



UN Habitat Brazil event: how the municipality of Belém can become a sustainable city example in the 2030 Agenda

Presented by International Rivers, urbeOmnis and GT Infraestrutura, the webinar “Belém 2030: locating the SDGs in the urban environment” will bring together experts and government officials on October 19, at 4 pm, and is part of the Urban Circuit 2022 schedule.



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Localizando os ODS no ambiente urbano



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The event participants include Ana Claudia Cardoso, from the Federal University of Pará, Edmilson Rodrigues, Mayor of Belém and Henrique Frota, from the Pólis Institute

Brazil, October 18, 2022 – On Wednesday, October 19, at 4 pm, the webinar “Belém 2030: locating the SDGs in the urban environment” will take place. The panelists will



discuss how the UN 2030 Agenda, specifically the themes of sustainable cities and reduction of inequalities, have been worked on in the city and municipality of Belém. Hosted by [International Rivers](#), [urbeOmnis](#) and [GT Infraestrutura](#), the event is part of the Urban Circuit 2022 program, an initiative of the UN Habitat Brasil, and will be broadcast for free on the [Urban Circuit's Youtube channel](#).

Regional panel experts include Professor Ana Cláudia Cardoso, from the Federal University of Pará, Henrique Frota, from the Pólis Institute, and the current Mayor of Belém, Edmilson Rodrigues. The event seeks to provoke discussions and articulations between governments, researchers and civil society organizations on the 2030 Agenda, specifically on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 10 (Reducing Inequalities) and 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). The [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) are a global agenda adopted during the United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2015, comprising 17 goals and 169 targets to be achieved by 2030.

“This is an essential debate when we talk about the preservation of the Amazon Basin. Belém is one of the main Amazonian cities and should serve as an example in the search for solutions to reduce inequalities and urban sustainability. It is not possible to implement the 2030 Agenda without the participation of all the actors involved in the municipality. For this reason, we bring to this event, the visions and proposals of the academy, experts from grassroots communities, government officials and, above all, the participation of civil society, so that together we can build integrative proposals for the sustainable development of cities, with objectives and clear goals”, **explains Flávio Montiel, Interim Director of International Rivers in Brazil.**

“The reality of the Amazon has always been projected from the outside in. Successive development plans completely ignored the local population, traditional knowledge and even the thriving academy of universities in the region. Thinking about the SDGs in relation to Amazonian cities, how they are established and how they can be appropriated by society and government officials is a great challenge”, says Cláudio Oliveira, the executive secretary of GT Infra. He points out that the population mostly lives in cities. Belém and Manaus are large metropolises, but we also have to understand the importance of medium-sized cities that act as nodes of a network of services and play a key role in the Amazon context. “Dialogue and articulation of society, academia and public power are the only possible paths”.

Fabio Ferraz, founder and executive director of urbeOmnis, adds: “Local action is essential for implementing the 2030 Agenda and achieving the SDGs. 'Leaving no one behind', as the agenda advocates, implies joint accountability of multilevel actors from the international to the local and community. In this sense, the 17 SDGs with their 169 goals become a common language to be used so that all institutions work together to



face the challenges of sustainable development. On the other hand, I think it is important to point out that most of the themes and goals brought up by the Agenda and the SDGs are not new to the municipalities, but are reorganized, reformatted and gain importance as a whole. In particular, SDG 11, which seeks to make cities more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, plays a key role in the entire process of centering the Agenda, as it spatializes all other objectives in the urban environment, whether through social and economic management, or by the management of urban systems (mobility, housing, public spaces), or by environmental issues and climate change.”

Date: October 19, 2022

Hours: 4pm to 6pm (Brasilia time)

Language: Portuguese

Location: Live broadcast on [Circuito Urbano's Youtube channel](#)

Learn more about moderators and guests:

Flavio Montiel - International Rivers. Flávio Montiel is the interim director of International Rivers in Brazil with 25 years of experience in protecting forests and traditional populations.. He led IBAMA's Environmental Protection, and was responsible for implementing the Plan for the Prevention and Control of Deforestation in the Amazon. Flávio graduated with degree in sociology from the University of Brasilia and sustainable development in the Amazon basin from the University of London.

Claudio de Oliveira - GT Infrastructure. Claudio de Oliveira is the executive assistant at GT Infra and has been working for more than 10 years in the environmental field through the Centro de Vida Institute (ICV). He also worked in the Amazon Regional Articulation (ARA), a group with 54 organizations from 7 Pan-Amazonian countries. Claudio is a journalist and graduated with a Master's degree in Cultural Studies from UFMT. He also studied Marketing (ESPM) and is a specialist in International Relations and History.

Ana Claudia Cardoso - Federal University of Pará. Ana Claudia Cardoso is an architect and professor at the Federal University of Pará (UFPA), with a Master's degree in Urban Planning (UnB) and a PhD in Architecture (Oxford Brookes). She has worked in social movements and public administration, and also coordinates undergraduate and graduate courses in Architecture and Urbanism. Her work addresses spatial typologies, urbanization and the socio-biodiversity of the Amazon.

Edmilson Rodrigues - Mayor of Belém. Edmilson Rodrigues is the current mayor of Belém, a position he previously held between 1997 and 2005. e is a professor with a Full Degree in Civil Construction, Specialist in Development of Amazonian Areas, Master in Development Planning from the Federal University of Pará (UFPA) and PhD in



Human Geography Sciences from the University of São Paulo (USP). He was also a state and federal deputy.

Henrique Frota - Instituto Pólis. Henrique Frota is the executive director of the Pólis Institute and the Brazilian Association of NGOs (Abong), an advisor to the Global Platform for the Right to the City, in addition to being a member of the National Forum for Urban Reform. Henrique is a lawyer with a Master in Development and Environment from the Federal University of Ceará (UFC) and Master in Law from the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP).

About International Rivers

International Rivers is a global organization with more than 35 years of existence and regional offices in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The group works so that riverside communities and people affected by dams have their voices heard and their rights respected. The organization helps create active and well-instrumented networks of civil society groups to protect rivers and defend the rights of communities that depend on them.

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About urbeOmnis

urbeOmnis is a development, knowledge and innovation agency focused on planning and managing smart and sustainable cities. Seeking to integrate territorial intelligence, intersectoriality and democratic governance, the agency carries out studies and consultancy on circular economy and other new economies working with the public, private and organized civil society sectors. For more information: www.urbeomnis.com.br

About GT Infraestrutura

GT infra is a network with more than 10 years of operation (2012) that has been defending an infrastructure FOR the Amazon and not IN THE Amazon. An infrastructure aimed at meeting the needs of the Amazonian population, the forest as an Infra resource for development, within the framework of a “sustainability economy” with the strengthening of governance and the protagonism of grassroots organizations. Today, the WG has more than 50 organizations among CSOs, social movements and grassroots organizations, in addition to partner networks and observers. For more information: <http://gt-infra.org.br/gt-infra>