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News from IKI projects in Brazil

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Welcome to the third edition of IKI News Brazil!

The year 2021 is almost coming to an end. Since our last edition, the UN Biodiversity and UN Climate Change Conferences took place, preceding some actions by the Federal Government of Brazil, which are worth mentioning:

On October 31st the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Relations submitted an updated submission letter to UNFCCC, in which Brazil anticipates its climate neutrality goal from 2060 to 2050. According to the letter, a proper NDC (Nationally determined contribution) update is to be published soon.

During the COP26, the Federal Government of Brazil announced the anticipation from 2030 to 2028 of the goal of eliminating illegal deforestation in the Amazon and further signed the 'Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use'. Thereby Brazil reaffirms its commitments to sustainable land use, and to the conservation, protection, sustainable management and restoration of forests, and other terrestrial ecosystems. The Ministry of Mines and Energy announced that Brazil will have 50% (instead of 48% in the first NDC) of its energy matrix clean by 2030. Further, Brazil signed the 'Global Methane Pledge' to reduce climate-damaging methane emissions worldwide by at least 30 percent by 2030 compared to 2020.

On November 4th the Brazilian Government published a draft bill updating the National Policy on Climate Change, reforming the Interministerial Committee on Climate Change, and newly also Green Growth and other provisions. This draft bill is currently undergoing public consultations.

Brazil's commitment to forest protection seem more important than ever: on November 18th Brazil's National Institute for Space Research (INPE) recorded 13,235 square km of deforestation during the period from August 2020 to July 2021 and thereby soared 22% in the past year to the highest level since 2006.

But not only on an international scale we experienced some important events since our 2nd newsletter edition. On October 18th and 22nd the fourth IKI Meeting in Brazil took place. In total 127 representatives from 38 implementing IKI organisations, and their partners participated in an innovative virtual format, to learn more about climate and biodiversity finance mechanisms implemented by IKI projects in Brazil. They were joined by representatives from Brazilian Ministries in addition to German representatives from ZUG (IKI Secretariat) and the BMU. The focus on climate and biodiversity finance also motivated several international, national and regional banks to participate in the IKI Meeting.

These events kept all of us busy during the last weeks. I hope you get the chance to take some time off and wish you happy holidays! Please, stay healthy! Once again, a warm thank you to all the people who dedicated themselves contributing to a knowledge exchange provided by this issue. I wish you an excellent reading.

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MITIGATION

ProQR project participated in the Fuel of the Future Programme from [Barbara Correa](#), [ProQR](#) project



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The 'Climate-neutral Alternative Fuels' (ProQR) project was invited to contribute to the ProBioQAV Subcommittee (Biokerosene) of the 'Fuel Of The Future' Federal Programme. The Programme is an initiative of the Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy which seeks to promote the use of sustainable fuels in favour of the decarbonisation of transport in Brazil.

'ProQR' shall contribute to the studies carried out within the scope of the project in order to present strategic visions for the viability of sustainable fuels. Thus, based on the guidelines proposed by the

Aviation is subject of a side event at Via Viva Seminar on Transport and Sustainability

from [Lucas Freire](#), ProQR project



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Last October, the bilateral IKI project 'ProQR' held the side event 'Brazil towards Low Carbon Aviation', alongside the 'VIA VIVA - Socioenvironmental Seminar on Transport Infrastructure'. The event brought together experts who discussed the challenges and opportunities for the feasibility of Sustainable Aviation Fuels in Brazil. The event, which was held in partnership with the Undersecretariat for Sustainability and the National Secretariat for Civil Aviation of the Brazilian Ministry of Infrastructure, showed that the migration from a fossil matrix to sustainable alternatives requires intense work, but that Brazil has great potential for clean energies.

More information

» [Aviation is topic of Side Event at ViaViva Seminar 2021 on Transport and Sustainability - International PtX Hub Berlin](#)

Brazilian academia prepares to boost clean aviation

from [Lucas Freire](#), ProQR project



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In partnership with the German Aerospace Center (DLR, in German), the 'ProQR' project produced the didactic material 'Alternative Fuels for Aviation in Brazil'. It aims to provide the Brazilian academia with educational resources for capacity-building sessions on Sustainable Aviation Fuels. In October, 'ProQR' and the German House of Science and Innovation in São Paulo held the webinar '[Learning about Decarbonization of Aviation - Higher Education for Sustainable Fuels](#)'. The project also organised an online workshop in early December for the launch of the didactic material and to promote dialogue with authors from the DLR.

