

# Forests, Agriculture and Green Economy in the Global South

Venue: Casa Balaio (Av. Nossa Sra. de Nazaré, n° 669)

Date: November 12th, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Hosts:

- IPAM (Amazon Environmental Research Institute)
- iCS (Climate and Society Institute)
- ADBI (Asian Development Bank Institute)
- Evergreen Environmental Institute

*Event with simultaneous translation Portuguese-English*

## Concept

The Global South has increasingly assumed a leadership role in proposing and implementing climate and sustainability solutions to address humanity's greatest challenge today: the climate emergency. The strengthening of political-diplomatic blocs such as the BRICS, as well as Brazil's presidency of the G20 and COP30, signals a scenario of reconstruction in global geopolitics.

Grounded in the Global South, multilateralism is gaining strength by recognizing the intrinsic connection between climate, forests, and agriculture. And if science has demonstrated, over the past decades, the benefits that nature offers to production, the task now is to deepen knowledge in order to put into practice responses that move us toward the sustainability of a shared future.

The purpose of the event is to promote an exchange of experiences among leaders from Global South countries, bringing together successful initiatives to tackle climate change through environmental conservation, the encouragement of sustainable agricultural practices, and the promotion of green trade.

## Schedule

9h - Opening session (30 min)

- André Guimarães, executive director at IPAM
- Wang Yi, Senior Advisor at EEI, Vice Chair of China Climate Expert Committee

- Bambang Brodjonegoro, CEO at ADBI
- André Aquino, advisor to the Brazilian Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- Thais Ferraz, programmatic director at iCS

9h30 - Panel 1: Brazil–China Partnership for a Green Trade (90 min)

Moderator: Larissa Wachholz, Executive Director at Vallya Agro

Panelists:

- Michael Coe, Senior Scientist at the Woodwell Climate Research Center
- Ane Alencar, Science Director at IPAM
- Alberto Ninio, General Counsel at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- She Haifeng, Vice President of LONGi Green Energy or Chen Yimin, VP and COO of Geely Automobile Greening Supply Chain
- Renata Miranda, Consultant in Innovation and Sustainability in Agriculture at the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA - Brazil)

11h - Coffee break

11h15 - Panel 2: Innovating for the future of food security (90 min)

Moderator: Isabel Nepstad, CEO at Bellaterra

Keynote speakers:

- Ludmila Rattis, researcher at IPAM and the Woodwell Climate
- Zhao Xiang, researcher at the Shan Shui Conservation Center

Panelists:

- Carolle Alarcon, executive manager at the Brazilian Coalition for Climate, Forests and Agriculture
- Marcelo Morandi, researcher at Embrapa (Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation)
- Dr. Bjorn Ole Sander, International Rice Research Institute (Country Representative for Thailand) and Senior Scientist for Climate Change

12h45 - Lunch break (1h15)

14h00 - Panel 3: Strengthening family farming in the Global South (90 min)

Moderator: Lucimar Souza, Territorial Development Director at IPAM

- Dil Rahut, Senior Researcher at ADBI
- Ramrada Ninnad, Head of Sustainability at Mae Fah Luang Foundation (Thailand)
- Heriberto Padilha, Forest Guardian (Mexico)
- Fiorentina Refani, Director of Socio-Bioeconomy at the Center of Economic and Law Studies (Indonesia)
- Elias Araújo, MST (Movement of Landless Rural Workers) Production Sector (Brazil)

15h30 - Coffee break (15 min)

15h45 - Closing session

- André Guimarães, executive director at IPAM
- Bambang Brodjonegoro, CEO at ADBI
- Thais Ferraz, programmatic director at iCS
- Peng Ren, executive director at the EEI

16h15 - Relaunching of the book [“The Future of Smallholder Farming in Asia”](#)

16h45 - Cocktail