

GREEN REGENERATION: CAPITALS FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIOMES

In 2012, during Rio +20, the representatives of 26 capitals of Brazil and the Federal District, gathered around a commitment for sustainability. In its journey for the past nine years, Forum CB27 has built a legacy that remains solid despite the many crises that Brazil has faced.

Nowadays, more than a space for knowledge-sharing, this forum presents itself as a tool for a green regeneration of the country. The environmental federalism is the pathway to catalyse national and international efforts in the protection of the biomes.

The worsening of the Covid-19 pandemic deepens the existing socio-environmental inequalities that divide us and alert humanity to the risks of devastation of biomes. There are more than 50 million people living in Brazilian capitals: from Caatinga to Pampa, from Mata Atlântica to the Amazonia. The defense of our biomes is a necessary condition for the preservation of the rich national biodiversity and fundamental for the mitigation of the effects of climatic emergencies.

The implementation of environmental restoration plans should lead the fight against inequalities, poverty and hunger, realizing the natural potential of Brazilian cities. Jobs and green income for those who need it most.

The ecological agenda points towards new ways to boost the economy. Nature-based solutions for adaptation of urban infrastructure, increased tree coverage, payment for environmental services, value-adding to waste, sanitation and clean waters, solar energy and urban agriculture are some examples of low-carbon activities that also work directly for the protection of nature.

The defense of our biomes and the restoration of the environment offer a horizon of alternatives for the resumption of Brazilian cities. Together we will build the country's green regeneration.

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