became crucial to voice our explicit support and defense of democracy. Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira has adopted as one of its values the defense and strengthening of the rule of law and its institutions as fundamental tools for sustainable socio-environmental development.

The problems resulting from the absence of a state in defense of traditional peoples have also spilled over into 2023, one of the most serious being the humanitarian crisis among

the Yanomami. In the culture of these peoples, sharing and publishing images of their loved ones does not commonly occur, because when they leave this world, they must take everything with them, including their images. Even so, this Indigenous people decided to share with the world the horror in which they were living, with extreme situations of malnutrition and diseases such as malaria and intestinal parasites. The federal government declared an emergency situation and mobilized efforts to send aid and monitoring, since the pressures of illegal placer mining had on these Indigenous people had been the cause of the situation.

The omission of the previous government was also pointed out. The Yanomami reportedly had made more than a hundred requests for help, which were ignored, leading to the opening of an inquiry to investigate the crimes of omission of aid and genocide by Jair Bolsonaro's government.

In an effort at resuming legal recognition of territories, the 19th Free Land Camp took place in Brasília. On that occasion, after five years without demarcations, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva approved six Indigenous lands and promised that none would remain un-demarcated until the end of his mandate in 2026.

However, at the same time, the ruralist caucus mobilized to advance the legal concept of the Temporal Framework, which would hinder traditional peoples' access to their territories by requiring proof of occupation up to the date of the promulgation of the Constitution in 1988. The issue was also being voted on by the Federal Supreme Court, which overturned it by 9-2, deeming it unconstitutional.

Nevertheless, the Senate approved Bill 2903, establishing the "Temporal Framework" for demarcating Indigenous lands. President Lula considered a possible veto of the Senate bill, but the National Congress rejected the president's veto. The bill will now go through other legislative stages and analysis by the Supreme Court before it is definitively implemented and its constitutionality will probably be challenged in the courts.

Reorganizing the debates and bringing them to the heart of the territories, Chief Raoni called for and hosted a large gathering of leaders in the village of Piaraçu, in Mato Grosso. The Brazilian president himself was invited but did not attend. More than 2,000 people took part, including the minister of the Ministry for Indigenous Peoples, Sônia Guajajara, and the president of FUNAI, Joênia Wapichana.

The indigenous struggle is a timely illustration of the environmental struggle that took place in 2023, in confronting the setbacks that continue to be imposed with steps forward, mobilization and resistance. Resilience must be the key word of the coming years, especially for a country that wants to reposition itself as a global climate leader and has made a commitment to host the UN Climate Conference in Belém, Pará, in 2025.

The issue has gained great repercussions since the IPCC released the last part of its synthesis report on climate change, warning that the planet's natural environments are under threat, affecting biodiversity, food production and, above all, vulnerable populations. The report stresses that this is no longer just a warning, but a question of survival. A change of course is urgently needed to avoid imminent catastrophe.

Despite this, the 2023 Climate Conference had dubious results, with Brazil earning a "fossil of the day" for attempting to join the bloc of oil producers, OPEC+, and its resistance to abandoning old developmentalist habits, illustrated by its intentions to explore for oil at the mouth of the Amazon. Despite the controversies, the conference resulted in a historic agreement with 118 countries, including Brazil, committing to tripling renewable energy capacity by 2030. This conference was marked by the presence of Brazil and Brazilians, who sent the largest delegation.

And deforestation has, in fact, fallen considerably with all the changes implemented, highlighting the importance of a federal government acting in favor of enforcement.

. In the Amazon, deforestation fell by almost 50% compared to 2022, with data from the National Institute for Space Research's (INPE) alert system showing 5,153.5 km² of deforestation.

The pressure, however, has shifted to on the Cerrado, where deforestation reached 7,848.01 km² in 2023 compared to 5,462.96 km² in 2022. This is why global discussions on deforestation-free chains must take this biome into account. Throughout 2023, European countries engaged in the approval and implementation of a law banning the purchase of commodities associated with illegal deforestation in the Amazon but decided to leave out other biomes.

The monitoring of Brazilian commodities, although moving forward, remains a challenge, especially in the case of cattle ranching. There is a will on the part of the sector, producers and some governments to speed up and make the entire beef chain transparent. One of the great advances is the Beef TAC, which used to carry out audits only on cattle coming from Pará, but has now expanded, and in 2023, will incorporate data from new states in the Legal Amazon, such as Acre, Amazonas, Mato Grosso and Rondônia.

The knowledge built up over 30 years of work has led Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira to believe that there are already paths, and even important laws such as the Forest Code, which can make production and conservation compatible. To get them off the ground, we need a strong democracy, which is fundamental to protecting those in need and supporting innovation and change. Democracy is the exercise of the people's sovereignty; without it, there can be no progress in promoting social welfare, environmental protection and justice. And it also needs to be preserved.

Institutional



ADT IN THE MEDIA

Analysis of deforestation

In Jornal Nova Brasil, Cintia Cavalcanti analyzed the deforestation data for journalist Heródoto Barbeiro.



Rede Record's JR Agro interviewed the director of the Livestock Program, Pedro Burnier, about deforestation



Forbes recognized Cintia Cavalcanti as one of the 100 Women Doctors of Agriculture



The newspaper O Globo published an opinion piece written by OCF's executive secretary on the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR)

Mudança no Cadastro Ambiental Rural traz risco

Existem atualmente quase 20 milhões de hectares de passivo ambiental em imóveis rurais

Por Julia Norat e Roberta Del Giudice
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COP

28th Climate Conference

Arab Emirates, Dubai



The United Nations Conference on Climate Change, better known as the Conference of the Parties (COP), brings together signatory countries every year to discuss and negotiate measures to combat climate change, defining goals and strategies.



The participation of Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira in the Climate COP was significant, leading panels and contributing to discussions on climate change. In a specific panel on regenerative livestock farming, Pedro Burnier emphasized the importance of cattle herd traceability and the effective application of the Forest Code as measures to mitigate emissions. For her part, Roberta del Giudice, Executive Secretary of the Forest Code Observatory, addressed the crucial role of the Brazilian legislature and judiciary in achieving the goals set by the Paris Agreement, highlighting constitutional initiatives before the Supreme Court, such as the "Green Package".

The team also produced communication materials for social networks, talking about the importance of the issue and took part in a meeting involving organizations from Brazil and China, strengthening dialogues between organizations from the two countries.

