

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF BRAZILIAN AGRICULTURE

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Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply (MAPA) plays an important role in addressing two of the world's biggest challenges: providing food security for a growing population and conserving valuable natural resources. MAPA presents **"Guidelines for the Sustainable Development of Brazilian Agriculture"** to provide an overview of how MAPA is building its institutional and policy capacity to address these two challenges simultaneously.

The Brazilian Government has increased the importance of sustainability in the Brazilian agriculture and livestock sectors by incorporating powers and responsibilities that were previously attributed to other Ministries into the MAPA. Taking into account this new administrative structure and Brazil's goal to play a leading role in meeting food security demands around the world, MAPA has developed its plan for the 2020-2023 period, to transform Brazilian agriculture to be even more sustainable, efficient, and competitive.

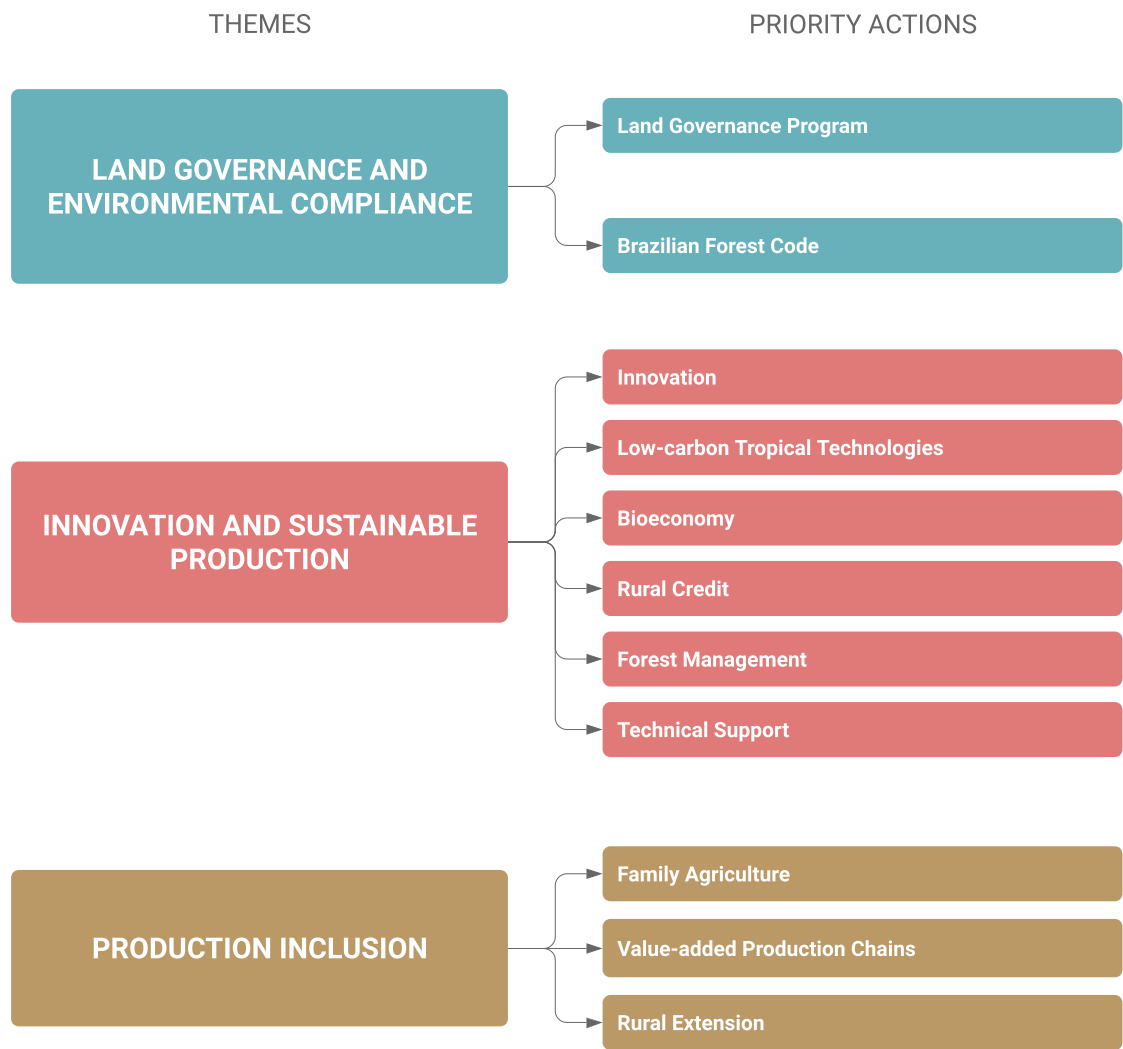
While Brazil faces a number of challenges to increase the sustainability of its agricultural sector, it also has a wide range of public policies to promote environmental conservation and foster sustainable agricultural production. MAPA's guideline document outlines the challenges Brazil faces, provides guiding themes for its work, and identifies priority actions for implementation. The document also provides an overview of MAPA's institutional capacity to implement these priority actions.

MAIN CHALLENGES TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF BRAZIL'S AGRICULTURE


- Advance research and dissemination of tropical agriculture technologies that ensure agricultural productivity increases that are aligned with environmental preservation.
- Implement a robust and effective process of Land Governance and Conformity to settle historic conflicts in sensitive regions, such as the Amazon.
- Advance the implementation of the Brazilian Forest Code and instruments to help rural properties to be compliant.
- Improve instruments that generate income for the environmental conservation activity, through forest management, payment for environmental services, and others.
- Structure new financial instruments that maximize funds to finance sustainable production models and improve alignment among existing public policies.
- Ensure the inclusion of small, medium, and family farmers in the value-added chains, generating income and economic development.
- Develop production chains of bioeconomy as a way to boost a renewable-based economy, through socio-biodiversity products, bio-inputs, renewable energy, among others.
- Open new markets for Brazilian agriculture and livestock products, while maintaining the current markets.

Under MAPA’s plan for 2020-2023, three guiding themes provide a framework for addressing sustainability and under each theme: land governance and environmental compliance, innovation and sustainable production, and production inclusion. MAPA has identified a series of priority actions for its offices and institutions to address. Figure 1 presents the guiding themes and their priority actions.

Figure 1: MAPA’s Priorities for Sustainable Development of Brazilian Agriculture



The Guideline Document presents MAPA’s agenda for addressing each of these areas in more detail and articulates actions to be taken under each of the priority areas. While these areas are broad, MAPA also demonstrates that it has the institutional capacity to address these challenges and provide an integrated and coordinated approach to ensuring sustainability for Brazil’s agricultural sector. These actions aim to ensure that Brazilian agriculture will continue to provide healthy and safe food for the world, while also guaranteeing greater environmental preservation and social benefits for its own population. With these guidelines, Brazil embraces a future where it leads efforts to increase global food supply for consumers who increasingly value the transparency, traceability, and sustainability of their products.



To see the full details of MAPA’s Guidelines for Sustainability, access the full publication at <http://www.agricultura.gov.br/noticias/semana-verde-na-alemanha>