

Announcement of the German-Brazilian Year of Science, Technology and Innovation



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More than 40 years, Brazil plays an important role as partner for Germany in science and research. This cooperation will become even more important in the future. To emphasize the importance of cooperation, Chancellor Angela Merkel and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva announce in Berlin, the “[German-Brazilian Year of Science, Technology and Innovation 2010/11](#)”.

Parliamentary State Secretary in the BMBF, Dr. Helge Braun and the Brazilian Minister of Research, Sergio Rezende signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the German-Brazilian Year of Science. The kick-off for the International Year of Science will presumably be celebrated in April 2010 in Brazil.

"The major challenges of the future, we can solve only with international partners," said Schavan on Thursday at the signing. "We want to cooperate even more closely with Brazil to jointly respond to global issues like climate change and strengthen innovation and growth. This is the exchange of excellent young scientists framework for cooperation in science and research. I'm sure: with the German -Brazilian Year of Science, Technology and Innovation 2010/11 we set a major impetus for the scientific cooperation between the two countries. "

In particular, the cutting-edge research with an emphasis on innovation, sustainability and technology and cooperation in higher education are the focus of the Science Year. During the year there will be numerous events in Germany and Brazil. Science, education and intermediary organizations from both countries are invited to participate actively in the shaping of the Science Year.

The Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) organizes the International Science Years with important strategic partner countries such as Brazil, China or Israel. During the year, cooperation in advanced research and scientific excellence of both sites are in focus. The science years are an important building block for the implementation of the internationalization strategy of the German Federal Government.

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