

PROGRAMME



INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT:



MERCOSUL-EUROPEAN UNION DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY AND FOOD SECURITY

CONFERENCE – BRASÍLIA, BRAZIL | AUGUST 15-16 | 2017

AT UNITED NATIONS HOUSE IN BRAZIL

Concept: The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by the United Nations, in 2015, reinforced the commitment of its member states with a broad range of actions and aimed at promoting a balance between social, environmental and economic priorities. In parallel, the 2016 Paris Agreement created a multilateral system for coping with climate change based on nationally determined contributions (NDCs) that will require a complex set of actions, including mitigation, adaptation, technology development and transfer, training and financing. How will members of Mercosur and the European Union face these challenges with a view to providing global food and energy security?

Could the uncertainties caused by Brexit and the departure of Donald Trump from the Paris Agreement help spur talks on a long-stalled free trade accord between the European Union and Mercosur? These blocs launched trade negotiations in 1999. After several pauses and re-launches, in May 2016 the EU and Mercosur exchanged offers and a round of negotiations took place in March 2017, in which both blocs accelerated in search of an agreement before the advance of nationalism. The current negotiations cover a broad range of issues including sustainable development. This free trade agreement will be part of the overall negotiation for a bi-regional Association Agreement which also comprises a political and a cooperation pillar. For the four Mercosur countries negotiating with the EU, the EU is Mercosur's first trading partner –accounting for 21% of the bloc's total trade in 2015, and Mercosur's biggest exports to the EU were agricultural products, such as foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco (24%), vegetable products including soya and coffee (18%) and meats and other animal products (6%). The EU's exports to the region have increased from €21 billion in 2005 to €46 billion in 2015.

This conference is dedicated to investigating the potential for cooperation between Mercosur and the European Union in the context of the implementation of the SDG and NDCs related to climate change (Keynote), energy security (Panel 1) and food security (Panel 2). The first day will be a closed workshop of experts. On the second day there will be a public debate with the political and academic communities regarding Mercosur – European Union Dialogues.

The project is a result of collaboration between the [Regional Programme Energy Security and Climate Change in Latin America of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation \(EKLA-KAS\)](#), the [Brazilian Center for International Relations \(CEBRI\)](#) and the Institute for Research in Environment, Energy Security and Sustainable Development (AMENDS).

FIRST DAY- AUGUST 15, 2017 – EXPERT WORKSHOP

AT UNITED NATIONS HOUSE IN BRAZIL

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 25

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATIONS: ENGLISH-PORTUGUESE-SPANISH

RAPPORTEUR: HELENA MARGARIDO MOREIRA – (AMENDS)

I. Registration

8:30 a.m.

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II. Opening

9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

Welcome

Christian Hübner | Head of Regional Programme
Energy Security and Climate Change in Latin America
(EKLA-KAS)

Henrique Rzezinski | Member of the Board of Trustees
Brazilian Center for International Relations (CEBRI) **tbc**

Flávio Lira | Representative, Institute for Research in
Environment, Energy Security and Sustainable
Development (AMENDS)

Denise Hamú | UNEP's representative in Brazil

João Gomes Cravinho | EU Ambassador to Brazil

III. Keynote:

**The SDGs and the NDCs at the Mercosur and at the
EU: in which way can the regional blocs promote
low carbon strategies?**

Izabella Teixeira | Former Brazilian Minister of the
Environment

Moderation:

Karina Marzano | Project Manager EKLA-KAS

9:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Guiding questions:

- *Which role governments, academy, and European and South American research centers can play*

within a cooperation framework towards a successful implementation of the SDGs and NDCs?

- *What are the main obstacles to the transposition of national directives and their implementation at local scale, especially in the context of large cities?*
- *Which lessons can be shared between the Mercosur countries and the EU about an efficient articulation between different governmental levels towards the NDCs implementation?*

IV. Panel 1:

Climate change and energy security at the EU and Mercosur: the role of governmental and non-governmental actors for the promotion of renewable energies.

