

Group Finds Extreme Inequality and Lack of Infrastructure in Brazil

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Brazil's National Development Agenda was approved unanimously, Thursday, August 25, by the Brazilian Economic and Social Development Council (CDES, Conselho de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social).

The Agenda was prepared over the course of 11 months by a group of 50 members of the Council. A first draft was submitted to the other members of the Council in May.

The final draft was approved yesterday. The Agenda maps out the country's 50 most significant problems.

They are arranged by the Council along six axes: extreme social and income inequality; the inability of the Brazilian economy to incorporate the potential domestic market; degraded infrastructure, preventing the integration of Brazil's territory, economy, and society; inexistence of a system to finance investments; public insecurity; and the low cooperative capacity of the State.

To face these challenges, the Agenda proposes 24 guidelines. The document was delivered to President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

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