Environmental performance assessment policies and tools for the construction sector



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Back in September, experts and stakeholders from the European Union (EU) shared experiences and tools related to the Life Cycle Assessment applied to the construction sector. Coordinated by the Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy in cooperation with the EU, the webinar was executed by the Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) in collaboration with the 'Strategic Partnerships for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement' (SPIPA) IKI project. The event brought examples of public policies and market initiatives and how they have been applied to achieve the Paris Agreement targets. The Brazilian tool called 'Information System on Environmental Performance of the Construction Industry' (Sidac), which is currently in development, was also introduced during the event.

More information

- » [Webinar: EU-Brazil exchange - International experience on environmental performance assessment tools and policies for the construction sector](#)

Governors for Climate join COP26

from [Ariadne Souza](#), SPIPA project



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During COP26, leaders of Brazilian state governments presented sustainable initiatives at the event 'Governors for climate - Brazilian states leading the implementation of the NDC'. At the time, governors and representatives from eight states presented their climate ambition plans, with emphasis on projects and public policies in the transition to a low-carbon green development model in their respective states. Based on their narrative, it is possible to build a proactive agenda of cooperation, taking advantage of the overarching aspect of Brazil's regional governance. The 'SPIPA' IKI project supports the regional governance council, which discusses the potential role of subnational actors for the Brazilian NDC in regional meetings.

More information

- » [Governors for Climate: Brazilian states leading the NDC implementation](#)

Brazil and the European Union exchange experiences on Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories

from [Ariadne Souza](#), SPIPA project



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Alongside the Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI), the 'SPIPA' IKI project promoted a series of dialogues on greenhouse gas emission inventories from July to October 2021. The events provided an opportunity for knowledge exchange between Brazil and the EU, where national and regional implications of the transition to the Paris Agreement were discussed, such as how to improve the national inventory and its disaggregation to state level. Several environmental organisations attended the four meetings, which made it possible to identify challenges and opportunities to work synergistically between the federal and state spheres. Currently, it is still difficult to obtain data with comparable quality at the subnational level. At the federal level, a challenge is to better synchronise and standardise data flow, which could be done by consolidating the MRV (Monitoring, Reporting and Verification) system, which forms the foundation of inventories.

More information

- » [MCTI promotes dialogues on greenhouse gas emission inventories with state environmental entities](#)

Webinar on the Environmental Licensing of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production plants

from [Bárbara Correa](#), ProQR project



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In August, the bilateral IKI project 'Climate-neutral Alternative Fuels' (ProQR) carried out the webinar 'Environmental Licensing for SAF Production Plants – Challenges and Perspectives'. The event aimed to disseminate the results of the study '[Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the Licensing of Renewable Aviation Electrofuel Production Plants near Remote Airports](#)

in Brazil' (2020), and gathered in its dialogues views of technical actors, airport management and state licensing agencies.

In October and November, in order to deepen the contents of the event, the project held two editions of a training event on Environmental Licensing. With this set of actions, stakeholders expect to better foresee possible challenges and solutions and bring more security to partners and potential investors.

More information

» [Webinar and Training on the Environmental Licensing of SAF Production Plants in Brazil - International PtX Hub Berlin](#)



ADAPTATION

Water Producer Programme enables protection of water supply basins in the Cerrado through restoration

from [Andre Targa Cavassani](#) and [Marilia Borgo](#), [Water Funds](#) project



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The restoration of native Cerrado vegetation with a focus on ecosystem-based adaptation is a key action to ensure improvements in rainfall infiltration and water flow balance over time. To encourage the recovery of areas that are a priority to water supply in the Federal District region, the regional project 'Water Funds: A Sustainable Climate Adaptation and Resilient Model for Stressed Urban Watersheds in Latin America and the Caribbean' installed a 9-hectare pilot unit with five different low-cost restoration techniques. Thoroughly documented in video format, such actions can be replicated and adapted in other areas of the Water Producer Programme of the National Water Agency in the Federal District.

More information

» [Restauração ecológica Programa produtor de águas em Pípiripau - DF](#)



CLIMATE FINANCE

IKI Small Grants launches 3rd Call for Proposals

from [Karin Beese](#), IKI Small Grants project



The third call for proposals by IKI Small Grants is open from December 15th, 2021 to April 15th, 2022. In a one-stage selection procedure, small regional, national and local organisations based in Brazil among others, can apply for funding for local or regional climate and biodiversity projects. IKI Small Grants provides funding between EUR 60,000 and EUR 200,000.

