

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development – Rio+20

Sustainable Development Dialogues

Rio de Janeiro, 16-19 June 2012

Dear participants of the Dialogues,

The Dialogues are a space created by the Brazilian Government with the support of the United Nations for an open and innovative discussion amongst the representatives of NGOs, business & industry, scientific & technological community, children & youth, farmers, workers & trade unions, indigenous peoples and local authorities about ten priority issues in the international agenda relating to sustainable development. The conclusions and recommendations of the Dialogues will be taken to the Heads of State and Governments at Rio+20.

There will be three sessions per day (morning, afternoon and evening) on 16, 17 and 18, and a last one on the morning of the 19. The issues, selected based on their relevance for the debate on sustainable development, are as follows: (1) Unemployment, decent work and migrations; (2) Sustainable development as an answer to the economic and financial crises; (3) Sustainable cities and innovation; (4) The economics of sustainable development, including sustainable patterns of production and consumption; (5) Forests; (6) Food and nutrition security; (7) Sustainable energy for all; (8) Water; (9) Sustainable cities and innovation; (10) Oceans.

A first instance of debates and mobilization is on its way by means of the Dialogues on-line platform: www.riodialogues.org. For each issue there is a digital space meant for a wide and democratic discussion, where people can share experiences, opinions, concepts and new realities. As a result, each “Dialogue” in the on-line platform will generate recommendations, selected by a vote, to be taken to the event in Riocentro

This is an unprecedented experiment of cooperation between the civil society and official decision-makers. It is a pilot project we expect to improve and replicate in future United Nations Conferences.

Now the floor is yours!



The On-line platform of the Sustainable Development Dialogues:

The on-line platform is a digital social network (www.riodialogues.org), established by the Brazilian Government, in partnership with UNDP, for a broad and comprehensive debate on each of the ten issues of the Sustainable Development Dialogues. This tool allows thousands of people to take part in the Dialogues and aims at engaging the civil society in the decision-making processes of the multilateral conferences. The recommendations derived from the virtual discussions will be taken to the ten panels in Rio de Janeiro.

The on-line platform was established in April 2012, as an integral part of the Sustainable Development Dialogues. After filling a simple form, participants from around the globe can discuss their preferred issues and present ideas. Academic and research institutions were appointed to facilitate the debates. Each of the three digital dialogues has two or three facilitators, responsible for encouraging and coordinating the discussions.

From 16 May, facilitators and participants have the opportunity to present recommendations and support their favourite ones. The recommendations with more votes will be transferred to an open *web site*, which does not require registration and will be launched on 5 June. The world vote will take place from 5 to 14 June. From 16 to 19 June, the facilitators will present the results to the panelists before each Dialogue, in Rio de Janeiro. In this manner, the on-line discussions will contribute to the debates at Riocentro.

Sustainable Development Dialogues

Schedule at Riocentro

Time	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June
<p>10am to 11am Private meeting of the panelists</p> <p>11am to 1:30pm Plenary</p>	<p><i>Unemployment, decent work and migrations</i></p> 	<p><i>Sustainable patterns of production and consumption</i></p> 	<p><i>Sustainable energy for all</i></p> 	<p><i>Oceans</i></p> 
<p>2:30pm to 3:30pm Private meeting of the panelists</p> <p>3:30pm to 6:30pm Plenary</p>	<p><i>Sustainable development as an answer to the economic and financial crises</i></p> 	<p><i>Forests</i></p> 	<p><i>Water</i></p> 	
<p>6:30pm to 7:30pm Private meeting of the panelists</p> <p>7:30pm to 10:00pm Plenary</p>	<p><i>Sustainable cities and innovation</i></p> 	<p><i>Food and nutrition security</i></p> 	<p><i>Sustainable cities and innovation</i></p> 	



The dynamics of the Dialogues:

Roles in the Dialogues

Each Dialogue has ten panelists, selected according to their representativity and geographical and gender balance and amongst sectors of civil society. The panelists, at the end of each Dialogue, shall indicate the recommendations he/she considers more relevant.

In each panel, one or two panelists will have the role of rapporteurs. They will be in charge of transmitting the main recommendations to the round tables of the Heads of State and Government at Rio+20.

A moderator, a journalist chosen for his/her experience in the field, will chair the debates and mediate the Q&A session and the choice of recommendations to be conveyed to the Heads of State and Government.

The facilitators were chosen from high-level university around the globe to systematize the debates of the on-line platform. Before each Dialogue the facilitators will meet with the panelists and the moderator – in a private meeting – to present the tendencies, discussions and results of the on-line process. During the in site Dialogues, the facilitators will be invited to sit with the audience.

