

DRAFT SCHEDULE
Amazon Week - Brussels (Belgium)

June 3 (Morning) Venue: Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1000	
9:30 am – 11:00 am	<p>Theme: Carbon, Conservation and Sustainable Agricultural and Livestock Systems</p> <p>Panel Overview: This panel will bring together representatives from academia and leading international organizations to discuss the role of the bioeconomy in addressing climate and development challenges. The session will explore investment in bioeconomy assets and nature-based solutions, the credibility and functioning of carbon markets, and pathways to align environmental conservation with agricultural production. It will also foster a dialogue between Brazil and Europe, highlighting different approaches and shared challenges, while emphasizing the importance of strong governance, integrity, and coordinated action to advance credible and scalable solutions in this space.</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcelo Behar (Researcher at FGV São Paulo School of Law; COP30 Special Envoy for Bioeconomy) - <i>Integrating metrics to curve emissions down while bringing nature back</i> • Guilherme Bastos (Coordinator of FGV Agro) - <i>The role of Payment for Environmental Services in the dynamics of land use in the Amazon.</i> • Representative of UN Decade of Ecosystems Restoration in Brussels • Joao Campari (Global Leader for Food & Agriculture and member of WWF International’s Senior Leadership Team) • Gisele Obara (National Coordinator of Trias Brazil, a Belgian NGO focused on supporting family farming and small producers)
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Coffee Break
11:15 am – 12:45 pm	Continuation of the panel Carbon, Conservation and Sustainable Agricultural and Livestock Systems

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June 3 (Afternoon) Venue: Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1000	
14:30 pm -17:00 pm	<p>Theme: Just Transition in Amazon</p> <p>Panel Overview: This panel will explore pathways for a just transition in the Amazon, addressing the paradox of a region that is exceptionally rich in natural resources, yet continues to face significant socio-economic challenges, including limited access to quality education, healthcare, and basic services. The discussion will focus on how the sustainable use of biodiversity can generate positive and inclusive economic outcomes, through models that translate environmental assets into tangible benefits for local populations without compromising ecological integrity. Bringing together perspectives from Brazil and Europe, the session will examine how policy, investment, and governance frameworks can support equitable, science-based and locally grounded development pathways in the region.</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goret Paulo (Head of Research and Innovation at FGV) - <i>Contributions of science to a just transition in Amazonian cities</i> • André Portela (Researcher at São Paulo School of Economics - FGV EESP) – <i>Strategies to Reduce Geographic Inequity of Specialist Access in the Amazon: Evidence from TeleAmes Program</i> • José Marengo (General Coordinator of Research and Development at National Centre for Monitoring and Early Warning of Natural Disasters - CEMADEN; Researcher at FGV Centre for Climate Risk and Resilience Studies – FGV CR²) – <i>Climate extremes, disasters, and their impacts on biodiversity and populations in Amazon</i> • Guilherme Bastos (Coordinator of FGV Agro) - <i>The strategic role of bioenergy in the development of the biome</i> • Geraldo Fernandes (Evolutionary Ecology & Biodiversity/DGEE/ICB/Researcher at Federal University of Minas Gerais) • João Valsechi (Mamirauá Institute) – <i>Economic Value Chain</i>