- ▶ **Pathways to regenerative and traceable livestock farming**
December 1st (899 views online)
- ▶ **How can the legislature and judiciary ensure compliance with the Paris Agreement?**
December 2nd (183 views online)

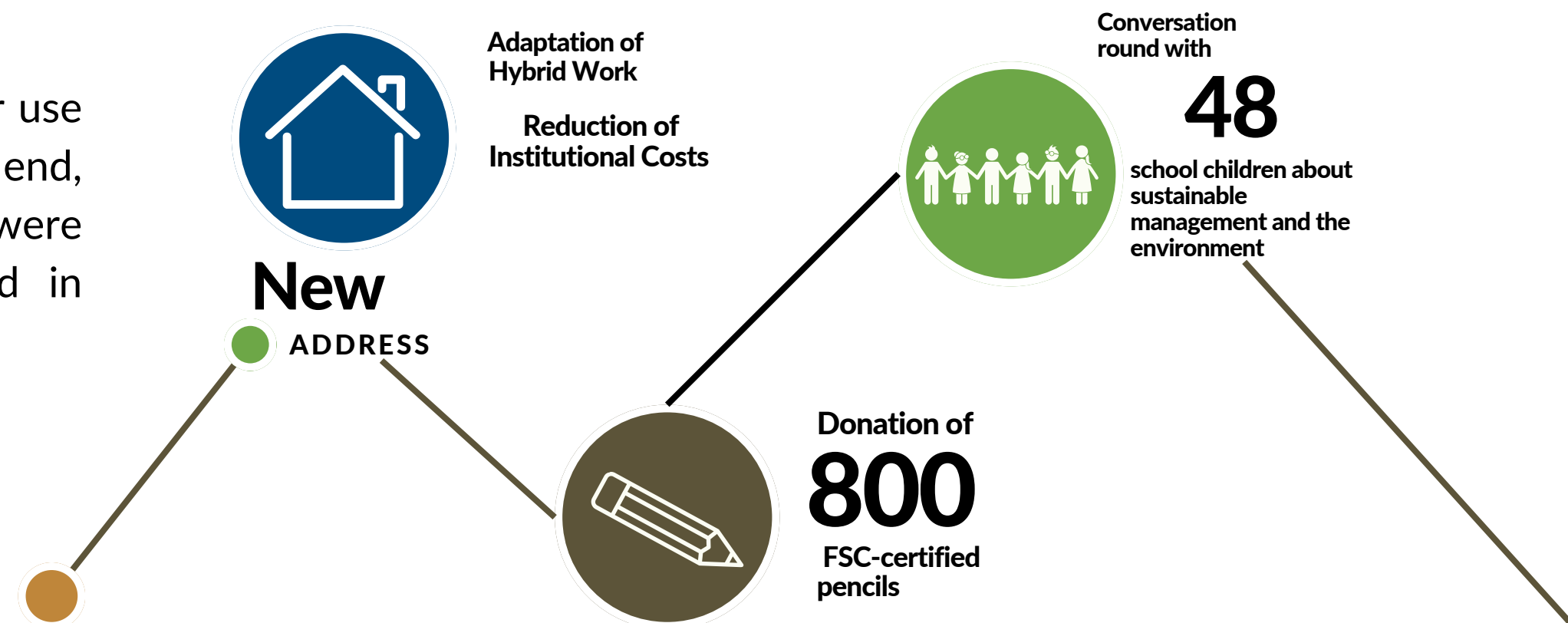


New Headquarters

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In order to accommodate a team that is increasingly working in a hybrid format, Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira has moved offices. The move took place in October, in celebration of its 29th anniversary. In 2023, employees came from different states in Brazil: São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, Brasília and Pernambuco. All are united in the fight to promote sustainable development.

The team in charge of the moving process opted to make better use of and dispose of items that no longer met their needs. To that end, the boxes of FSC-certified pencils, which bore the old logo, were donated to the Padre Noé Rodrigues State School, located in Brasilândia, a peripheral region of São Paulo.

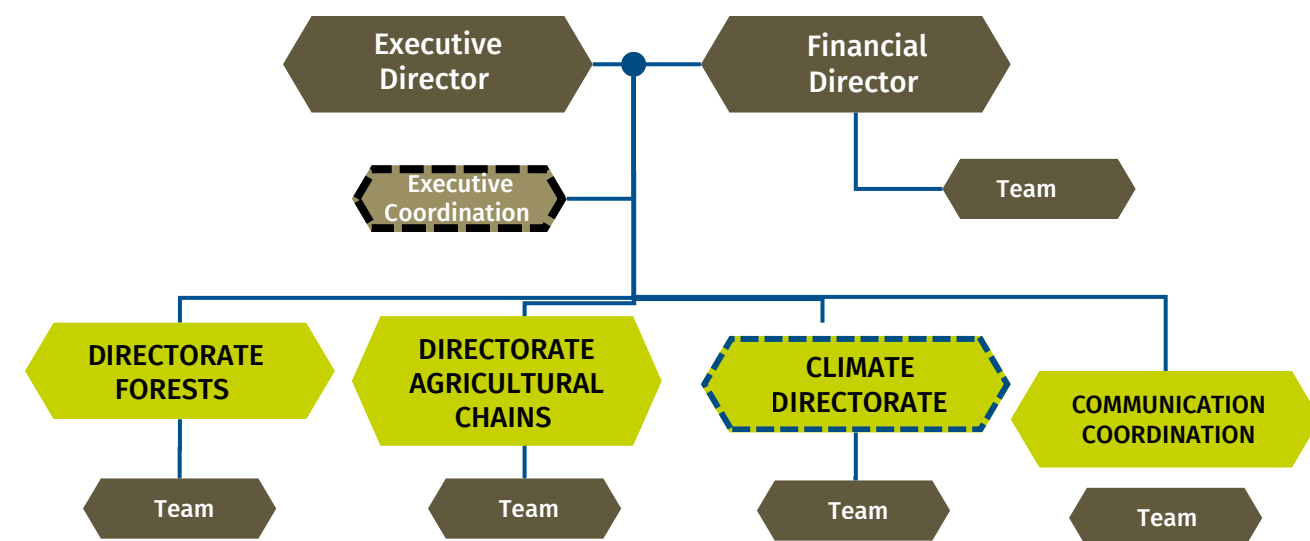


Institutional Review

To ensure more efficient and focused management, our programs have been organized into specific directorates, reflecting key areas of activity. These directorates will be responsible for overseeing and coordinating efforts in their respective programs, ensuring strategic alignment and an integrated approach to our initiatives.

Institutional Programs:

- Agricultural Chains Program
- Forest Program
- Society and Climate Program



Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira, in repudiation of the attacks that took place in January against the National Congress, the Planalto Palace and the Federal Supreme Court and especially against Brazilian democracy, has adopted a new institutional value: the organization defends the concept that democracy is the exercise of the people's sovereignty and without it there is no way forward in promoting social welfare, environmental protection and justice.

VALUES



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Complaints channel

Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira has made a space available on its institutional website to receive complaints. This channel was created to be used by employees, partners and other stakeholders who have information that can help combat corruption, fraud, irregularities and/or violations of the Code of Ethical Conduct, the organization's Policies and Standards, as well as any information about possible non-compliance with regulatory and legal provisions applicable to Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira. To date, there have been no formalized complaints through our official channels or evidence of irregularities pointed out by independent audits.

Every year the institution undergoes independent institutional audits and. In 2023 especially, in addition to this recurring process, the BRA-2055 BRA-21/0002 Project with funding from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation and the NDCI LA/2022/440-527 Project with funding from the European Union, underwent specific project audits. All the opinions are available for consultation and are published on the institutional website.

