



Rehabilitation room at CER II in Taguatinga, one of two adopted by the Belgian Embassy.

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Climate Action

The Governor of Federal District (DF), Ibaneis Rocha, signed a Letter of Commitment to the "Alliance for Climate Action Brazil" (ACA Brasil). The adhesion will provide the Federal District with a space for meeting, collaboration and synergy of important and influential actors in the country's climate agenda. [Read more.](#)

"Adote um Espaço Criança"

The Belgian Embassy adopted two rooms at the Taguatinga Rehabilitation Center II, through the "Adote um Espaço Criança" program. Toys, mirrors, swings and books, among others, were donated.

CER II is the only one of its kind in Brasília and serves patients from all over the city and of all ages. [Read the report.](#)

2021: NEW PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGES

The year of 2021 arrived with many promises and uncertainties. Throughout January, the world witnessed changes in course on the world political scenario, combined with the progressive spread of the vaccine against COVID-19, which aims to end the pandemic that plagued the world last year.

The global difficulties faced in 2020 have brought up important reflections and great learning for the times to come. Scientists and researchers around the world have already shown a direct relationship between climate change and the emergence of pandemics, such as the recent one. This is because global warming is capable of altering disease vectors, facilitating their spread.

The vulnerability of globalization and the production and consumption systems made it clear that the attention to responsible and sustainable development in cities is the key to face the challenges of the contemporary era.

It is expected for 2021 broader and more emphatic guidelines and measures of countries tackling climate emergencies, in a more organic, multidisciplinary and integrated action, but it is up to everyone, as a society, the commitment to individual, social and political behavioral changes, that enable a more prosperous and promising future.

GOOD PRACTICES



Meio Ambiente:
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"Environment: it is urgent to act!"
"Green Diplomacy for Youth Award" had the registrations extended until February.

HEALTH

01/08 | Jamaica | The country's first strategy for the transgender population goes beyond health

01/18 | Brazil | "Todos pelas Vacinas" brings together scientific outreach organizations in pro-vaccination actions against COVID-19

01/21 | DF | White January: project offers free therapy against anxiety, depression and grief arising in the pandemic

ECONOMY & INNOVATION

01/11 | OEI | Project to encourage young entrepreneurship in the creative economy area

01/14 | Guatemala City | Program launches call for entrepreneurs who want to change the world

01/19 | DF | Startup pre-incubator 'Cocreation Lab' arrives in Brasilia to boost the creative economy

GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY

01/05 | Montevideo | Recyclable waste classification program for city fairs

01/14 | Cape Verde | Creation of local units to assist immigrants in all municipalities

01/25 | Mercocities | The first environmental agreement of Latin America and the Caribbean comes into force

EDUCATION & CULTURE

01/04 | Cordoba | Municipality presents Educational Parks on the Web for the development of activities on a virtual platform

01/13 | USA | Museums in the United States are making their collections available online

01/19 | WFP | Good practices on school feeding in the reopening of schools

International opportunities

The "Green Diplomacy for Youth Award", published by the Office of International Affairs (EAI) and promoted by the European Union Delegation in Brazil, in collaboration with the Embassy of Portugal in Brazil and the Camões Institute of Brasilia, had the registrations extended until February. It is a contest for young people who seek to play a leading role in the move towards a sustainable, green and inclusive future, especially in the context of the pandemic, in which sustainable development becomes more relevant than ever.

Over the course of January, EAI received proposals for innovative government initiatives, designed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to subsidize Brasilia's registration for the "Mayors Challenge 2021", promoted by Bloomberg Philanthropies, which will award one of them with \$ 1 million dollars to finance its implementation.

The free course on "Energy efficiency measures in public buildings", promoted by the Argentine Network of Municipalities Against Climate Change (RAMCC), took place between the end of January and the beginning of February. The training sought to raise awareness about climate change and promote smart cities as mitigation.

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