

MONTHLY INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER



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Sustainability and Circular Economy

The United Nations Development Program estimated that 6.5 billion people will be living in urban centres by 2050. In an attempt to manage the impacts of urbanization, Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 establishes principles and targets for reducing environmental impacts.

The Circular Economy comes into play, championing the reduction, reutilization, recovering and recycling of materials and energy. It is a new way to think about our future and our connection with the planet, dissociating human well-being from the consequences of increasing consumerism.

According to a National Industry Confederation survey, more than 70% of Brazilian companies adopt sustainable measures. These practices allow institutions to reduce costs and losses, develop alternative sources of income, decrease raw material dependence and diminish pollutant emissions.

On the local level, DF is also part of the sustainable cycle, creating knowledge and engaging the private sector. Circular Economy projects, for example, have assisted small businesspeople from the region, mainly on the production of fertilizers and recycling companies. Within the next years, the GDF will keep its focus on the issue, so it will be increasingly entwined in the capital's projects.

EAI HIGHLIGHTS

EAI launches 2nd edition of the Distrito Internacional magazine

Concluding women's month, the EAI launched the second edition of the Distrito Internacional magazine. The publication presents a series of articles written by authorities about "Mainstreaming gender issues in the international sphere".

GDF joins Green Embassy week

From March 30th to April 2nd, the EAI participated in the Green Embassy Week, held by the Embassy of Italy and the Zero Waste Institute in Brazil. During the event, the Zero Waste Education program was launched, aiming to take DF's students to the Italian Embassy, where they learn the composting process employed at the diplomatic mission and how to adapt it to the reality of their schools and homes.

GOOD PRACTICES



03/02 | Brasília Ambiental (IBRAM)

Cerrado soils are instruments of environmental education

Paints made from various soils of the Cerrado are instruments of environmental education in the Educator Park Program, developed by IBRAM. It has been two years since the idea was materialized in the Colors of the Earth project, which teaches elementary students from public schools of DF the technique of painting with paint made from the local ground.

03/03 | Buenos Aires

Streets are refurbished with sustainable asphalt

For the first time, the city renewed more than 13.000 square meters of pavement with sustainable asphalt utilizing almost 10.000 kilos of tires in disuse. For that, a percentage of rubber powder and modified standard asphalt were used. The addition of rubber provides double resistance to standard asphalt and reduces vehicle noise, allowing for safer, more transitable and sustainable streets.



03/14 | Spain

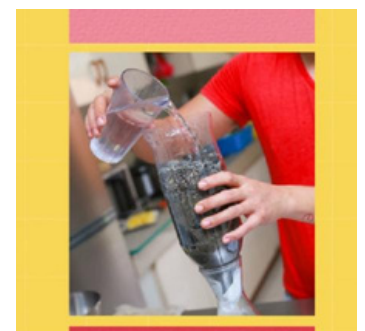
Guide to sustainable manage of mineral raw material

The actions presented in the Guide promotes strategic autonomy of Spain, thanks to the supply of native mineral raw material. The Guide will also include guidelines for reuse, recycle, and the promotion of a circular economy to reorient production processes, ensuring the reduction of the mining sector emissions.

03/23 | Bogotá

World Water Day: Municipal government promotes workshop to teach the population to make a homemade filters

The Municipal Government of Bogotá organized a workshop to teach how to make a homemade filter for drinkable water. The workshops present low cost techniques to turn water drinkable, alkalisation of water and the advantages of implementing such solutions to its community, considering their limited access to drinkable water.



EAI HIGHLIGHTS

GDF launches "Escola de Carnaval" project with Milton Cunha

The State Secretariat of Culture and Creative Economy of DF held, with support from the EAI, the opening ceremony of the "Escola de Carnaval" project, its core being the Ibero-American culture.

The event happened at Eixo Cultural Ibero-americano and featured carnavalesco Milton Cunha, the project's curator. Around 22 samba schools, carnival blocks and teams of DF are part of the project and will be assisted during six months by the carnavalesco.

EAI participates in debate to celebrate Ombudsman's Day

The EAI participated in a debate to celebrate Ombudsman's Day, under the theme "The Ombudsman role on human rights defence". The Sustainable Development Goals of UN's 2030 Agenda, were the highlights that have been guiding GDF's actions. The event is annually promoted by the Comptroller General and it aims on contributing to strengthening the Ombuds.

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Embassy of France: Reopening of Le Corbusier theater

The cinema sessions at Le Corbusier Room, at the French Embassy, are back from this Wednesday (16). This month, the show is dedicated to women, with films directed by women and featuring women as main characters. Le Corbusier Theater hosts sessions of French or French-speaking films on Wednesdays at 7 pm, free of charge. To ensure a safe reopening, the room will be limited to 50% of its capacity and the seats will be occupied with intervals. The use of a mask is recommended.

Embassy of China: "Atrás da Grande Muralha – Nova Arte Chinesa e Brasileira" Exhibition

The Embassy of China in Brazil invites everyone to participate in the "Atrás da Grande Muralha – Nova Arte Chinesa e Brasileira" exhibition, at the Museu de Arte de Brasília until May 22nd. Artworks from Chinese and Brazilian artists showing the complexity and dilemmas of the modern life are exhibited.

"Shoá - Como foi humanamente possível?" Exhibition

The exhibition "Shoá - Como foi humanamente possível?" was opened at the Federal Senate's Gallery and will be displayed until April 17th. The exposition, held by the Embassy of Israel, presents the memories of the holocaust and of allied forces members, who witnessed concentration camps. The images are also connected to the Holocaust Remembrance Day, commemorated in Israel on April 27th.

The foundation of all sustainability is the human development that should contemplate a better relationship of men with their equals and with nature.

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