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June 5 (Morning) Venue: CDMA European Commission, Rue du Champ de Mars, 21 Joint Effort: FGV + MCTI + JRC + Itamaraty	
9:30 am – 10 am	Welcome Coffee
10:00 am – 12:30 pm	<p>Roundtable – Science for Policy: Evidence-Based Policymaking in Brazil and Europe</p> <p>Possible Topics: National approaches to science advice and evidence-based policymaking; Institutional models and coordination mechanisms (e.g. Spain’s ONAC and similar initiatives); Case studies from Brazil and Europe: challenges and successful practices; Strengthening the science–policy interface; Cross-country learning and opportunities for collaboration; European policymaking processes and institutional frameworks; Science advice and evidence-based policymaking in the EU (JRC perspective); Stakeholder engagement and co-production of knowledge; Working at the science–policy interface.</p> <p>Opening: Pedro Miguel da Costa e Silva (Ambassador at the Mission of Brazil to the European Union)</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goret Paulo (Head of Research and Innovation at FGV) - <i>The challenges for evidence-based public policy in Brazil</i> • André Portela (Researcher at São Paulo School of Economics - FGV EESP) – <i>Social Inclusion and Violence Prevention for Vulnerable Youth: Long-Term Evidence from Brazil’s Protejo Program</i> • Guilherme Bastos (Coordinator of FGV Agro) - <i>Integrated assessment of databases for measuring deforestation in the Amazon</i> • Agnieszka Gadzina-Kolodziejska (Deputy Head of Unit for Democracy, Public Governance and Administration at Joint Research Centre - JRC) - <i>Introductory remarks on European Evidence Informed Policymaking ecosystem (EIPM)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anastasia Deligiaouri (Policy Analyst, Democracy, Public Governance and Administration Unit at Joint Research Centre – JRC) - <i>Evidence Informed Policymaking - JRC perspective</i>• (online) Patrick Flammarion (Deputy Director General for Scientific Expertise and Public Policies Support at INRAE) – <i>French European Evidence Informed Policymaking ecosystem</i> ·• (online) Marta del Amo (Technical Advisor at the Spanish National Scientific Advisory Office - ONAC) - <i>Spanish European Evidence Informed Policymaking ecosystem</i>• (online) Poland TBC
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June 5 (Afternoon)

Venue: CDMA European Commission, Rue du Champ de Mars, 21

Joint Effort: FGV+ MCTI + JRC + Itamaraty

13:30 pm - 16:30 pm

Theme: Science for Policy in the European Context: Advancing EU–Brazil Cooperation on Amazon Priorities

Possible Topics: Amazon-focused cooperation areas; Bioeconomy and sustainable development pathways; Climate risk and resilience (including urban contexts); Sustainable agriculture and deforestation; Cross-regional exchange on science-based policy solutions.

Participants:

- **José Marengo** (General Coordinator of Research and Development at National Centre for Monitoring and Early Warning of Natural Disasters - CEMADEN; Researcher at FGV Centre for Climate Risk and Resilience Studies) – *Climate extremes, disasters, and their impacts on biodiversity and populations in Brazil*
- **Marcelo Behar** (Researcher at FGV São Paulo School of Law; COP30 Special Envoy for Bioeconomy) - *Scaling up bioeconomy in the Amazon: financing success stories*
- **Guilherme Bastos** (Coordinator of FGV Agro) - *Decarbonisation of the soy and livestock supply chains*
- **Geraldo Fernandes** (Evolutionary Ecology & Biodiversity/DGEE/ICB/Federal University of Minas Gerais)
- **João Valsechi** (Director Mamirauá Institute)
- (online) **Fernando Sedano** (JRC) - *The Group of Experts in Forest Fires of Latin America and The Caribbean. An effort towards standardized wildfire monitoring information.*
- **Gisele Obara** (National Coordinator of Trias Brazil, a Belgian NGO focused on supporting family farming and small producers)

DRAFT SCHEDULE
Amazon Week – Paris (France)

June 6 Venue: Brazilian Embassy in Paris (TBC)	
to be defined	Potential Closing Event

Researchers Bio:

Andre Portela:

He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA), a master's degree in Economics from the University of São Paulo (USP), and a PhD in Economics from Cornell University. He has served as a professor at the University of São Paulo, an adjoint associate professor at Vanderbilt University, and a visiting professor at Cornell University. He is currently Full Professor of Public Policy at the São Paulo School of Economics of the Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV EESP) and Coordinator of the Centre for Applied Microeconomics (C-Micro/FGV EESP) and previous Director of FGV Clear Center. In addition, he is a researcher with Brazil's National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), with research interests in public policy evaluation, labour markets, education, and social programs.