The audience of the Dialogues will gather a broad selection of people, half of them suggested by the Major Groups of the United Nations. The public can enroll directly. Delegates accredited to the Conference can also be present to the Dialogues in their personal capacity, i. e., there will be no name plates for national delegations.

Interpretation will be available from and to all six official languages of the United Nations (English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic) and Portuguese.

Recommendations from the on-line platform

The debates in the on-line platform will produce recommendations on each issue. They will be electronically voted upon and selected by the facilitators of the digital discussions. These recommendations will be on a screen during the Dialogues, providing a basis for the debates.

The three main recommendations of each Dialogue will be conveyed to the Heads of State and Government at Rio+20. The one with most votes from the audience and those preferred by the panelists will be chosen.

Panelists and moderators are encouraged to take part in the on-line discussions and familiarize themselves with the recommendations in the on-line platform (www.riodialogues.org). Panelists can feel free to advance their own recommendations at any point.



The mechanics of the Dialogues

Each Dialogue will have five stages. In the first stage the facilitators, in a private meeting, will present (for about ten minutes) the debates and recommendations of the on-line platform. The moderator will discuss with the participants the stage strategy. This will also be a moment to dissipate doubts. In the Plenary room, the public will be debating the recommendations of the on-line platform. This stage will take one hour.

In the second stage, each panelist will present briefly (for two or three minutes) their perception on the issues and recommendations. The moderator will give the floor to the panelists in alphabetic order of their family names. This stage will last thirty minutes, and no questions will be asked.

In the third stage, the panelists will debate with each other the issue and the recommendations for about forty minutes. The moderator will ask questions and propose ideas to encourage the debate, giving the floor to those panelists who wish to speak.

In the fourth stage, the audience will ask questions to the panelists. The moderator will give the floor to pre-selected guests and chose questions from members of the audience, submitted in writing. In closing the debate, the moderator will ask the audience to vote electronically for their preferred recommendations. This stage will take one hour.

At the beginning of the fifth and last stage, of about twenty minutes, the moderator will announce which recommendation gathered the most votes and, hence, will be taken to the Heads of State and Government at Rio+20. Subsequently, each panelist will make brief final remarks and signal his/her favourite recommendations. The moderator will indicate the recommendations were favoured by the panelists, which will also be taken to the Heads of State and Government at Rio+20. The moderator will close the Dialogue.

Final message to the panelists

A final message to the panelists: the Sustainable Development Dialogues aim at a concrete goal – to generate recommendations for each of the ten issues. These recommendations and summaries of the panels and of the discussions in the on-line platform will be conveyed to the Heads of State and Government at Rio+20.

Please, take into account this goal and be objective in your contribution to the panels.

Interaction with the press:

In the half-hour immediately after the two first Dialogues of each day, there will be a briefing in the Media Center by panelists. In view of the late hour, the panelists of the last Dialogue of each day will make their briefing on the next day, together with those of the first panel of the day.

	16/6	17/6	18/6	19/6
1:30pm-2:00pm	Unemployment, decent work and migrations	Sustainable cities and innovation + The economics of sustainable development, including sustainable patterns of production and consumption	Food and nutrition security + Sustainable energy for all	Sustainable cities and innovation + Oceans
7:00pm-7:30pm	Sustainable development as an answer to the economic and financial crises	Forests	Water	

Broadcast:

The Dialogues will be broadcast live through the UN website. They will also be broadcast to the “Espaço Arena da Barra”, with interpretation to Portuguese.

Accreditation:

All those invited to the Dialogues will be accredited by the Brazilian Government to have access to the Conference. Special secondary passes will be issued to allow the entry in the Plenary room in Riocentro during the Dialogues (16 to 19 June).

Accreditation to other events of Rio+20 should be done with the organizers of each event or with the United Nations, in case of national delegates to the Conference.

Hotels:

Rooms in the following hotels were reserved by the Brazilian Government for the panelists, moderators and facilitators of the Dialogues:

- Windsor Barra Hotel:
Avenue Lucio Costa, 2630
Barra da Tijuca - Rio de Janeiro

- Transamerica Barra Hotel
Avenue Gastão Senges 395
Barra da Tijuca - Rio de Janeiro

The reservation was made from 15 (check-in) to 19 June (check-out). The Brazilian Government will pay for the room, not including expenses such as minibar, Internet or phone calls. Breakfast is included. Extension of the stay must be paid by the guests. Lunch will be offered to the panelists and moderators during the period of the debates.



Visas:

Brazilian consular service will give priority to issuing visas for the guests of the Brazilian Government for the Dialogues. Applicants are kindly encouraged to request their visa taking into account the time to process it.

In order to obtain a visa, it is necessary to fill a form and contact the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate for further information. The list of Brazilian diplomatic missions can be found at <http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/o-ministerio/o-brasil-no-exterior>.