These instruments reinforce the institution's commitment to transparency of information and combating financial irregularities, as well as continuous improvement in management processes and accountability.



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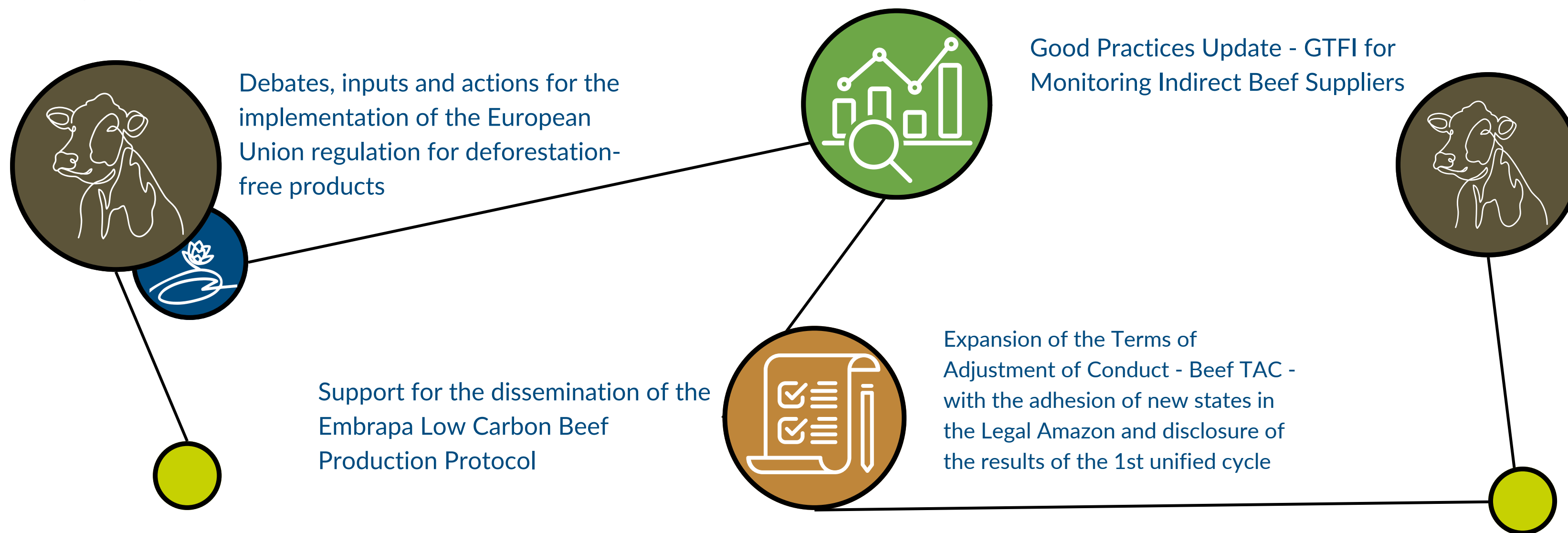
Agricultural Chains Program



Agricultural Chains Program

Program Objective: To create conditions for establishing a Brazilian beef chain free of deforestation and with low GHG emissions, through responsible livestock farming and monitoring and verification of compliance with the main socio-environmental commitments undertaken by the sector.

Highlights of 2023:



Partnerships for Responsible Livestock

The Agricultural Chains Program team from Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira held events in Água Azul do Norte and Marabá, in Pará, and in Pontes e Lacerda and Tangará da Serra, in Mato Grosso, to discuss Responsible and Sustainable Livestock.

The talks included the participation of an agricultural production technician and the introduction of the Conecta platform. Representatives of municipal environmental departments were present to discuss the approval of Rural Environmental Registries (CARs) and financial issues were addressed by representatives of financial institutions. The Marfrig meatpacker supported the event in Pontes e Lacerda and Tangará da Serra, encouraging its suppliers to sign up to the Conecta application.





Promoting sustainable land use

In May, executive director Mauro Armelin took part in the P4F Forum in London. The event brought together the projects supported by Partnerships For Forests (P4F), a program funded by the UK government to accelerate initiatives that promote sustainable land use, reduce deforestation and enhance the value of the forest. The Forum also allows for the exchange of knowledge between the different projects, which are often geographically distant, since the organization supports initiatives in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia. Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira had a stand on the Conecta platform alongside SafeTrace.



Conecta is an inclusive qualification, origin control and transparency tool that covers the entire beef production chain. Conecta was designed to be a meeting point and facilitate secure data exchange between the different links in the chain using blockchain technology.

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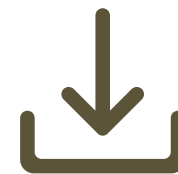


Launch of the study:

Brazil and Cattle Traceability: Inputs for the establishment of a national system to ensure the national production of deforestation-free cattle

The report presents an overview of the current situation of cattle traceability in Brazil and brings together years of expertise from our livestock team on the subject. The study was carried out with the support of the Brazil-Germany Agricultural Policy Dialogue (APD) and was written by the Agricultural Chains Program team, made up of Natália Tisso, Cintia Cavalcanti, Pedro Burnier and the executive director, Mauro Armelin.

The document proposes ways for the country to quickly adopt deforestation-free national cattle production and reduce the share of agriculture in degradation and deforestation in all Brazilian biomes.



EUDR

European Union Deforestation Free Regulation (EUDR)

The new European Union Deforestation Free Regulation (EUDR) was published in May 2023 and marks the European bloc's environmental stance by banning the import and trade of commodity derivatives originating from deforested areas.

The executive director, Mauro Armelin, was in Brasilia for a meeting with the head of the division in charge of drafting Europe's new rules, which aim to prevent the purchase of products contaminated by illegal deforestation. Several organizations took part, including Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira, WWF, Imaflora, ICV, Proforest, UFMG, ISPN, NWF and Imazon.

Two events were held in partnership with Climate & Company and with the support of BRASFI. The first, "Promoting sustainable chains: collaboration between the European Union and Brazil in the livestock chain", discussed solutions for deforestation-free supply chains in beef. The second webinar, "The role of the media and civil society organizations in shaping public perception of deforestation-free initiatives in Brazil and Germany", highlighted the impact of the media and NGOs on the global perception of deforestation.



Promovendo cadeias sustentáveis: colaboração entre a União Europeia e o Brasil na cadeia pecuária

AdT - Amazônia Brasileira also took part in a webinar in partnership with the Brazilian Bureau of Sustainable Livestock (MBPS) and Climate&Company to discuss the impacts of the Green Deal on Brazilian livestock. The event, mediated by AdT director Mauro Armelin, was exclusive to MBPS members and addressed the new European Union legislation and possible solutions to change the current situation.



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EUDR

Lei Europeia anti-desmatamento

Director Mauro Armelin took part in a series of dialogues on the environment, legislation and Brazilian agriculture, organized by the German-Brazilian Agricultural Policy Dialogue (APD) in Berlin, Germany.

