



**12th German – Brazilian Symposium for Sustainable Development:
“Responsible Science for a Sustainable Future”
15/06/2026 – 19/06/2026 Belém – UFPA**

Programme

MONDAY – June, 15

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13:30 – 14:30	Arrival and Registration
14:30 – 15:15	Welcome and Opening Addresses Armin Mathis (UFPA / NAEA), Samuel Wagner (University of Tübingen), Silke Bell (DWH, São Paulo), Nina van Sartori (Advisor for Scientific Affairs, German Embassy), Gilmar Pereira da Silva (UFPA)
Interlude	
15:30 – 17:00	Round Table: Responsible Science for a Sustainable Future Speakers: Lise Tupiassu (UFPA - PROINTER), Meike Brückner (Humboldt University Berlin), Norbert Fenzl (UFPA-NUMA) Moderator: Christine Peters (DFG)

17:30 – 19:00	Reception: Greetings and Toast

TUESDAY – June, 16

The Day's Programme at a glance:

- Morning: Keynote Speakers and Funding Session
- Afternoon: Thematic Panels

TUESDAY – June, 16	
9:00 – 10:00	Keynote A: Jaderson Costa da Costa (InsCer-PUCRS) Brain to Society: Translational Neuroscience in an Advanced Therapy innovation Hub. Research Ecosystem for Precision Neurology and International Collaboration
10:00 – 11:00	Keynote B: Luciene Burlandy (UFF): Food Policies in Brazil: Leverage Points for Food System Transformation
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	Funding Session Coordination: João Marcelo Brandão Protázio (Rede Brasil-Alemanha para a Internacionalização do Ensino Superior)

Thematic Sessions

14:00 – 15:50	Thematic Session 01 Sustainable Agri-food Systems for a Resilient Future Click here to see the full session	Thematic Session 02 Strategies to strengthen resilience and sustainability in cancer research and drug development Click here to see the full session	Thematic Session 03 Development alternatives for a bioeconomy based on the protection of Amazonian socio-biodiversity Click here to see the full session	Thematic Session 04 Responsible resource extraction (mining) for a sustainable future – utopia or possibility Click here to see the full session
15:50 – 16:15	Break			
16:15 – 18:40	Thematic Session 01	Thematic Session 02	Thematic Session 03	Thematic Session 04

WEDNESDAY – June, 17

The Day's Programme at a glance:

- Morning: Keynote Speakers and Thematic Panels
- Afternoon: Thematic Panels
- Evening: Poster Sessions

WEDNESDAY – June, 17	
9:00 – 10:00	Keynote C: Vânia Zuin Zeidler (Leuphana University) Sustainable chemistry, circularity and recycling of materials and critical elements in the context of energy systems transition
10:00 – 11:00	Keynote D: Francisco de Assis Costa (UFPA/NAEA): Bioeconomy and development – chances and challenges for the Amazon
11:00 – 11:30	Break

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12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break			
14:00 – 15:50	Thematic Session 01	Thematic Session 02	Thematic Session 03	Thematic Session 04
15:50 – 16:15	Break			
16:15 – 18:40	Thematic Session 01	Thematic Session 02	Thematic Session 03	Thematic Session 04
19:00 – 20:00	Poster Session			

THURSDAY – June, 18

The Day's Programme at a glance:

- Morning: Plenary Session, Match Making
- Afternoon: Workshops, Closing Session & Farewell

THURSDAY – June, 18			
9:00 – 10:00	Turning Responsible Science in Products and Actions		
10:00 – 10:30	Break		
10:30 – 12:00	Thematic Session 01: Sustainable Agri-food Systems for a Resilient Future Click here to see the full session	Thematic Session 02 Strategies to strengthen resilience and sustainability in cancer research and drug development Click here to see the full session	Thematic Session 03 Development alternatives for a bioeconomy based on the protection of Amazonian socio-biodiversity Click here to see the full session
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break		
13:30 – 15:30	Workshop 1: Common research for future cooperation in the pursuit of resilient and sustainable food systems Coordination: Marcus Giese (UHOH)	Workshop 2 Outlook on future circular sustainability trends in bioeconomy Coordination: Jochen Dürr (University of Bonn)	Workshop 3 Effective and Responsible Communication in Science – How to engage properly and successfully Coordination: Fábio Castro (UFPA/NAEA), Marcus Emanuel Barroncas Fernandes (UFPA / IECOS), Esteban Moreira, Fabíola Gerbase (DAAD)

