

## Brazil Urges Portuguese-Speaking Nations to Work Together on Environment

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Approving a Cooperation Platform among Portuguese-speaking countries was discussed, Wednesday, May 24, by technical personnel and ministers of Environment at a meeting that will run through Friday, May 26.

Brazil will submit a draft of the proposed Platform to representatives of Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, San Tomé and Príncipe, and East Timor.

According to the head of the International Advisory division of the Ministry of Environment, Fernando Lyrio, the areas of cooperation highlighted in the document are: environmental information, education, and legislation; biodiversity; climate change; desertification; water resources, coastal and marine environmental management; sectorial evaluation and project formulation; and training for international negotiations.

"The idea is to present the document at the meeting on Friday as an input for ministerial debate, since they can include issues that may have been omitted in the technical segment," Lyrio informed.

The signing of an environmental education agreement between Brazil and Angola is also set for the final day of the meeting. The Angolan representative, Carlos Santos, said that the agreement provides for the participation of Brazilian technical personnel in the training of Angolans.

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