

## **GUIDELINES ON ENSURING SUSTAINABILITY OF THE BRAZILIAN AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND SUPPLY (MAPA)**

Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and 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 would like to present its **"Guidelines on Sustainability of the Brazilian Agriculture and Livestock"** to provide an overview of how MAPA is building its institutional and policy capacity to take on 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 Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (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, aiming to transform Brazilian agriculture to be even more sustainable, efficient and competitive.

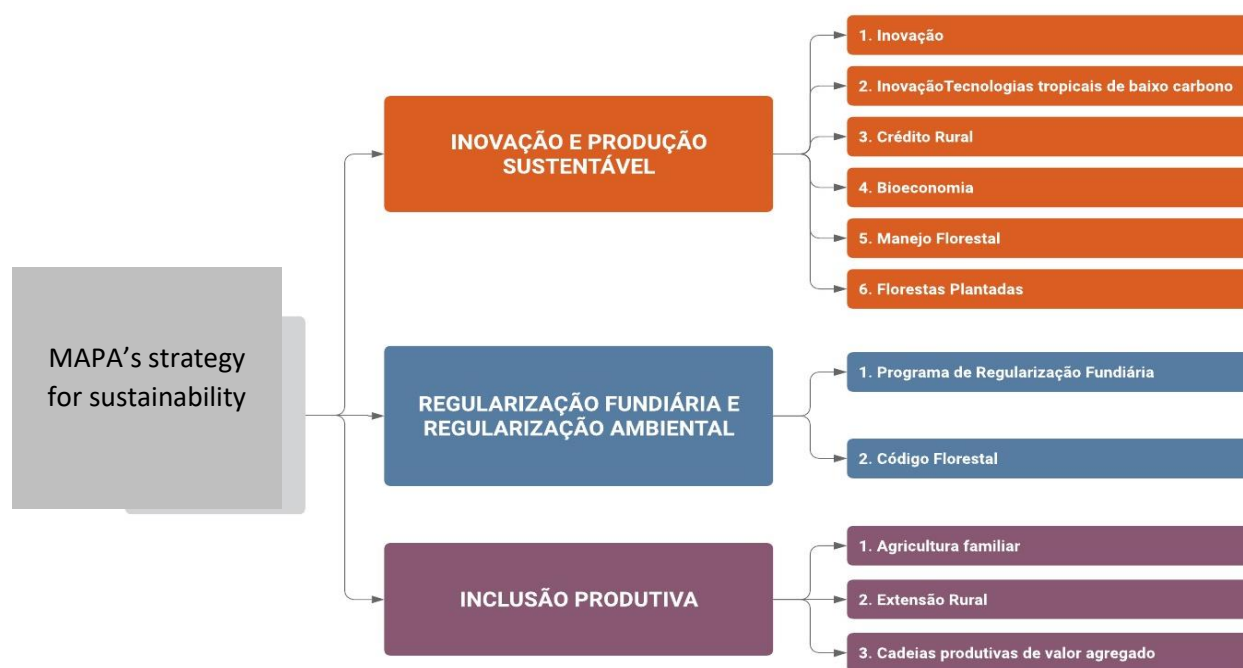
While Brazil faces a number of challenges to increase the sustainability of its agricultural sector, it also has a wide range of public policies to promote environmental conservation and foster sustainable agricultural production. MAPA's **guideline** document outlines the challenges Brazil faces, provides 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:**

- Stimulate research and dissemination of tropical agriculture technologies that ensure constant increase of productivity 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 in 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 the alignment among the 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, MAPA has identified a series of priority actions for its offices and institutions address. Figure 1 presents the guiding themes and their priority actions.

**Figure 1: MAPA's Priorities for Ensuring the Sustainability of Brazilian Agriculture and Livestock**



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 not only take on these challenges, but to also provide an integrated and coordinated approach to ensuring sustainability for Brazil's agricultural sector. These actions aim to ensure that Brazilian agriculture will be able to continue to provide healthy and safe food for the world, while also ensuring greater environmental preservation and social benefits for its own population. With these **guidelines**, Brazil is embracing a future in which it can lead efforts to increase global food supply in an era which consumers value the transparency, traceability, and sustainability of its 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>