15:30 – 16:00	Closing Session
16:30 – 20:00	FAREWELL

FRIDAY – June, 19

On **Friday, 19 June**, we are offering several optional, self-funded excursion activities for participants:

(Vote on the excursion option that would interest you the most via [Google Forms](#)).

#1 Science & Technology Park (PCT/UFPA)

The Guamá Science and Technology Park (PCT/UFPA) is a pioneering innovation hub in the Brazilian Amazon and the first of its kind in Northern Brazil. It is dedicated to fostering economic development, industrial competitiveness, and research-driven innovation, connecting science, technology, and regional development in the Amazon context.

We will visit some initiatives there (research institutions and start-ups).

Free admission in the scope of the symposium.

#2 Cultural & Museum Circuit

This excursion includes visits to some of Belém's important cultural institutions: the **Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi**, the **Theatro da Paz**, and the **exhibition “Workers” by Sebastião Salgado** at the Centro Cultural Banco da Amazônia.

Schedule

09:30 – Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi (MPEG)

The Emílio Goeldi Museum is one of Brazil's leading research institutions dedicated to the Amazon in its ecological, cultural, and social dimensions. Founded in 1866, it combines scientific research with a renowned zoobotanical park, where visitors can explore Amazonian biodiversity in the heart of Belém. We will have a guided visit to the exhibition “*Amazonian Diversities*”, highlighting the origins and richness of the Amazon biome, as well as the aquarium exhibition “*Ahetxiê*”, focused on the endangered largemouth sawfish and its cultural significance.

12:00 – Lunch at Café Pontes & Bistro

Lunch will take place inside the Goeldi Museum at Café Pontes & Bistro.

14:00 – Theatro da Paz (guided visit in English)

Built in 1878 during the Amazon rubber boom, it reflects the prosperity of Belém during the this period and remains a landmark of cultural and architectural heritage in the Amazon region. We will have a guided visit (English available).

15:30 – Photographic exhibition “Workers” by Sebastião Salgado

We will visit the Cultural Center of the Amazonian Bank for the exhibition “*Workers*” by Sebastião Salgado - a major photographic project documenting workers around the world between 1986 and 1992. The exhibition offers a powerful visual reflection on labor, industrial history, and human dignity across different continents.

Admission: Transfers and lunch are not included and are self-paid. Entrance fees to the venues amount to approximately BRL 15 in total.

#3 Bioeconomy initiatives at Combú Island

We will get to know several bioeconomy initiatives on Combu Island. The visit includes the **Andirobeiras Association**, with an opportunity to interact with local women and learn about their products. The *Andirobeiras* are women who produce oil from the andiroba tree using traditional Amazonian knowledge, for both medicinal and cosmetic purposes.

We will also stop at **Dona Nena's Casa do Chocolate**, an artisanal chocolate production site, and may additionally visit local initiatives related to beekeeping or Brazil nut production, depending on participant interest.

The final itinerary will be adapted based on participants' preferences.

Admission: approximately BRL 300 (depending on the final excursion format and number of participants).

#4 Hawaiian Canoe Tour – Café na Cuia

Enjoy a guided Hawaiian canoe paddling experience to the riverside community of Maracujá, located on an island about 5 km from Belém. Upon arrival, a traditional Amazonian breakfast will be served, featuring tapioca, fresh fruits, juice, eggs, and local specialties.

No rowing or paddling experience is required.

Admission: 150 BRS per person (minimum 4 persons)