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» [IKI Small Grants launches 3rd Call for Proposal](#)

CONAREDD+ approves the eligibility of Tocantins and Amazonas to raise funds

from [Milena Terra](#), PoMuC project



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The states of Amazonas and Tocantins had their REDD+ eligibility processes approved by the National REDD+ Commission (CONAREDD+) in October. REDD+ is a mechanism that financially rewards developing countries for their reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

The new eligible entities were advised by IKI's 'Climate Policy Programme' (PoMuC) during the stages of preparation and compliance with the eligibility criteria established by CONAREDD+. Currently, the country has four

eligible states (Acre, Amazonas, Mato Grosso and Tocantins). They can raise REDD+ funds which could boost the contribution of the forest sector to climate change mitigation.

More information

» [CONAREDD+ approves safeguards and eligibility indicators from Tocantins and Amazonas](#)

Brazilian IKI projects discuss climate and biodiversity financing

from [Wendy König](#), PoMuC project



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The 4th Meeting of projects supported by IKI implemented in Brazil took place in October. Faced with the high need to mobilise public and private funding to contain climate change and protect biodiversity, representatives of 43 projects met to learn about concrete experiences within the Brazilian IKI portfolio. Studies on existing investment opportunities and barriers were presented, as well as a wide variety of financial instruments. Examples included the first Green Bonds in Latin America, sustainable financing mechanisms in solid waste management, and access to direct financing at the local level

In addition to the implementing organisations, the event was attended by political partners, including the Brazilian Ministries of Environment and Economy and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, which funds the IKI. The variety of solutions presented to achieve a green and sustainable economy, as well as the productive exchange of experiences, left the audience in a hopeful mood. The event was organised by IKI's 'Climate Policy Programme' (PoMuC), in its role as IKI interface Brazil.

Accelerating low-carbon urban infrastructure investments in Porto Alegre

by [Lukas Prinz](#), [FELICITY](#) project



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The 'Financing Energy for Low-carbon Investment - Cities Advisory Facility' (FELICITY) project organised a COP26 side event, presenting the 'Luz do Saber' project, implemented in Porto Alegre. The project will bring photovoltaic panels to 70 schools and energy efficiency to all municipal schools, with access to climate finance offered through a climate framework loan between the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Brazilian Regional Development Bank of the Extreme South (BRDE).

For BRDE, 'Luz do Saber' is a benchmark project which it hopes to transfer to other municipalities in the South of Brazil. The event was attended by representatives of BMU, the European Commission, the Mayor of Porto Alegre, EIB and BRDE. All of them stated support for an ambitious urban climate action like this.

More information

» [Mayor participates in COP26 and highlights project that promotes energy efficiency in schools](#)



BIODIVERSITY

Environmental protection, social inclusion and sustainable management were discussed at a Latin American Symposium on Protected Areas

from [Tiago Zenero](#), [SNUC-Lifeweb](#) project



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In November, the 'Protected areas and other area-based conservation measures at the level of local governments' and the 'Consolidating the Brazilian National System of Conservation Units' (SNUC LifeWeb) projects participated in the [10th Brazilian Seminar on Protected Areas and Social Inclusion](#) and the [5th Latin American Meeting of Protected Areas and Social Inclusion](#), with sessions on equity in the management of conservation units. Both sessions discussed applications in the management of protected areas, presenting good practices.

The events were sponsored by the 'Protected Areas' project and reached more than 500 registrations. The 10th Sapis presented 8 webinars, 30 hours of activities, 34 parallel events, 50 guests to the main tables, more than 60 scientific communications and over 40 reports of experiences.

More information

- » [Equitable Management: Benefits and Best Practices in Conservation Unit Management](#)
- » [ELAPIS Panel](#)

Initiatives to strengthen local protected areas are presented at 3rd edition of the Brazil Environmental Management Forum

from [Tiago Zenero](#), [SNUC-Lifeweb](#) project



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In the third edition of the Brazil Environmental Management Forum held in October, the regional project 'Protected Areas' presented the session 'Municipal Initiatives on Private Natural Heritage Reserves' (RPPN in Portuguese) and the 'Acceleration Programme for Municipal Conservation Units'. During the events, more than 100 participants had the opportunity to learn about various experiences on RPPN management and innovative ways to improve the conditions

of local governments in doing so.