At the Brazilian embassy in Berlin, with the participation of the Minister of Agriculture (Mapa), Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira exclusively presented a document on traceability, which was produced by the Agricultural Chains Program team.

Mauro also visited a property owned by German family farmers who use grazing animals to promote landscapes and conserve biodiversity on their land.



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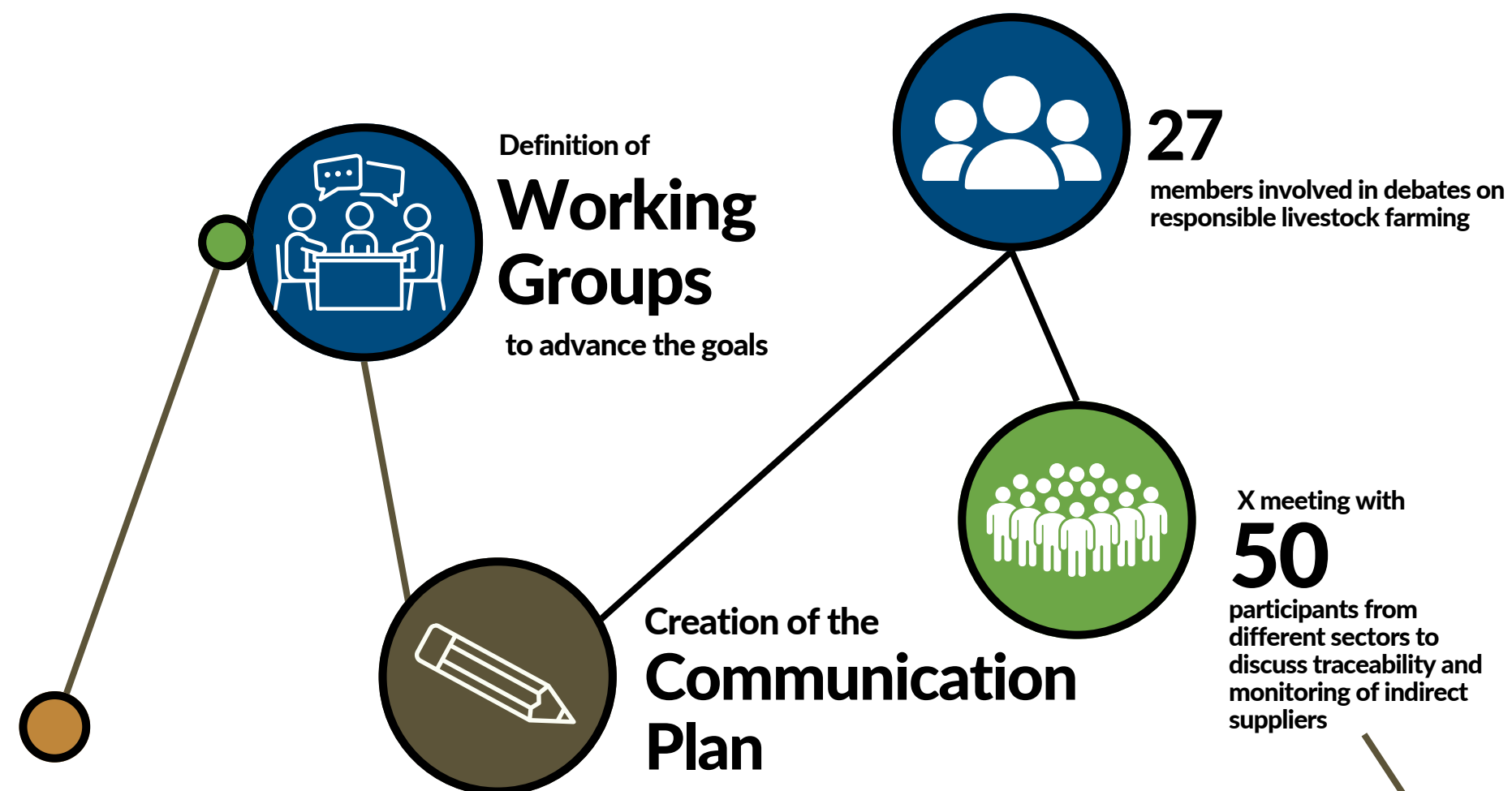


The GTFI brings together the various stakeholders in Brazil's beef production chain to discuss traceability, monitoring and transparency solutions with a focus on controlling deforestation at indirect suppliers.

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X GTFI Meeting

Around 50 people took part in the 10th meeting of the Indirect Suppliers Working Group (GTFI), which was held in a hybrid format in São Paulo. The event was attended by representatives of civil society organizations, meatpackers, retailers, financial institutions, service providers, as well as the institutions that coordinate the group: the NWF and Friends of the Earth. During the meeting, the impacts of including socio-environmental criteria in the monitoring of indirect suppliers were discussed. A workshop was also held to define the group's governance pillars.



Forest Code

Inter-institutional arrangements to speed up the validation of the CAR, the implementation of the PRA and the reintegration of suppliers into the beef chain in Pará

In October, Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira held a workshop in Belém, Pará, to discuss the validation of the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR) in the state. The meeting also discussed the operation of the Forest Restoration System (Sirflor), and the bodies involved - SEMAS, MPF and Acripará - agreed to act quickly to get the platform up and running.

As a result of the event, in November Semas and the MPF signed a Cooperation Agreement with Acripará. This will allow the civil compensation fee for environmental damage caused on rural properties registered with Sirflor to be directed to the Eastern Amazon Fund (FAO). The FAO is a private financial mechanism focused on strengthening public policies and social initiatives for the environment and sustainable development in Pará.



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Beef TAC

Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira is part of the Technical Committee to support the implementation and expansion of the Terms of Conduct Adjustment (TACs).

In October, an event was held to present the results of the 1st unified cycle of audits of the livestock production chain in six states in the Legal Amazon (Acre, Amazonas, Mato Grosso, Pará, Tocantins and Rondônia). The audits are provided for in agreements that have been signed since 2009 between the MPF, meatpackers, industries and inspection bodies. The purpose of the checks is to ensure that the meatpackers have monitored their suppliers to ensure that the legislation is respected.

These results represent a milestone in the transparency of socio-environmental data and allow the public to identify companies committed to compliance and those that don't follow the law. To date, the beef TAC only tracks direct suppliers, but there is the possibility of including indirect suppliers in the tracking criteria from July 2024. This innovation will be made possible by studies carried out by the Indirect Suppliers Working Group (GTFI) and the TAC Technical Committee.