For those states without representation in Brazil or where Brazil has no diplomatic representation, the participants should look for the closest representation in a neighbouring country in order to obtain the visa, after presenting the invitation.

Bearers of diplomatic or service passport of countries that are exempt of tourist visa to Brazil are also exempt of diplomatic and service visa, except for the nationals of Monaco and New Zealand.

Before you travel:

Please note the primary agricultural/livestock products that may not enter Brazil without prior authorization and/or a sanitary certificate: fresh produce; insects, snails, bacteria, and fungi; flowers, plants, or parts thereof; bulbs, seeds, tree seedlings, and cuttings; pets such as dogs and cats; wild and domestic birds; exotic species, ornamental birds and fish, bees; meat of any animal species, whether fresh or processed; milk and dairy products; beekeeping products; eggs and derivatives; fish and derivatives; food served aboard; semen, embryos, biological and veterinary products (serum, vaccines, and feed); soil; untreated wood; agrochemicals; biological materials for scientific research or laboratory diagnosis. For further information, check <http://www.infraero.gov.br/images/stories/mccw/guiapassageiro.pdf>.

Over-the-counter medication, such as anti-inflammatory drugs, antipyretics, and painkillers, does not require a doctor's prescription, and may be purchased at any pharmacy in Brazil, often by telephone. The purchase of certain drugs, such as antibiotics and antidepressants, requires a prescription, which must be written by a Brazilian doctor accredited by the Regional Council of Medicine (Conselho Regional de Medicina—CRM) of the state where the medication is to be purchased.

Travelers are advised to bring with them all medication that they use regularly, along with a document or doctor's prescription verifying that the medication is for personal use (the document or prescription must be in Portuguese, English, French, or Spanish).

To check for connection from other cities in Brasil to Rio de Janeiro, please check www.infraero.gov.br or the websites of the airlines.

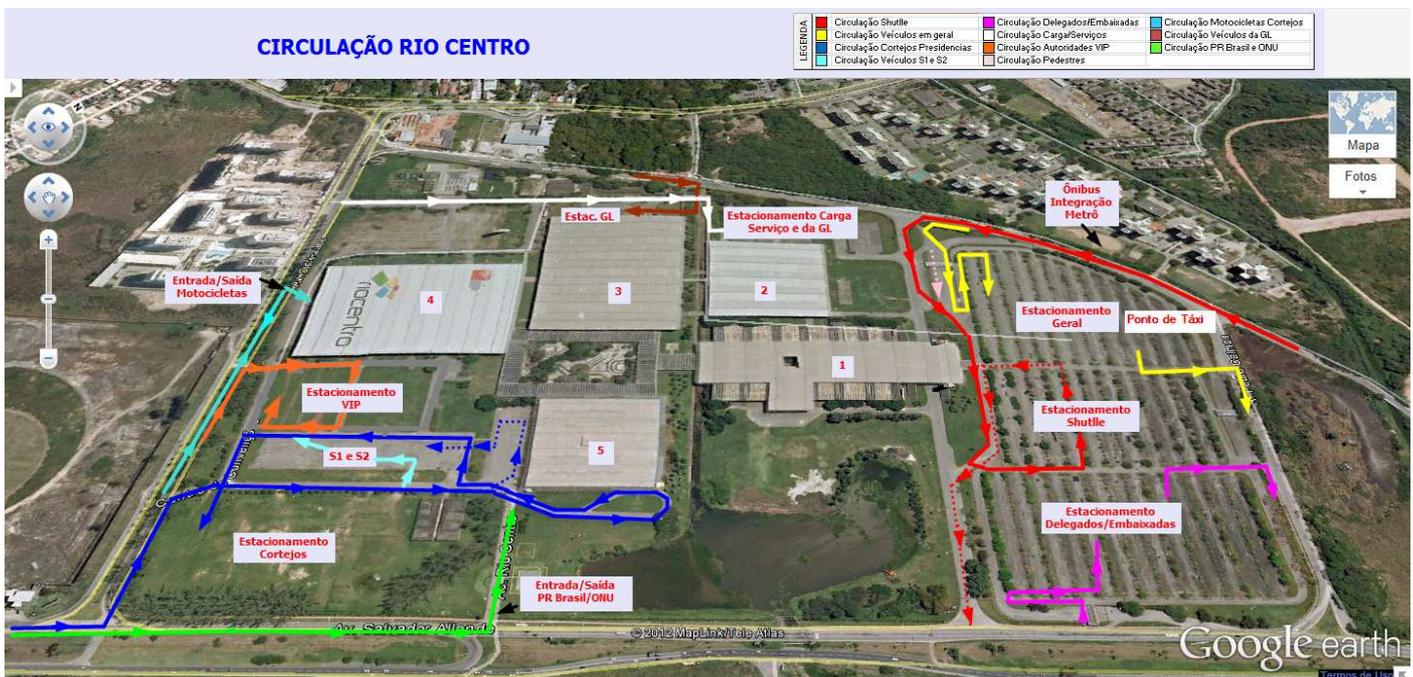
Reception teams will welcome delegations at the following airports in Rio de Janeiro: Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport (GIG) and Santos Dumont Airport (SDU)



In Rio de Janeiro, the Brazilian Government will offer shuttle to the participants in the Dialogues from airport to the hotels and to Riocentro, in the period from 16 to 19 June. All participants in the Dialogues will receive information kits and credentials in their hotels.