The project also featured an [exhibition area](#) in which it could promote materials produced throughout its implementation and connect with municipal managers and specialists interested in the theme of local protected areas.

More information

- » [Municipal Initiatives on Private Natural Heritage Reserves](#)
- » [Acceleration Programme for Municipal Conservation Units ICLEI](#)

Potential of small municipalities as allies for biodiversity conservation is the theme of a webinar

from [Tiago Zenero](#), [SNUC-Lifeweb](#) project



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About 200 people followed the event organised by the 'Protected Areas' project and the National Association of Municipal Environmental Agencies in November, in which examples of good practices in biodiversity conservation were introduced by municipalities with less than 20,000 inhabitants. Since most Brazilian municipalities are small, these cities are strategic for the preservation of the environment. The event was able to display the importance

of local administrators in the protection of their protected areas: in addition to efficiently managing the areas, they can provide access to information to the local population, encouraging environmental education. For the debate, the panel relied on the expertise of the municipalities of Tapirai (São Paulo) and Alto Alegre dos Parecis and Urupá, in Rondônia, in addition to the Environmentalist Front of Aldermen.

More Information

- » [How small municipalities can be great allies for biodiversity conservation](#)



SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Study offers guidance on how to integrate the 'climate lense' into Land-use Plans

from [Ana Luisa Silva](#) and [Dennis Eucker](#), [ANDUS](#) and [ProAdapta](#) projects



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Given the importance of cities in the context of climate change, the 'Support for the Brazilian National Agenda for Sustainable Urban Development' (ANDUS) and 'Supporting Brazil in the implementation of its National Agenda for Climate Change Adaptation' (ProAdapta) projects prepared a study for municipal administrators and technicians to apply the perspective of climate change during the process of drafting and reviewing their Land-use Plans and municipal

planning. The survey – which is to be launched in early 2022 – provides guidance ranging from problem identification to support for the building of strategies for both mitigation and adaptation at the local level. This report shall be used as a basis for the readjustment of the [Guide to Preparation and Review of Land-use Plans](#) which shall approach environmental and climate issues. A [long video](#), as well as a [short one](#) on Land-use Plans are available online.

Project presents urban partnerships to boost sustainable urban transformation

from [Arianna Flores-Corral](#) and [Lucas de Carvalho Turmena](#), [Transformative Urban Coalitions](#) project



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During COP26, the Institute of Environment and Human Security of the United Nations University (UNU-EHS) and its implementing partners presented the IKI project 'Transformative Urban Coalitions', whose objective is to catalyse partnerships to drive systemic urban transformation towards sustainability. The project facilitates the realisation of climate mitigation projects in five cities in Latin America. In Brazil, the project is being implemented in two cities: In Recife, around the historic centre and the Digital Port, with the goal is to transform and reoccupy the area. In Teresina, the focus is the requalification of the Edgard Gayoso neighbourhood, a neighbourhood resulting from social housing policies, with high social and environmental vulnerabilities. At COP26, UNU-EHS emphasized the importance of involving different actors such as artists, youth, activists and scientists in creating strategies for more sustainable and fairer cities.

Online capacity-building sessions launched in the area of Sustainable Management of Urban Solid Waste

from [Ana Barbara Zanella](#), [ProteGEEr](#) project



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Two free online capacity-building sessions were launched by the Brazilian Ministry of Regional Development (MDR) in November in partnership with the National Health Foundation (Funasa) as part of the bilateral project 'Climate friendly technologies and capacity development for the implementation of the Brazilian National Waste Policy' (ProteGEEr). The courses 'Fundamentals and Key Assumptions for sustainable Management of Urban Solid Waste' and 'Treatment and Recovery of Municipal Solid Waste' offered content to professionals interested in expanding their knowledge on the topics. The first editions of both courses had over 2,500 registrations. Registration for new sessions shall be open soon.

