

Sustainable Development Creator Scolds Brazil

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The author of the concept of sustainable development, Gro Harlem Brundtland, ex-prime minister of Norway, affirmed, Wednesday, November 9, that Brazil has not yet been able to administer the Amazon and the country's energy production on a sustainable basis.

"Brazil has problems managing the life of the forest in a sustainable manner. And energy generation in the country is an issue that remains to be solved," she said.

For Brundtland, because of the country's size, what Brazil does also affects its neighbors. "Besides having to think about itself, Brazil must also think about its neighbors," she commented.

The former Norwegian premier was director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1998 to 2002. And she presided over the Global Commission on Development and the Environment, a group that led the way in the creation of political concepts, such as that of sustainable development, that are still in vogue.

The Commission's final report, published in 1987, served as a foundation for the Rio 92 Conference and the United Nation's creation of the Agenda 21 - a document signed by 179 countries, containing the strategies that should be adopted to achieve sustainability.

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