As of June 7, 2012, access to Riocentro will be strictly limited to those properly accredited with a valid accreditation pass for the Conference. The Safety and Security Service of the United Nations will control access to restricted areas with the support of Brazilian defense and security forces. Accreditation will be done in Pavilion 1 of Riocentro from 7 June.

Riocentro:



O Riocentro is located at Avenida Salvador Allende, nº 6.555, Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro. It is a convention center of five pavilions with about 100 thousand m².

The Dialogues will take place in Pavilion 5, in the Plenary room, capable of receiving up to 2 thousand people.

- Pavilion 1: participants entrance; accreditation area for the press and official delegates.
- Pavilion 2: food court and other services.
- Pavilion 3: media center and conference rooms.
- Pavilion 4: arrival area of convoys whose Heads of Delegation are not Heads of State or Government; VIP lounge for Brazilian and foreign authorities; room for bilateral meetings of officials who are not Heads of State or Government; delegation support offices; two ecumenical rooms for meditation (one for women and one for men); an auditorium seating 272 people.



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Pavilion 5: Plenary
Temporary representatives of the major groups accredited by the UN will occupy the
Pavilion: temporary pavilion, between Pavilions 1 and 2; this area will be used for
side events such as conferences, seminars, and presentations.

INFORMAÇÕES PRÁTICAS

ELECTRICITY

Voltage in Rio de Janeiro is 110v.

LOCKER/LOST AND FOUND

At the entrance of Pavilion 1, lockers and lost and found services will be available.

BANKS AND ATMS

The service area located in Pavilion 1 will have bank agencies of Banco do Brasil and Caixa Econômica Federal, open from 10am to 6pm. ATMs will be available 24hs in Pavilions 2, 3 and 4 from 13 to 22 June.

EXCHANGE

Bank agencies located in Pavilion 1 will be prepared for exchange.

HOTELS AND TOURISM

From 13 June, Terramar travel agency, located in Pavilion 1, will provide information and services on hotels and tourism packages.

AIR TICKETS

From 13 June, TAM airlines will assist participants regarding air tickets.

FOOD

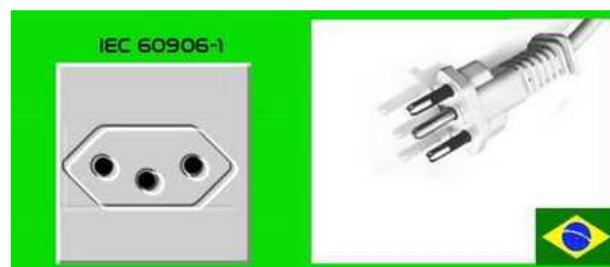
There will be a food court in Pavilion 2 from 9am to 21pm from 10 to 22 June. The cafeteria in Pavilion 1 will function from 9:30am to 7:30pm from 7 to 22 June. In Pavilions 3 and 4 cafeterias will be open from 9:30am to 7:30pm from 10 to 22 June. Lunch will be provided for the panelists on the days of the Dialogues.

INTERNET USE

Wireless Internet access will be provided at Riocentro for registered participants. Those interested should bring their laptops, tablets, or smartphones, making sure their devices are installed with Wi- Fi network adapters. If in doubt, consult your IT technician before traveling.

PCs previously set up at Riocentro, including those located in the delegation support offices, will also have wireless Internet connections. Each delegation will also have a cable jack for Internet. For security reasons, the use of data sharing devices (hubs, modems, switches, and routers) will not be allowed.

To provide electric power to their devices, users should bring outlet adapters that comply with the IEC 60906-1 Brazilian standard for adapters (see image bellow):



In order to connect to the wireless network, users must read and agree to the respective terms of use.

ACCESSIBILITY AND OTHER SERVICES

Pavilions will be equipped with medical facilities.

Upon request and contingent on availability, electric carts will be provided to persons with mobility impairment at the entrance of Pavilion 1 (Riocentro).

ATM machines, mobile phone leasing services, and cards for prepaid mobile phones will also be available at Riocentro.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, the Conference, as well as the forms mentioned, is available at www.rio20.gov.br.