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Internal Regulation for the French-Brazilian Center for Amazonian Biodiversity - CFBBA

I. Preamble

The French-Brazilian Center for Amazonian Biodiversity (CFBBA) was established by the Additional Protocol to the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, signed on 23 December 2008, and its resumption was agreed by the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the French Republic, in the framework of the Declaration of Intent signed on 28 March 2024, during President Emmanuel Macron's visit to Brazil. Brazil and France (the Parties), which recognize the importance of collaboration in promoting scientific and technological research and development in the field of Amazonian biodiversity.

According to the Additional Protocol's article 3, the Binational Council has the responsibility of elaborating the CFBBA's Internal Regulation. In this context, the Binational Council approved this Internal Regulation on its second meeting, held in Cayenne, on 14 April 2025.

II. CFBBA's Nature and Objectives

Article 1. The CFBBA will be composed of research institutions and universities in both countries, using existing infrastructure or cooperating to develop new structures, in order to carry out joint projects in scientific-technological research, technology transfer, training and capacity building of human resources and related activities in the field of biodiversity under the terms of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to which Brazil and France are parties.

Article 2. The CFBBA will not have its own physical structure but will operate using the installed scientific and technological research infrastructure of both countries to develop its activities according to demand.

Article 3. The main scope of the CFBBA is to carry out cooperative scientific and technological research, including knowledge and technology transfer, training, capacity building, and related activities, in the field of biodiversity in the Amazonian region, particularly by:

a) strengthening of the scientific and technological capacity installed in both countries, especially in the Amazon region, with special attention to the State of Amapá and French Guyana, through the exchange, transfer and joint development of scientific and technological knowledge projects, as well as the training and capacity building of human resources in accordance with the needs and priorities established by both countries;

b) promoting the launching of open joint calls for research projects in the Amazon region, structured through plans of work established between its main funding agencies and other



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institutions, the Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico, CNPq, the Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior, CAPES, both from Brazil, and the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development, IRD, and other relevant French institutions;

c) carrying out studies and proposals for operational mechanisms mobilizing both the public and private sectors, to conserve and the sustainable use of biodiversity, create jobs in sustainable value-chains based on biodiversity and access to, transfer and cooperatively develop technologies that make use of these products and processes.

Article 4. To achieve these objectives, the CFBBA shall contribute to the implementation of the objectives of conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and the traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, including information converted or derived from such resources, in accordance with the rules and regulations of both countries, as well as treaties and other international arrangements to which both countries are parties to, particularly the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

Article 5. The operation of the CFBBA will be guided by the following principles, adopted from the Belem Declaration (9th August 2023):

- a) active participation, and respect for and promotion of the rights of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, with special emphasis on populations in situation of vulnerability;
- b) protection and promotion of human rights, including the equality of all people, without racial distinction or of any other kind, and fight against all forms of discrimination;
- c) promotion gender equality, with active participation and promotion of the rights of all women for their empowerment;
- d) adoption of an intercultural and intergenerational approach that promotes recognition, respect, identity, and cultural diversity in the Amazon region;
- e) the sovereignty of the States, including the respect of national legislation of each country.

III. Binational CFBA's Structure

Article 6. The CFBBA will be structured in three levels of governance, as established in the Additional Protocol to the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Agreement, as follows:

- a) Political decision Level
- b) Scientific Level



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c) Administrative Level

III.1. Political Decision Level: Binational Council

Article 7. The political decision Level will be the Binational Council, the CFBBA's highest political decision-making body, composed of the CFBAA's National Directors and eight other government representatives appointed in equal numbers by Brazil and France, as follows:

Brazil:

- Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI) (2 seats)
- Ministry of Education (MEC) (2 seats)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE) (1 seat)
- The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) (1 seat)
- The Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES) (1 seat)
- State of Amapá (1 seat)
- Brazil National Director (1 seat)

France:

- Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR) (1 seat)
- Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) (2 seats)
- Ministry of Interior, represented by the Prefect of French Guyana (MININT) (1 seat)
- Ministry of Ecological Transition, Biodiversity, Forests, Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MTE) (1 seat)
- Program Agency for Climate, Biodiversity, and Sustainable Societies (CNRS) (1 seat)
- Program Agency for Agriculture, Forests and Natural Resources (INRAE) (1 seat)
- French Guyana Territorial Community (1 seat)
- France National Director (1 seat)