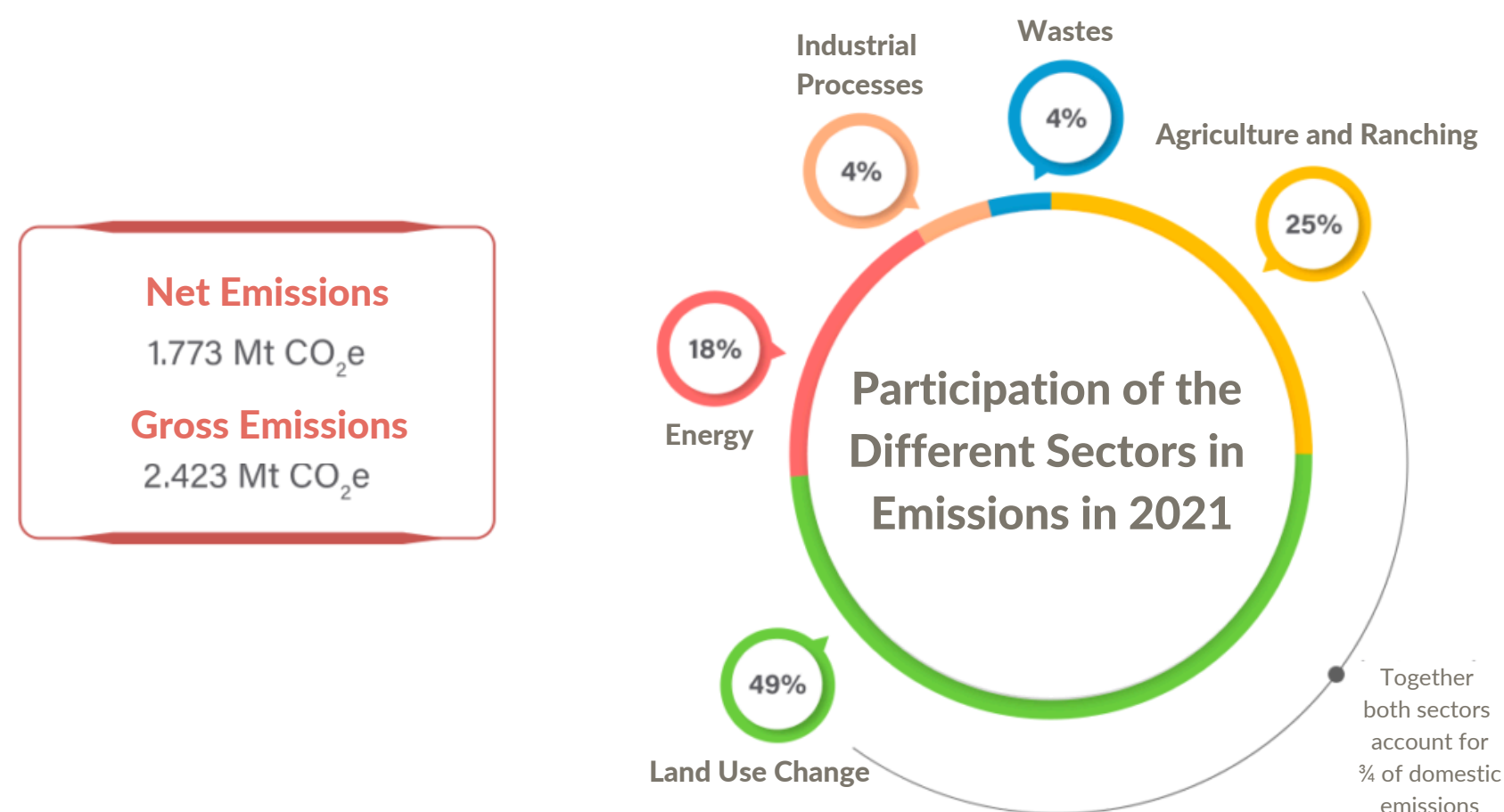
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Livestock and the Climate

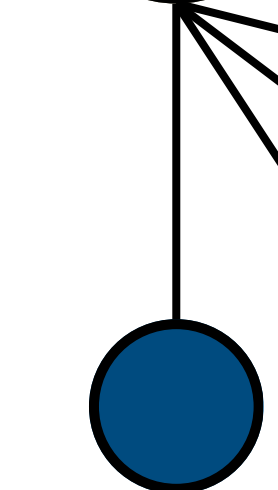
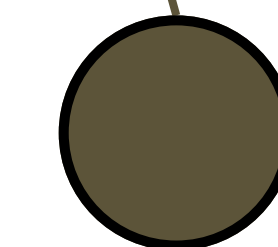
The biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Brazil is land use change, which occurs through deforestation and burning. A large part of this change is aimed at establishing pastures for raising cattle. In 2021, Brazilian agriculture had the highest emissions in the 10-year historical series: 601 million tons, compared to 579 million tons in 2020. Source: SEEG (Greenhouse Gas Emissions Estimates System), 2021.



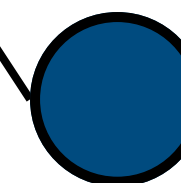
Reducing emissions from the livestock chain is the way to achieve climate goals



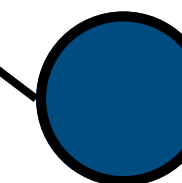
Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira has been working with governments, civil society and producers to solve this challenge



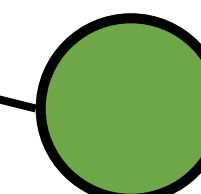
Partnership with Embrapa to promote the Low Carbon Beef methodology



Actions with meatpackers to encourage the adoption of traceability tools and monitoring of deforestation and adherence to new practices to promote the reduction of emissions



Actions with civil society to make consumers more aware of sustainable choices



Events with producers to disseminate the methodology

Embrapa Low Carbon Beef Production Protocol

The workshop held at the meatpacking plant in Promissão - SP brought together representatives from Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira, Marfrig, Embrapa Gado de Corte and cattle producers. Its aim was to present the criteria of the Low Carbon Beef Protocol (CBC) and help cattle farmers adjust their production systems to this new, more efficient model, both in terms of production and climate.

The CBC Protocol, developed by Embrapa, is the first in Brazil to establish auditable and certifiable criteria and procedures for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in beef cattle farming and to obtain a label for beef produced in accordance with these criteria.

Friends of the Earth has produced the "Guide to low carbon beef production: application of Embrapa low carbon beef protocol (CBC)", which summarizes the general concepts and presents a step-by-step approach to implementing the protocol, serving as a starting point for producers interested in understanding more before seeking certification.



