

Joint Declaration of Intent

German-Brazilian Dialogue on Research Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainability

Considering the German-Brazilian Framework Agreement on the Cooperation in Science and Technology, of 1996;

Considering the discussions during the XXVI Meeting of the German-Brazilian Joint Commission on Science and Technology Cooperation, held on 22nd and 23rd November 2007, regarding the launching of a bilateral Dialogue for Sustainability;

Reaffirming the importance of scientific and technological advancement in meeting the global challenges of sustainable development and resource efficiency, such as environmental technologies, water resources and sustainable land management;

Recognising that research, development, transfer and dissemination of sustainable technologies are priorities in the context of sustainable development; and

Recognising the great potential for cooperation between the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Federal Republic of Germany in developing cost-effective and innovative technologies;

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMBF), herein represented by Minister Prof. Dr. Annette Schavan and the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT), herein represented by Minister Prof. Dr. Sergio Rezende (hereinafter referred to as "**PARTIES**"), declare their intention to develop a regular dialogue on the importance of science, technology and innovation for sustainability, with the participation of the public and private sectors of both countries.

The **PARTIES** share the view that this dialogue should be result-oriented and address the following issues, inter alia:

Defining joint initiatives and networks for cooperation in research on scientific, technological and innovation sustainability.

Providing inputs for bilateral and international cooperative research programs on scientific, technological and innovation sustainability, as well as on the development of innovative joint initiatives for the better use of scientific and technological knowledge.

Promoting research, development and dissemination of scientific, technological and innovative programs and projects in sustainable development, with the participation of relevant partners and interested public and private institutions, including joint pilot projects, taking advantage of the experiences and capabilities of both Germany and Brazil.

Supporting the participation of researchers in high level events on issues of sustainability organized by each country, such as conferences, meetings and workshops.

The **PARTIES** agree to promote the first phase of this dialogue in the period 2009-2011. For this purpose, they agree to establish a Joint Working Group on "Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainability", which would be in charge of the development of a joint action plan. The Working Group would report its activities to the Joint Commission.

The **PARTIES** agree to monitor and evaluate the results of this dialogue at the next meeting of the Brazilian-German Joint Commission.

Done in Sao Paulo, 12 March 2009.



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