



BRAZIL

# German-Brazilian Agricultural Policy Dialogue

Bilateral exchange on sustainable and climate-friendly forms of  
agriculture and bioeconomy

## The Agriculture in Brazil

Agriculture in Brazil is highly productive and competitive. In 40 million hectares (26% of the arable area) are planted, e.g., soybeans, mostly for export. On the other hand, 130 million hectares of a total of 200 million hectares of pastures are considered degraded. Deforestation of the rainforest has increased in recent years and represents a global climate and political challenge.

## The Project

While in Germany, the effort to reduce the intensity of agriculture prevails, Brazil seeks a sustainable intensification of agricultural production, aiming to reduce the pressure on deforestation. In this case, innovation and new technologies stand out. The APD fosters dialogue on sustainable value chains and innovative formats for financing agriculture and bioeconomy, aiming to conserve forest areas. Experts and leaders from government, the private sector, agriculture, academia, and civil society promote exchanges on challenges in the agricultural and food economy.

## Project Objectives

Policymakers, experts, and leaders of the German and Brazilian agricultural sectors have a better mutual understanding of key agricultural policy issues.

## Results and Successes

Agricultural research creates the scientific basis for measuring low-carbon agricultural practices, aiming at creating incentives for fair agriculture with the climate.

The APD has already developed a series of analyses of the status quo in the bioeconomy, payments for environmental services, agricultural financing, and value chains. Options in sustainable value chains and agricultural financing, as well as innovations in the bioeconomy, are discussed in binational dialogues, with the participation of important players from the government, academia, and the agricultural and food sector.



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#### PORTRAIT OF BRAZIL

The main Brazilian export agricultural products are soybeans, coffee, and orange juice.

In addition to the Amazon rainforest in the north and the Atlantic Forest in the east and southeast, there are still immense areas of cerrado, the Pantanal in the Midwest, the semi-arid of the caatinga in the northeast, and the pampas in the South.

The agricultural and food sector represents, together with the sectors that precede and succeed them, almost 25% of Brazil's GDP.

## Project Partners and Cooperations

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Supply (MAPA) is the political partner of the APD. The APD is an instrument of dialogue that fosters partnerships with the Brazilian agri-food sector, civil society, academia, and government institutions. In addition, there are partnerships with associations and scientific institutes such as the Universities of Bonn and Hohenheim, the German Biomass Research Center (DBFZ), Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, Agricultural Research Institute EMBRAPA, the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) Agro, the Brazilian Agribusiness Association (ABAG) and the intersectoral alliance "Coalition Brazil Climate, Forests and Agriculture".

## Operational Project Partners

So far, no operational partner is foreseen.

## Implementing Organisation



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