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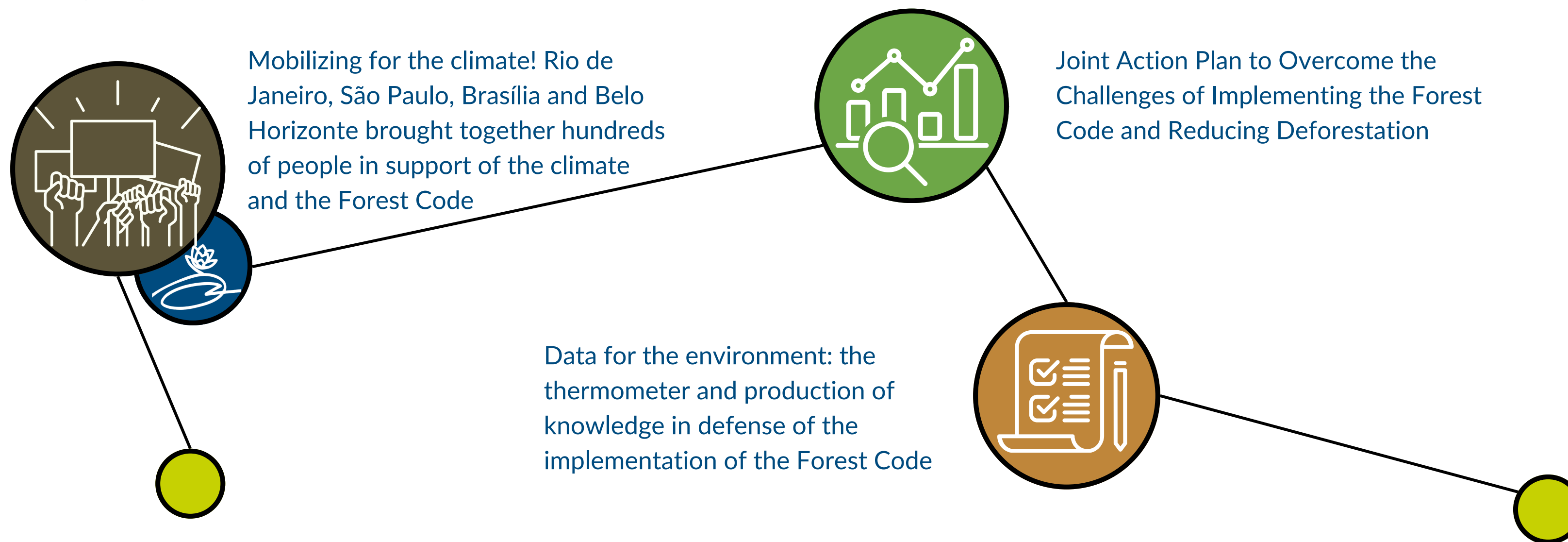
Forest Program



Forest Program

Program Objective: Defend robust forest legislation that protects forests and build dialogues and tools for compliance with the Forest Code. Promote sustainable forest management initiatives and socio-environmental certification that guarantees the life of forests and the origin of forest products at all stages of production.

Highlights of 2023:



The OCF network

Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira is a host of the Forest Observatory, a network with the aim of monitoring the successful implementation of the Forest Law, strengthening the role of civil society in defending Brazil's native vegetation. With this, it aims to protect biomes and cultural values, sustainable production and the recovery of natural environments.



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Meeting with the MMA

In March, the Friends of the Earth and OCF team went to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change in Brasilia to deliver a document to the new government with recommendations for progress in implementing the Law on the Protection of Native Vegetation in the country. Among the proposals is the creation of a working group with broad social participation to contribute to and monitor policies related to the Forestry Law and the fight against deforestation.

The document was delivered to the Minister of the MMA, Marina Silva; to the Deputy Executive Secretary of the MMA, Mauro Pires; to the appointed Director General of the Brazilian Forest Service, Garo Batmanian; and to the Leader of the Extraordinary Secretariat for the Control of Deforestation and Territorial Planning, André Lima.



[Read more.](#)



10 years of the Forest Code Observatory

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Forest Code Observatory in October, the network of members met in Brasilia to discuss the challenges, paths and solutions for making the country's forest legislation viable.

In order to cover and qualify the conversations and debates around the law, the meeting was divided into macro themes: the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR), the Environmental Regularization Program (PRA), Recovery, Traditional Peoples and Communities (PCTs) and Settlements, Economic Incentives, Administrative Sanctions, Monitoring and Transparency.

Participants were also able to talk to experts in federalism and the implementation of public policies in Brazil, discuss the challenges faced with government representatives at federal, state and municipal level, who also had the opportunity to share successful experiences, difficulties and plans for improvements in the implementation of the law.



10 years of creating connections

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Acts for the Climate

Thousands of people gathered in the streets of Brazilian capitals during June to express their indignation at the socio-environmental dismantling promoted by legislative bills and provisional measures underway in the National Congress. Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira supported the actions and was present in three capitals where the mobilizations took place: São Paulo, Brasília and Rio de Janeiro.

The demonstrators called for standing forests, water conservation, climate justice and the demarcation of Indigenous territories, displaying placards, banners and flags. The decision to take to the streets was motivated by a series of defeats suffered by environmentalists in the Chamber of Deputies (lower house of parliament) in the last week of May. On the eve of the anniversary of the Forest Code and close to World Environment Day, texts with a high social and environmental impact were approved, especially in relation to the Forest Code and the Atlantic Forest Law (MP 1.150/22).

In addition, an approved report reduced the powers of the Ministries of the Environment and Indigenous Peoples (MP 1.154/23) and in an attempt to circumvent the Federal Supreme Court's vote on the Temporary Framework, the ruralist caucus asked for an urgent vote on a bill that threatens the demarcation of Indigenous territories (PL 490/07).

The lack of dialogue between the executive branch and the Chamber of Deputies during this period contributed to the absence of negotiations in favor of the environment and Indigenous peoples. The demonstrators criticized the legislators' positions and stressed the importance of environmental protection and the rights of Indigenous peoples for the country's sustainable future.



Amazon Dialogues

In August, as part of the "Amazon Dialogues" events in preparation for the Amazon Summit, OCF co-organized and took part in the event "Transparency and Forest Governance: how open data contributes to combating deforestation". The event was attended by the Amazon Research Institute (IPAM), the Life Center Institute (ICV), Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira (AdT) and Article 19.



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CAR for PCTs



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In June, during the 2nd National Meeting of Quilombola Women, the Forest Code Observatory, together with the National Coordination of Quilombola Articulation (Conaq), launched an animation about awareness, encouragement and instruction aimed at quilombola communities that are not yet registered in the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR).

PRA and PRADA Webinars

Over the course of the year, seven webinars were held on the implementation of the Environmental Regularization Program (PRA) and Projects for Recomposing Degraded and Altered Areas (PRADAs) in the states (SC, PE, PA, MA, TO, MT) and in the Federal Government, totaling 8 events held in collaboration with Diálogo Florestal. The events were broadcast on the Diálogo Florestal YouTube channel.

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Economic and Financial Incentives for Implementing the Forest Code

In August, with the help of Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira, the OCF and BVRio held the webinar: Economic and Financial Incentives for Implementing the Forest Code.



After the coordination events and internal meetings, the event Building a Joint Action Plan to Overcome the Challenges of Implementing the Forest Code and Reducing Deforestation took place.

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Bank Engagement Panel

The webinar launching the Bank Engagement Panel sought to provide transparency on how financial agents obtain and analyze information on their clients' compliance with the Forest Code.



During the event, the results of the survey carried out with five financial institutions between 2020 and 2021 were presented, as well as the prospects for improvements and updating the data from the Bank Engagement Panel in 2023.

