

# IKI BRAZIL MANIFESTO

## Networks That Transform Territories and Connect Futures

A call built through collaboration to recognize, strengthen, and scale Brazilian solutions for climate action and biodiversity protection supported by IKI in Brazil.



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# Hello,

This manifesto emerges from the convergence of experiences, lessons learned, and commitments built throughout the trajectory of the International Climate Initiative (IKI) in Brazil. It is the result of a diverse network of people, organizations, and territories that, over the years, have worked together to transform global challenges into concrete solutions rooted in local realities.



We felt the need to make visible and highlight the unique characteristics of what is inherently ours. Of a Brazil that experiments, creates, and transforms through its diversity, without losing sight of what connects us to other realities around the world. It is the construction of a shared Brazilian vision of IKI and a living expression of the strength of this network.

This manifesto speaks to all those who build, implement, support, and benefit from these actions; to communities, the public sector, civil society, academia, and international partners who recognize that a sustainable future can only be achieved collectively.

This manifesto serves as a tool for expression. It communicates who we are, what we have built, and where we want to go. At the same time, it strengthens identities, increases recognition of the solutions developed in the country, and reinforces Brazil's position as a reference in the development of collective responses to climate and biodiversity challenges.

Welcome to the IKI network in Brazil.  
Warm regards,

IKI Brazil Interface Team



Imagine a shared future in which all societies are able to meet their needs in a way that is fair to all living beings. A time when growth means regeneration, and development means inclusion.


This is not a distant promise—it is a future that has already been envisioned and is being built collectively over time. It advances through the efforts of individuals, communities, and countries that, driven by alliances and commitments, form networks of cooperation to create pathways toward sustainability.

One of these networks is the International Climate Initiative, IKI. It was established by the German government as a call for collective action to protect biodiversity and strengthen climate action.

It was born from the understanding that the planet knows no borders: challenges transcend territories, and pathways to climate protection can only be addressed through collective responses developed by the international community.

This is how the story of IKI in Brazil began in 2008. It was a time when tropical forests, public policies, and international cooperation came to recognize themselves as part of the same objective: achieving the global goals established for 2050.

The shared commitments set out in the Paris Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity brought Brazil and Germany together through exchanges of territory-based experience, knowledge, and financing to advance multilateral environmental and climate solutions.



From that point onward, local experiences began to engage with global challenges and evolved into projects aligned with IKI's four priority areas: emissions mitigation, adaptation to the impacts of climate change, the preservation and restoration of carbon sinks, and biodiversity conservation.

Over the course of this journey, more than €245 million has already been invested in Brazil. This is neither a linear nor a static story. It follows political cycles, societal dynamics, changes within territories, and the continuous renewal of solutions, guided by listening and adaptability to redraw the path whenever the present moment requires it.

This process takes place in dialogue with IKI's global network, which today brings together more than 150 partner countries and over 1,100 projects focused on multilateral solutions. Brazil is one of the initiative's 14 priority countries, recognized for its strategic relevance in building responses aimed at maintaining the planet's environmental and climate balance.

After all, we are home to the greatest biodiversity on Earth and encompass six biomes of immense natural richness—the Amazon, Cerrado, Caatinga, Atlantic Forest, Pantanal, and Pampa—which harbor an extraordinary diversity of species, landscapes, ways of life, and knowledge accumulated across generations.

These territories are also places of residence, continuity, and resilience for a wide diversity of peoples, histories, and cultures: Indigenous Peoples, Quilombola communities, traditional communities, riverside populations, extractive communities, family farmers, urban peripheral communities, and many other groups that have developed distinct relationships with the land, water, forests, and cities.

It is precisely from this diversity of experiences, knowledge systems, and ways of inhabiting the territory that many of the initiatives aimed at building sustainable solutions in the country emerge.

Today, 44 technical cooperation projects are underway in Brazil, including 13 bilateral projects and 31 regional or global projects, currently implemented by 17 organizations in cooperation with the country. This is IKI Brazil: a network of local and international organizations mobilized around sustainable development.