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Article 8. The Binational Council has the following responsibilities:

- a) elaborate, adopt, implement and, if necessary, review the CFBBA's Internal Regulations;
- b) consider budget proposals, supplements and other resources, including those involving possible cooperation with third parties, and submit them to the competent bodies in both countries;
- c) establish, after consulting the Scientific Committee, the CFBBA's priorities, lines of action for research, training and scientific and technological development, as well as related activities, taking into account the respective national policies;
- d) appoint the CFBBA's National Directors for a term of two (2) years, renewable once for an equal period, in accordance with the proposition of the respective governments;
- e) analyze, as a last instance of appeal, complaints regarding the outcome of public calls launched under the auspices of the CFBBA;
- f) establish special subsidiary bodies as may be necessary for the effective fulfillment of its functions;
- g) hold annual ordinary meetings and extraordinary meetings when requested by one of the Parties;
- h) consider other matters submitted to it by the CFBBA's National Directors;
- i) establish contacts with other research, teaching, conservation, traditional communities and non-academic productive sector entities working with the Amazonian biodiversity, with the aim of implementing joint scientific, technical or financial actions;
- j) through their competent funding agencies and other institutions, support calls for academic and scientific activities by French-Brazilian teams.

Article 9. To ensure the best capacity for the CFBBA's activities and enable an internal mechanism of coordination, each side can establish its own governance at a national level.

III.2. Scientific Level: Scientific Committee

Article 10. The Scientific Committee will be composed of twelve members, six from each country, appointed by their respective governments, based on nominations from the ministries resulting from a proper consultation process carried out in the related scientific community.

Article 11. Each member of the Scientific Committee will be appointed for a period of two (2) years, renewable once for an equal period.



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Article 12. The Scientific Committee has the following responsibilities:

- a) propose the priorities of the CFBBA, ways of disseminating and enhancing research results, and training courses and other scientific activities, such as webinars or symposiums, to the Binational Council;
- b) elaborate the terms of reference for open bi-national calls for research proposals, based on the guidelines received from the Binational Council, and submit them to its approval;
- c) specify, in each term of reference, the topics involved, the participating agencies and other institutions, with their respective budget commitments, and the schedule of the corresponding call;
- d) approve the calls elaborated by the participating agencies or other relevant institutions chosen by the Parties, including topics involved, conditions of eligibility, rules regarding intellectual property, when appropriate, items that can be financed, financial resources, schedule, evaluation procedures, deadline for submitting complaints about the preliminary results, and other relevant matters. After approbation, the scientific committee submit the calls to the Binational Council for validation prior to launch;
- e) elaborate the final rank of the approved projects based on the list established by the agencies or other relevant institutions chosen by the Parties, and submit it to the Binational Council for validation;
- f) The Binational Council will analyze the complaints regarding the selection in the case of unsettled disputes.

Article 13. The members of the Scientific Committee, during their mandate, will be prevented from applying or participating in proposals in the sphere of the CFBBA's public calls for proposals and ensure that any conflict of interest between their professional activity and their responsibility with the CFBAA is dealt with transparency and no direct influence.

III.3. Administrative Level: National Directors

Article 14. The Administrative Level will be composed of the National Directors of the CFBBA and the technical secretariat.

Article 15. The National Directors have the following responsibilities:

- a) prepare and submit to the Binational Council work plans and programs and budgets, with the support of the technical secretariat;
- b) manage, monitor and promote the evaluation of the activities of the CFBBA with the support from the Scientific Committee and the technical secretariat;



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- c) seek opportunities for cooperation with entities and companies working on Amazonian biodiversity and promote these activities, in accordance with environmental, economic or social interest to both countries;
- d) identify national, bilateral, regional and multilateral programs and the various mechanisms from which the CFBBA could benefit for complementary funding of its activities;
- e) prepare an annual report on its activities and budget execution, with the support of the technical secretariat;
- f) call and organize meetings of the Binational Council;
- g) draw up proposals for updates of the Binational Council's internal regulation;
- h) perform any other duties assigned to them by the Binational Council.

Article 16. To ensure the effective fulfillment of the functions and activities of the CFBBA, the Technical Secretariat is established as special subsidiary body of the administrative level.