Guilherme Bastos:

Coordinator of the Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Livestock Systems at FGV (FGV Agro). Agricultural Engineer from UFV (Viçosa, MG), Master in Agricultural Economics (ESALQ/USP and University of Maryland). Former member and president of the Board of Directors of the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa). Served as Chief of Strategic Advisory, Secretary of Agricultural Policy at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Supply (Mapa). Held positions as Executive Director President and Executive Director of Agricultural Policy and Information at the National Supply Company (Conab). Has over 30 years of experience in Brazilian sustainable agriculture and livestock systems in the areas of agricultural market intelligence and analysis, strategic planning, investments, and training. Member of the Higher Agribusiness Council (COSAG-FIESP) and the Thematic Chambers of Sustainable Agroculture and Agricultural Risk Management. Advisor to the Brazilian Association of Rural Marketing (ABMRA). Member of the External Advisory Committee (CAE) of Embrapa Digital Agriculture and Embrapa Agroforestry.

José Marengo:

He holds a PhD in Meteorology from the University of Wisconsin - Madison (1991) in the USA, a master's degree in water and Land Resources Engineering from the Universidad Nacional Agraria (1987) in Lima, Peru, and a bachelor's degree in physics and meteorology from the Universidad Nacional Agraria (1981). He completed postdoctoral studies in climate modeling at NASA-GISS and Columbia University in New York, and at Florida State University in Florida, USA. He is a Full Member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, the Academy of Sciences of the State of São Paulo, and The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS). He is a CNPq 1B researcher and a professor in the postgraduate program in meteorology at INPE and in natural disasters at UNESP, and an adjunct professor at Korea University in Seoul, South Korea. He has published over 300 articles in meteorology, climatology, climate change, and natural disasters, primarily focusing on the following themes: the Amazon, climate, climate change, climate modeling, and disaster risk reduction. Currently a senior researcher and General Coordinator of Research and Development at CEMADEN (National Center for Monitoring and Alerts of Natural Disasters), linked to the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MCTI), Marengo has focused his career on research into climate change, extreme events, natural disasters, and disaster risk reduction in Brazil and Latin America. He is a member of several international United Nations panels and working groups in Brazil and abroad on climate change and global change.

Marcelo Behar:

He is a qualified lawyer, having graduated from the University of São Paulo (USP), and holds a master's degree in Public Policy from the London School of Economics. He was responsible for the Disarmament Campaign within the Federal Government and served as Deputy Minister for Strategic Affairs at the Office of the President of the Republic (2003–2008). He practised law and, over the past fifteen years, has held C-level executive positions in companies with a strong focus on sustainability, including CSN and Natura. He is currently Senior Adviser to the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the Brazilian Business Council for Sustainable Development (CEBDS) for COP30, coordinates the Climate Governance Forum at FGV Direito SP, is a co-founder of Ambition Loop Brasil, and serves as a board member of organisations such as the Instituto Ethos and WWF-Brazil.

Geraldo Fernandes:

Holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from the Federal University of Minas Gerais (1983), a master's degree in Ecology from Northern Arizona University (1987), a PhD in Evolutionary Ecology from Northern Arizona University (1992), and a postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University (2015/2016), where he served as a Tinker Professor. A CNPq Researcher 1A, he was a visiting professor at the University of Alberta (2011), Stanford University (2016), and the University of Seville (2020). In 2018, he was elected a full member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences. He is currently affiliated in Brazil with the following Graduate Programs: Ecology, Conservation and Management of Wildlife (UFMG); Genetics (UFMG); Biodiversity and Use of Natural Resources (UNIMONTES); and Recovery of Degraded Areas (UFV). Internationally, he is affiliated with programs at Mexican institutions INECOL and UNAM, as well as the University of Seville. He is the Brazilian principal investigator of an international project (CYTED–Spain) in the Americas addressing the relevance of protected areas in the generation of ecosystem services, with the main objective of investigating bee decline and its impact on pollination, honey production, and propolis. He has experience in ecology and environmental sciences, working primarily on the following topics: biodiversity, environmental monitoring, ecosystem services, herbivory, environmental restoration, climate change, community ecology, bioprospecting, herbal medicines, biodiversity-based products, chemical ecology, and ecological interactions.