Our work has enabled us to develop a more integrated understanding of some of the shared perspectives that characterize how these experiences have been developed across our territory:



### **Our Shared Cause**

The climate crisis and biodiversity loss are the most urgent threats of our time. Brazil, a megadiverse country that is home to the world's largest tropical rainforest and one of the largest agricultural and industrial economies on the planet, stands on the front line of these challenges—but also at the forefront of the solutions. Our shared cause is to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon, inclusive, and regenerative economy that values Brazil's biomes, the peoples who protect them, and the scientific and traditional knowledge that sustains them. We believe that Brazil's climate future will be built on the foundations of social justice, technological innovation, and international cooperation.



### **Integration to Scale Impact**

We recognize that fragmented efforts reduce the effectiveness of climate action. For this reason, we are committed to active integration among projects within the IKI Brazil network. The synergies identified—from data and methodology sharing to institutional coordination and joint advocacy—are the driving force that enables us to scale solutions, optimize resources, and strengthen the voice of Brazilian society in international forums. We do not operate as isolated islands; we are an archipelago connected by flows of knowledge, resources, and commitment.





## Cooperation as a Method and a Value

German-Brazilian technical cooperation under the framework of IKI is based on mutual trust, respect for national sovereignty, and recognition of local knowledge. We work in a horizontal and collaborative manner, integrating international expertise with Brazilian leadership—including subnational governments, Indigenous and traditional communities, academia, the private sector, and civil society organizations. Cooperation is not merely a means of achieving goals; it is our way of working. Each project is designed and implemented through co-creation with Brazilian partners, ensuring ownership, continuity, and lasting impact. It is this partnership that enables us to address complex challenges with solutions tailored to the realities of each territory.



## Innovation and Scientific Evidence

Our solutions are grounded in the best available science, technological and social innovation, and the rigorous monitoring of results. We encourage controlled experimentation, continuous adaptation, and the generation of evidence capable of informing public policies and market practices. From climate modeling to financial instruments, and from ecological restoration to electric mobility, we continuously pursue state-of-the-art approaches—while remaining firmly grounded in the realities of Brazil. The innovation we champion is innovation that delivers tangible impact and improves people's lives.



## Climate Justice and a Just Transition

The transition to a low-carbon economy will be neither legitimate nor sustainable if it is not just. We place climate justice at the center of our actions, ensuring that the benefits of decarbonization, ecological restoration, and the bioeconomy reach first those who have been historically marginalized—Indigenous Peoples, Quilombola communities, riverside populations, family farmers, and residents of underserved urban communities. This means promoting the active participation of these groups in policy formulation, benefit-sharing, and access to climate finance. For us, a just transition is a non-negotiable principle and an ethical compass that guides every decision.



## Transparency and Accountability

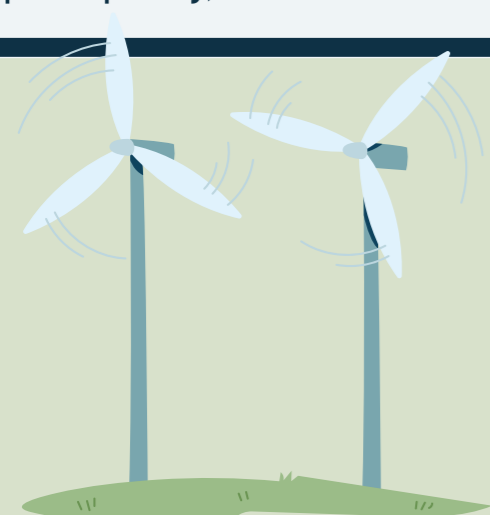
We are committed to the highest standards of transparency in the management of international cooperation public resources, the implementation of activities, and the communication of results. Data, methodologies, and lessons learned will be shared openly with the network and society whenever possible, contributing to the development of a culture of accountability and collective learning. We believe that transparency strengthens trust among partners and enhances the legitimacy of our work.



In this co-creation process, we highlight the importance of showcasing the outcomes generated by projects implemented across the country, organized into six thematic pillars. More than presenting deliverables or indicators, the goal is to reveal the processes, lessons learned, partnerships, and transformations generated throughout the implementation of actions in Brazil's diverse contexts.