More Information

- » [National Sanitation Secretariat of the Ministry of Regional Development promotes free training sessions on Sustainable Management of RUS](#)
- » [Brazilian Ministry of Regional Development \(capacidades.gov.br\)](#)

Miringuava Basin: union of partners in the protection of Curitiba's water springs

from [Marilia Borgo](#), [Water Funds](#) project

A call for the participation of rural owners in the 'Payment for Environmental Services (PES)-Miringuava' project was launched in November 2021. The Miringuava basin is an important source of water and the main vegetable-farming



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PES-Miranguava project shall provide R\$ 500,000 in PES funds to the region. IKI's 'Water Funds' project supports the initiative.

pole for the Curitiba metropolitan area (PR) with 3.7 million inhabitants.

The project, which includes the protection of forests, is part of the PES Municipal Programme led by the municipality of São José dos Pinhais and is the result of the joint effort by several institutions. Some of them are part of the 'Movimento Viva Água', an initiative seeking to strengthen and optimise water sources protection efforts.

With the support of the water company, the state government, the private sector and the civil society, the



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become eligible under the National REDD+ Committee to access and receive payments for their REDD+ results. The manual has been prepared by the Brazilian Ministry of Environment with technical support of IKI's 'Climate Policy Programme' (PoMuC).

[Eligibility Manual on payment for REDD+ results](#)

Patricia Maria Sousa de Abreu, 11/2021

The REDD+ Eligibility Manual was launched during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow. REDD+ is a mechanism designed with a view to using financial incentives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from forest degradation and deforestation.

The publication aims to guide Amazonian states on how to



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application of the system. The social and environmental safeguards indicators result from a broad process of development by SISREDD+ with the support of IKI's 'Climate Policy Programme' (PoMuC). Initiated in 2017, the process approached indigenous peoples and traditional communities, family farmers and representatives of academia and Brazilian states.

[REDD+ Safeguards Information System Indicators \(SISREDD+\)](#)

Brazilian Ministry of the Environment, Technical Working Group on Safeguards/CONAREDD+ 11/2021

During the 26th United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP26) the Indicators of the [REDD+ Safeguards Information System \(SISREDD+\)](#) were introduced with the aim of presenting indicators defined by Brazil for the pilot

[Good practices in volunteering, long distance trails and brand of origin](#)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, 10/2021

Drafted by the 'SNUC-LifeWeb' project, the publication



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brings together experiences developed in national parks and reserves in Germany. The content aims to strengthen activities related to conservation units in Brazil and provides support to the development of actions by public authorities, private sector and society in favour of the National System of Nature Conservation Units (SNUC) and biodiversity conservation.



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Potential of different industries in Brazil to produce syngas

Aschkan Davoodi Memar, 07/2021

An assessment conducted by the 'ProQR' project addressing the potential to produce synthesis gas (Syngas) by different Brazilian plants in order to evaluate the production potential for Sustainable Aviation Fuels. It presents an overview of the main plants whose waste and by-products constitute raw material for syngas production. Thus, it is possible to point out the most promising locations for the construction of Pilot Plants given the proximity to industries with higher Syngas production potential. Available in English and Portuguese.



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The role of regulatory agencies and service providers in the protection of water springs for water safety

Water Springs Working Group - Technical Chamber of Sanitation, Water Resources and Health / ABAR, 11/2021

The publication was drafted by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Brazilian Association of Regulatory Agencies (ABAR in Portuguese), with support by the Water Funds Alliance. The study evaluates the Brazilian legal framework seeking the basis which provides for the sanitation area to exercise leadership in the protection of water springs. It concludes that there is broad legal support for such leadership. Published in the form of a White Paper, it was launched during a webinar conducted by ABAR in September 2021.

Brazil Land Use Landscape of Climate Finance 2015-2020

Joana Chiavari and Gabriela Coser, 12/2021



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The Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) and the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC) have conducted a 'one of its kind' report on Climate Finance in Brazil. The objective is to fill the knowledge gap in the country's current financial landscape of the land-use sector. CPI/PUC-Rio identified and quantified financial flows aligned with climate objectives, which establishes a baseline for improving the methodology, measuring progress, and following

trends. 'Landscape' is a tool for a better understanding of the relevance of public and private flows for the land-use sector in Brazil.



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News coverage guide on climate change and green recovery

Ariadne Souza, 10/2021

The 'Strategic Partnerships for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement' (SPIPA) project has launched the "News Coverage Guide on Climate Change And Green Recovery". The publication, developed with Brazilian journalists in mind, presents practical information and explores the Paris Agreement and climate conferences in greater depth, in

addition to addressing Brazilian climate policies and the emissions landscape in the country.



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