Inputs (15 minutes each):

Jörn Richert | *Professor, University of St. Gallen tbc*

Beno Ruchansky | *EUROCLIMA Consultant tbc*

Carlos Mussi | *Director ECLALC Brazil tbc*

Clarissa Lins | *Founding Partner at Catavento Consulting*

Moderation (1 hour debate):

Fernanda Sant'Anna | *AMENDS*

10:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Guiding questions:

- *How regional energy integration can favor the usage of renewable energy sources?*
- *What is the role of interregional and intra-regional technical cooperation for the transition of national energy matrices to the major use of sustainable energy sources?*
- *To what extent can regional and subregional governments contribute to the formulation of energy security strategies in the EU and Mercosur?*
- *How to have an influence in the change of governmental and business mentality in relation to the exploration of energy and food resources at the EU and in Mercosur: an exchange of experiences?*

- *How can free trade foster the development of the biofuels sector and help ensure the energy security of both regions?*
- *What are the main obstacles to the transposition of national energy efficiency guidelines at the local level, and what are the lessons learned from the experiences of large South American and European cities?*
- *Financial instruments*

V. Coffee break

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Coffee

VI. Panel 2:

Climate change and food security at the EU and Mercosur: policies and actions to encourage low carbon practices in farming

Inputs (15 minutes each):

Eva Palackova | *Political Adviser at The European People's Party (EPP)*

Néstor Mazzeo Beyhaut | *Executive Director - SARAS South American Institute for Resilience and Sustainable Studies (Uruguay)*

Rodrigo Lima | *Director-General Agroícone*

Moderation (1 hour debate):

Paulo Velasco | *Professor at Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)*

12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Guiding questions:

- *To what extent can the exchange of knowledge between Mercosur and European Union countries boost regional agricultural productivity, threatened by the intensification of extreme weather events?*
- *What is the role of private initiatives and government incentives for the adoption of sustainable production practices in Mercosur and European Union countries?*
- *What is the effect of climate change on the consumption of specific food products, and what*

impact does it have on access to food of nutritional quality?

- *How does meat consumption and extensive livestock farming have a negative impact on the emission of greenhouse gases and how to deal with these challenges?*
- *To what extent can regional and subregional governments contribute to the formulation of security strategies in the EU and Mercosur?*
- *What is the role of national and regional development banks in financing adaptation of agricultural practices to climate change?*
- *What are the main obstacles to the transposition of national food safety guidelines at the local level, and what are the lessons learned from the experiences of large South American and European cities?*
- *Financial instruments*

VII. Lunch at Fogo de Chão

2:00 p.m.

SECOND DAY - AUGUST 16, 2017 – OPEN DEBATE:

AT UNITED NATIONS HOUSE IN BRAZIL – ROOM LUIZ CARLOS COSTA - GROUND FLOOR OF MODULE I

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 80

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III. Political / Academic Debate: *Mercosur – European Union Dialogues: impacts of climate change on energy security and food security*

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Inputs (20 minutes each):

Theme 1 – SDGs e NDCs

Izabella Teixeira | *Former Brazilian Minister of the Environment*

Theme 2 – Energy security

Suzana Kahn Ribeiro | *Brazilian Panel on Climate Change*

Ricardo Gorini | *Director of Economic-Energy and Environmental Studies at the Brazilian federal energy planning company EPE*

Moderation (45 minutes):

Paulo Velasco | *Professor at Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ)*

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Inputs (20 minutes each):

Theme 3 – Food security

Daniel Balaban | *Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) Center of Excellence against Hunger*

Alan Bojanic | *Director of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Brazil*

Theme 4 – Financing

Annette Killmer | *Sector for Climate Change and Sustainable Development at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*

Moderation (45 minutes):

Paulo Velasco | *Professor at Rio de Janeiro State
University (UERJ)*

IV. Lunch at Restaurant NAU

1:30 p.m.

Team:

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