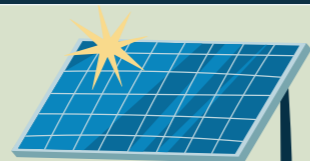
### Just Transition and Multilevel Climate Governance

This pillar connects long-term planning for carbon neutrality with federal governance. While strategic foresight exercises design future scenarios for the country, multilevel governance instruments translate national targets into local plans adapted to each reality. This coordinated approach enables long-term goals to be embedded into subnational policies, generating shared technical inputs for the country's climate commitments and ensuring that the transition to a low-carbon economy is fair, participatory, and inclusive.



### Industrial Decarbonization and Regulatory Solutions

This pillar establishes a strategic bridge between technological innovation in high-emission sectors and the development of economic instruments that incentivize carbon reduction. On one hand, it supports the adoption of clean technological pathways, energy efficiency, and industrial symbiosis in sectors such as steel, cement, and aluminum. On the other, it prepares the regulatory environment for the implementation of carbon pricing mechanisms, including regulated carbon markets and green taxation. This connection ensures that regulatory incentives are met with viable technological responses, integrating industrial and climate policy to maintain economic competitiveness.



### Sociobioeconomy and Community Leadership

This pillar creates a network of support for environmental conservation, territorial rights, and income generation for Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities. Initiatives focused on territorial monitoring and community governance in Indigenous lands are connected to innovative financial mechanisms for impact investment in the bioeconomy. These, in turn, are linked to the development of sustainable productive arrangements in protected areas and to the legal recognition of territories conserved by traditional communities. Monitoring supports product traceability, which enables access to differentiated markets, while legal security of territories underpins the entire value chain.



### Capacity Building and Scaling Forest Restoration

This pillar brings together initiatives aimed at transforming ecological restoration into a large-scale climate mitigation and adaptation strategy. Actions that build institutional capacity and strengthen restoration governance are connected to the development of social technologies and business models for productive restoration, integrating native species into agroforestry systems that generate income for families. These practices are incorporated as ecosystem-based adaptation solutions within municipal plans designed to address extreme climate events. Capacity-building efforts prepare the actors who replicate these techniques in the field, generating evidence that strengthens restoration as a priority public policy.

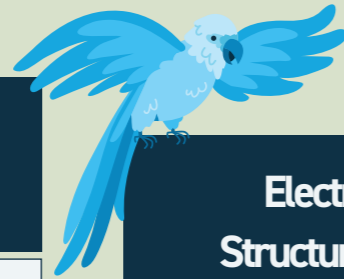


## Urban Resilience and Climate Finance

This pillar brings together planning, nature-based solutions, and access to financial resources to make Brazilian cities more resilient. Innovative financial instruments, such as guarantee mechanisms and green funds, facilitate municipal access to resources for sustainable infrastructure. These resources are linked to vulnerability assessments that identify nature-based solutions for urban and peri-urban areas, which are then integrated participatively into municipal adaptation plans. This connection ensures that urban planning moves beyond paper and becomes concrete interventions that directly benefit the most vulnerable populations living in risk-prone areas.

## Electric Mobility and Structural Transformation

This pillar takes a systemic approach to decarbonizing the country's urban transport sector. Sectoral mitigation models and emissions scenarios guide public decision-making, creating the regulatory and incentive environment needed to implement pilot projects for shared electric mobility integrated with public transportation in medium-sized cities. At the same time, the development of technical regulations and battery reverse-logistics systems ensures the environmental safety and economic viability of the entire value chain. This synergy ensures that electric mobility is treated not merely as a technological substitution, but as an opportunity for structural transformation toward cleaner and more efficient transportation.



The IKI network in Brazil continues to widen the circle. Building bridges among institutions, public agencies, communities, and projects is part of what drives us—it is how our cooperation gains scale and consistency: by weaving relationships that strengthen the climate policy we seek to build. It is through this collaboration that responses commensurate with the challenges emerge.

The future we aspire to becomes possible through the network of cooperation we nurture today. The achievement of Brazil's climate goals gains strength through the coordinated action of our network, our IKI community in Brazil and around the world.

May IKI in Brazil continue to thrive, evolve, and expand.  
May Brazil fully realize its climate potential.

**We are IKI. We are in Brazil, with Brazil.**



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