

Brazil and New Zealand Launch Exchange Program for 600 Youngsters

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Brazil's Foreign Affairs Minister, Celso Amorim, will visit New Zealand on Thursday and Friday, according to an announcement made by Winston Peters, New Zealand's Foreign Minister Winston Peters.

During his time in Auckland, Amorim will meet Prime Minister Helen Clark, Mr. Peters, and Trade Minister Phil Goff to discuss areas of common interest for Brazilian and New Zealanders, including world trade negotiations and the environment.

"New Zealand is working to intensify our relationship with Brazil, and Minister Amorim's visit will further strengthen the links between our two countries," Peters said.

"As an emerging economic and political superpower, Brazil is a pivotal country in South America and on the wider international stage."

New Zealand's government recognizes that "Brazil has played an important leadership role in the WTO's (World Trade Organization) Doha negotiations. They also believe that Brazil and New Zealand have been working closely together in negotiations involving global environment and on issues such as disarmament.

"Collaboration in the area of conservation," says New Zealand's Foreign Minister, "will be strengthened during the visit through the signing of a cooperation arrangement.

"A Working Holiday Scheme will be also launched, allowing up to 300 young New Zealanders to travel and work in Brazil for a year, and a similar number of young Brazilians to come here," Peters said.