



PARTICIPATION IN AMAPA'S EXPOFEIRA 2023

–SYNTHESIS–

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Following an invitation from the Secretariat for International Relations and Foreign Trade of the State of Amapá (SECRICOMEX) to take part in the 52nd Expofeira from October 2 to 6, 2023, a delegation from the BIO-PLATEAUX project went to Macapá, including :

- Franck CHOW-TOUN - Head of the Water Planning and Forecasting Department, Guiana Office for Water (OEG)
- Luken DELINTHE - Project Manager - BIO-PLATEAUX Project, International Office for Water (OIEau)

1. EXPOFEIRA :

8 years after its last edition, the 52nd Expofeira of the State of Amapá took place at the Fazendinha Exhibition Center in Macapá from September 29 to October 8, 2023. Organized by the Amapá Agency, the fair focused on the economy, territorial development and cultural and social cohesion of the Brazilian state. 800 stands and cultural zones spread over 330,000 m² attracted an average of 200,000 people, according to the organizers, and all 16 municipalities of Amapá were represented.

This event promoted the concerted development of economic activities in the forestry, agri-food, technology and education sectors, as well as the valorization of ancestral and traditional know-how. Most of Amapa's public institutions were represented, including BIO-PLATEAUX project partners SECRICOMEX, Agence Amapa, SEMA, UNIFAP, UEPA, etc.

In this context, Expofeira stands out for its strong commitment to integrating cross-border issues and opening up to French Guiana. This emphasis on cross-border cooperation at all levels is a marker of Amapá's ambition to position itself as an economic hub on the Guyana Plateau.

The BIO-PLATEAUX team's invitation to this event by the Secretariat for International Relations and Foreign Trade of the State of Amapá (SECRICOMEX), the project's focal point, provided keys to understanding and a better vision of Amapa's development ambitions. The project team's participation in Expofeira was thus a means of participating in this process and positioning the initiative in favor of concertation at the Guiana Shield level.



2. EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES WITH BIO-PLATEAUX PARTNERS

• SECRICOMEX:

The International Relations Secretariat was a key player at Expofeira. Particularly involved, making itself available to Guyanese stakeholders present at the fair, SECRICOMEX was at the heart of exchanges and announcements in terms of cross-border collaboration.

As part of the construction of the second phase of the project, SECRICOMEX is a privileged partner in its role as Brazilian focal point. Discussions focused on finalizing the partnership agreement with the International Office for Water (OIEau) to submit the project to the INTERREG AMAZONIA Cooperation Program (PCIA).



SECRICOMEX's commitment was consolidated during the fair, with numerous exchanges on the development of the project:

- Governance as part of the prefiguration of the Transboundary Observatory for the management of water resources and aquatic biodiversity,
- Involvement of Brazilian stakeholders,
- Communication with Brazilian institutions,
- Communication strategy.



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• SEMA

The State Secretariat for the Environment of Amapá (SEMA) made its presence felt with a large delegation and the mobilization of the institution's executives. SEMA made itself available for discussions with all Guyanese stakeholders.

The BIO-PLATEAUX team was able to exchange views with numerous departments and take part in various sessions organized by SEMA, providing a better understanding of the Secretariat's broad field of expertise. These included presentations on

- Application of environmental legislation,
- Support for economic/human activities related to environmental protection,
- Investigation of water-related activities in the same way as the water police in France,
- Monitoring deforestation,
- Monitoring the quality of drinking water and water resources.



Mr CANTUARIA, Deputy Secretary of State for the Environment, Ms PINHEIRO, Director of Environmental Control (SEMA), Mr CHOW-TOUN (OEG) and the SEMA team

In particular, the session on managing the quality of water resources presented by SEMA provided an opportunity to clarify collaboration within phase 2 of BIO-PLATEAUX: improving knowledge of water resources and characterizing environments to move towards an inventory by catchment area, with a view to initiating joint planning.

This good level of exchange with the Amapá Secretariat for the Environment will soon continue with the organization of a Technical Group on issues of watershed planning, which should be based on a clear methodological framework for obtaining an inventory of the situation as the basis for a shared diagnosis.

• Federal University of Amapá

The Federal University of Amapá (UNIFAP) has opened the doors of a partner environmental analysis laboratory, Analises - Controle de Qualidade.

This private laboratory, created in 2007, is run by laboratory manager Ediana Paula, who leads a team of 5 people: an engineer, three specialized technicians and an intern. Prior to 2010, the laboratory focused primarily on the analysis of raw materials for the pharmaceutical industry. Since then, it has also been involved in water analysis, particularly in terms of microbiological health monitoring, suspended solids analysis, pH, and heavy metals (cyanide, mercury).

The laboratory also works on conditioning samples for shipment to laboratories in Belém and Sao Paulo (more specifically for the analysis of organic pollutants such as PAH hydrocarbons and PCB polychlorinated biphenyls).

It is interesting to note that Amapá faces similar challenges to those encountered in French Guiana in terms of environmental analysis capabilities, with issues of distance and cost, particularly for water analysis.



Ms GUEDES, Professor UNIFAP, Mr Chow Toun (OEG), MME EDIANA PAULA, laboratory manager and M. DELINTHE (OIEau)



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3. DEVELOPMENT OF CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION

• BIO-PLATEAUX Session

The BIO-PLATEAUX team had the opportunity to highlight the project at a dedicated conference on October 5, 2023, whose program was as follows:



Mme SANTOS SERAFIM (SEMA) with M. CHOW-TOUN (OEG)

- **Introductory remarks** by Tiarrah Steenwinkel, Vice-President of the French Guiana Assembly, and Patrick Cantuaria, Deputy Secretary of State for the Environment in the State of Amapa.
- **Presentation of the PCIA** by Mme Viviane Tchung-Ming, Head of the Cooperation Mission (CTG).
- **Presentation of the BIO-PLATEAUX initiative** by Luken Delinthe, Local project manager for BIO-PLATEAUX at the International Office for Water.
- **Focal point testimonies** by Larissa Diniz, focal point for the BIO-PLATEAUX project in Amapa (SECRICOMEX) and Franck Chow-Toun, focal point in French Guiana (Office de l'Eau de Guyane).
- **Q&A with a privileged partner** - Amapa State Secretariat for the Environment with Franck Chow-Toun and Renatta Santos Serafim, Analyst for Water Resources Coordination at SEMA.

• Guyanese presence: Territorial Collectivity of French Guiana

The invitation extended by the State of Amapá to the Territorial Collectivity of French Guiana marked an important gesture of friendship and commitment to cross-border cooperation. French Guiana responded very well to this invitation, making its mark by hosting conferences, taking an active part in the Expofeira, and sharing cultural experiences. This was a strong signal from the CTG to accelerate exchanges with Brazilian counterparts, and was reflected in the presence of top-level representation at numerous Expofeira events.

The CTG conference on cross-border economic development in French Guiana provided an opportunity to discuss economic opportunities for exchanges between the two territories. A wide range of existing and potential areas of cooperation were discussed, including the agri-food, timber, construction, pharmaceutical and even digital industries. In strategic terms, a shared economic vision on the scale of the Guiana Shield would enable the development of robust industries.

The high point of the collaboration with Amapá was the announcement of the creation of a CTG office in Macapa to support the collaboration and economic issues. This permanent physical presence on Brazilian territory bears witness to the positive dynamic in terms of cross-border collaboration.

The Territorial Collectivity of French Guiana has also been very active in promoting the tools provided by the PCIA, and more specifically the BIO-PLATEAUX project, to institutions in Amapa. It supported the project in terms of visibility and contribution to exchanges with Brazilian institutions



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