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Society and Climate Program



Society and Climate Program

Program objective: To strengthen the link between society and nature, promoting actions for environmental conservation, climate resilience and the protection of forest peoples.

Highlights of 2023:

Mobilization to support the Kayapó Indigenous Women's Delegation to the Free Land Camp (ATL) in Brasilia



During the ATL, the Kayapó were able to meet with the president of FUNAI, Joênia Wapichana, who guaranteed priority for the demarcation of the Kapot Nhinore Indigenous Land. There was also a meeting with Marina Silva, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

During The Call of Chief Raoni (O Chamado do Cacique Raoni), a large indigenous mobilization in the Xingu Park, the process of demarcating and ratifying the Kapot Nhinore Indigenous Land was announced.

Held in the village of Piaracu, The Call of Chief Raoni brought together more than a thousand people, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, to articulate ways of strengthening the indigenous movement's political influence.

Kayapó delegation at ATL2023

Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira created the campaign "The Kayapó Indigenous peoples need your support" to raise funds and make it possible for them to take part, guaranteeing food and transportation to the Terra Livre 2023 Camp. This was the third year that the organization has supported the Indigenous people, strengthening the relationship between the organization and the Kayapó.

During the Free Land Camp, there were marches and a vigil against the Temporal Framework, a proposed legal concept that makes the demarcation of Indigenous territories impossible. A delegation of Indigenous people took part in a meeting with the president of FUNAI, Joênia Wapichana, to talk about the demarcation of the Kapot Nhinore Indigenous Land demanded by chief Raoni and the protection of the territories already recognized.

The Indigenous people also met with the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, Marina Silva, who received the Kayapó in the government building and listened to their demands.



Connecting Villages and Protecting Indigenous Cultures and Territories

Starting on February 17, 2023, the "Connecting Villages and Protecting Indigenous Cultures and Territories" project aimed to install internet points, with antennas, cell phones and transmission services, in Yanomami and Kayapó indigenous villages.



Amigos da Terra made it possible to install 5 internet points, 2 in Yanomami villages and 3 in Kayapó villages. The Indigenous people selected the installation points themselves in order to meet the specific needs of each community, prioritizing schools, health centers and the Fire Brigade.

The installations in Yanomami territory were postponed until 2024 due to the intense situation faced by illegal placer mining activities in the region, which have restricted access to the area. The action was financed by the Swiss Embassy and supported by Conexão Povos da Floresta.

Friends of the Earth joined the Forest Peoples Connection Manifesto with the aim of bringing broadband internet in a conscious and secure way to all indigenous villages and other traditional peoples. With this, it was possible to double the initial installation targets.

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Chief Raoni's Call

Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira, together with the Raoni Institute, organized the event "The Call of Chief Raoni" in July at the Piaraçu Village in São José do Xingu, Mato Grosso.

The meeting was attended by representatives of 54 Indigenous peoples, as well as political leaders, including the Minister for Indigenous Peoples, Sônia Guajajara, and the president of FUNAI, Joênia Wapichana. In all, more than a thousand people took part, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The event also received support in the form of videos from various artists such as Sting, as well as letters from King Charles sent especially to Raoni.

In addition to taking part in the organization, AdT also collaborated with the communication and press office, which achieved prominence in the Brazilian and international media, with repercussions in newspapers such as The Guardian, Jornal Nacional, Valor Econômico, Globo, Folha de São Paulo, G1, among others.





São Félix do Xingu, Pará



Held for 20 years, the "Clean Up" task force mobilizes the community of São Felix do Xingu, in Pará, to clean up the Fresco and Xingu rivers. The event held in March removed 5,272.8 kilos (5 tons) of waste. Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira responded to the call from the São Félix do Xingu Environment Department and supported the action.

Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira has supported the dialog between the São Félix do Xingu Secretary of the Environment and the Federal Government by assisting with mediation.



Marlos Cruz, the São Félix do Xingu Municipal Secretary for Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, Ibama Director of Environmental Protection, Jair Schmitt, and São Félix do Xingu Secretary for the Environment and Mining, Sérgio Benedetti. In the second picture, Sérgio is standing next to Minister Marina Silva.

Communication



Deforestation analysis

The AdT team began performing monthly analyses of deforestation in the Amazon and Cerrado to organize the data, make the organization's position clear and create visual materials such as infographics, to assist with interpreting the data.

The special, which was hosted on the domain of the former Amazon website, enables trends to be monitored over time and helps to understand the challenges faced by the biomes, with a view to finding viable solutions to achieve the mission of zero deforestation.

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Summary of the week

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Every Friday, Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira sends out a bulletin with the main events of the week on the environment, climate, forests, traditional peoples, the Amazon and other biomes. The Summary of the Week can be accessed either by e-mail, by signing up to receive it, or via LinkedIn.



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Resumo da Semana

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Emissões de carbono do Brasil

O Brasil **emitiu 2,3 bilhões de toneladas brutas de gases de efeito estufa** em 2022, uma redução de 8% em relação a 2021. No entanto, esse número ainda representa a terceira maior taxa desde 2005, ficando atrás apenas de 2019 e 2021. A queda nas emissões foi impulsionada pela diminuição do desmatamento na Amazônia e por chuvas abundantes que encheram as reservas de hidrelétricas, reduzindo a necessidade de termelétricas a carvão e gás.

Apesar disso, o setor de mudança de uso da terra, principalmente o desmatamento, continua sendo o principal responsável pelas emissões, representando 48% do total em 2022. O setor agropecuário também teve um aumento recorde nas emissões, alcançando 27% do total.

COP28

Apenas 22% das empresas brasileiras estão engajadas com a COP28, revela pesquisa da Fundamento Análises. Entre os participantes, apenas 33% estão se preparando para a conferência. O estudo, baseado em entrevistas com 311 executivos de 17 setores, destaca a falta de conscientização e alinhamento estratégico interno sobre os riscos ambientais.

Desses entrevistados, 45% têm expectativas neutras ou negativas sobre os resultados da COP28, citando a pouca evolução de COP para COP e a falta de confiança nos compromissos efetivos dos países como razões principais. A pesquisa aponta para a necessidade de maior conscientização corporativa e alinhamento estratégico para enfrentar os desafios climáticos globais.

Para falar mais sobre o tema, a Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira e o Observatório Florestal está com uma campanha nas suas redes sociais com incentivos à conscientização da importância da COP e quais os temas a serem discutidos na conferência. Veja os vídeos nos links a seguir, assista e compartilhe.

- O que é a COP?: https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cz7L5XPGJs/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRlODBiNWFiZA==
- COP28 e o Código Florestal: https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cz_yyQqv5M/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRlODBiNWFiZA==



Resumo da Semana

8.12.2023



Brasil na COP28

O presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, durante a participação 28ª Conferência das Nações Unidas sobre Mudanças Climáticas, a COP 28, em Dubai, enfatizou a **importância dos compromissos climáticos globais**, exortando os países a cumprirem os acordos celebrados.

Contudo, a viagem prévia do presidente à Arábia Saudita e ao Catar gerou controvérsias, especialmente com a **adesão do Brasil à Opep+** e a possível criação de uma subsidiária da Petrobras no Golfo. A atuação brasileira na Opep+ recebeu críticas ambientais, destacando a contradição entre esforços contra o desmatamento e a adesão a um bloco de produtores de petróleo.

Por conta disso, o Brasil conquistou o irônico **"Prêmio Fóssil do Dia"** na COP28, atribuído pela Climate Action Network (CAN). A adesão à Opep+ e leilões de blocos de petróleo são citados como exemplos prejudiciais aos esforços climáticos do Brasil, gerando preocupações sobre emissões na Margem Equatorial e potencial anulação das metas de desmatamento zero até 2030.

Apesar das polêmicas, a conferência **resultou em um acordo histórico** com 118 países, incluindo o Brasil, comprometendo-se a triplicar as capacidades de energia renovável até 2030, enquanto um grupo de 20 nações se comprometeu a triplicar a produção nuclear até 2050, indicando uma significativa transição energética global.

Braskem: Crime ambiental em Maceió

Maceió enfrenta uma **crise ambiental** causada pelo colapso iminente de uma mina da petroquímica Braskem, resultando em danos catastróficos para os moradores locais. Por conta disso, a empresa **cancelou sua participação na COP28**, onde seria destaque em eventos sobre economia circular e impactos climáticos.

A situação na capital de Alagoas, resultou na **exclusão da companhia da Bolsa de Valores** brasileira e em mais de R\$ 72 milhões em multas pelo Instituto do Meio Ambiente do Estado de Alagoas (IMA-AL). A Braskem enfrenta acusações de degradação ambiental e omissão de informações sobre o risco de colapso da mina 18. A empresa também está envolvida em uma oferta de aquisição pela Adnoc, cujo presidente preside a COP28.

Os moradores afetados, clamam por responsabilização total da empresa e protestam por indenizações justas. A situação complexa envolve remoções, riscos de afundamento do solo e questionamentos sobre a atuação da Polícia Federal, que mantém em sigilo um inquérito iniciado há quatro anos para investigar possíveis crimes ambientais.



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Institutional Communication

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The institutional website has been a space to offer transparency for the organization's actions, enabling visitors to learn about the themes of its work, its actions and also to access activity and audit reports. Amigos da Terra - Amazônia Brasileira believes in transparent and collaborative action.

In addition, Instagram is regularly updated to provide information on the work and actions of the organization and its partners, contributing to institutional and informative communication.

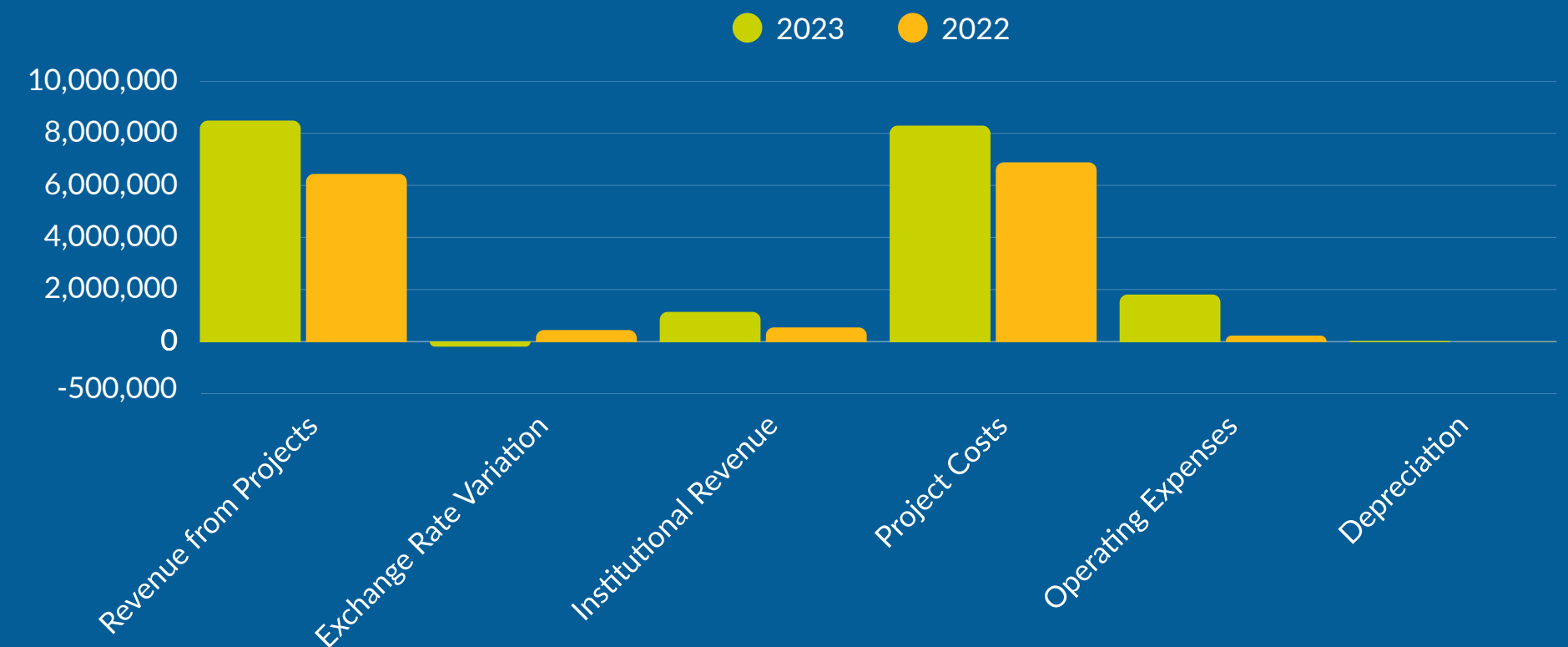
Financial Report



Financial Summary (2023 X 2022)

Preview of the financial statements and annual comparison of financial resources. Any adjustments resulting from the audit will be updated and communicated, if applicable.

	Description	2023	Variation %	2022
(+)	Revenue from Projects	8.488.769	32%	6.441.195
(+)	Exchange Rate Variation*	- 194.112	-144%	443.423
(+)	Institutional Revenue**	1.141.563	110%	543.946
(-)	Project Costs	8.294.657	20%	6.884.618
(-)	Operating Expenses***	1.808.746	684%	230.813
(-)	Depreciation****	23.958	284%	6.244
(=)	Deficit/Surplus for the Period	- 302.917		306.889



BALANCE SHEET

* In 2023, foreign currencies were highly volatile against the Brazilian real, which led to exchange rate losses on most donor contracts.

** The increase in institutional revenue is due to the inflow of non-earmarked funds for the Chief Raoni event.

*** A large number of administrative staff contracts were allocated entirely as costs of the institution and were not included in projects

**** Increase in depreciation due to the equipment acquired in 2022

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