- a) The Technical Secretariat will be structured with Brazilian and French components, appointed by each country. The Brazilian component will be located at the Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation, MCTI.
- b) Each component of the Technical Secretariat will support its National Director, who will coordinate the Binational CFBBA's administrative activities; the other national members of the Binational Council; and the national members of the Scientific Committee.
- c) Each component of the Technical Secretariat and its staff will be supported by the respective ministries or operators.

Article 17. The functions of the Technical Secretariat are:

- a) support the National Directors in the fulfillment of his/her functions;
- b) coordinate communication between the authorities and the participants in the different activities of the CFBBA;
- c) follow up on activities at the national level;
- d) provide support for the dissemination and visibility of activities;
- e) carry out the administrative functions related to the CFBBA;
- f) support the National Directors and the national members of the Binational Council in the preparation of reports;



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- g) support the Binational Council meetings, and prepare the minutes;
- h) coordinate with the other National Technical Secretariat; and
- i) other functions that may be assigned by the National Director.

IV. Functioning of the Binational Council Meetings

Article 18. Ordinary meetings of the Binational Council will be held preferentially in-person, alternately in each country and will be chaired by the host country.

Article 19. Ordinary meetings of the Binational Council will be held annually and may be held extraordinarily at the request of the Parties.

Article 20. The decisions of the Binational Council will be taken by consensus.

Article 21. The minimum quorum for the installation and holding of meetings of the Binational Council and its Scientific Committee shall be at least half rounded-up of the members from each country, either in presence or virtually.

Article 22. The members may request the National Directors to convene extraordinary meetings of the Binational Council, mentioning the purpose and the arguments justifying the request.

Article 23. The convocation for the meetings of the Binational Council shall be sent, at the request of the National Director, by the Technical Secretariat to the Technical Secretariat of the other country.

Article 24. In the case of ordinary meetings, it shall be convened at least twenty (20) calendar days in advance. For Extraordinary Meetings, at least ten (10) calendar days in advance. The notice may be sent by electronic mail.

Article 25. The Preliminary Agenda (in English) shall be sent together with each call.

Article 26. Each member may suggest modifications or add items to the agenda, mentioning the object and its justification.

Article 27. The deadline for sending documents and/or reports to be discussed at the meetings shall be at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the corresponding meeting.

Article 28. For each meeting, the Technical Secretariat shall draw up minutes (in English) containing mainly the following aspects: name of the attendees, place, date, a summary of each topic discussed, and the decisions reached on the evaluations, recommendations on each topic under consideration, and the tentative date of the next meeting.

Article 29. The minutes shall be signed by the members in attendance at the end of the meetings, and a digital copy shall be distributed to all the members.



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V. Activities to be supported by the CFBAA:

Article 30. In order to achieve the objectives, set out in Article 2 of the Protocol, the CFBBA may support the following activities, among others:

- a) courses for the training and capacity building of human resources;
- b) scientific and technological research projects, including joint and cooperative projects with companies;
- c) scientific, technological and researcher exchanges;
- d) scientific and technological events.

Article 31. The CFBBA will act based on the joint interests of Brazil and France, in line with the principle of sustainable development, CBD Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals, considering the following guiding criteria for selecting its activities:

- a) scientific and technological interest, taking into account the priority and strategic areas established by mutual agreement between the Parties;
- b) social interest;
- c) environmental interest;
- d) economic and commercial interest.

Article 32. Research, development and innovation activities will include biodiversity regarding its inventory and knowledge, bioeconomy, link with health, sustainability and climate change, among other topics of common interest.

Article 33. Each project to be developed by the CFBBA must be associated with the training and capacity building of human resources.

Article 34. The CFBBA's activities will utilize the infrastructure of existing physical facilities in each country.

Article 35. The institutions participating in the CFBBA's activities will strive to provide the necessary conditions for the planned activities, in particular the short courses and joint RD&I projects, among other selected activities within the scope of the CFBBA.

- a) the RD&I projects shall count on at least one Amazonian institution among the cooperating groups and, preferentially, be the project's coordinator or co-coordinator.



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Article 36. There will be annual calls for courses and biennial calls for joint projects, unless expressly decided by the Binational Council.

Article 37. Project and course proposals shall be submitted nationally through calls for proposals in each country and evaluated at the national level with the participation of the national representatives of the CFBBA Scientific Committee.

a) Each country shall organize its own independent project evaluation procedure, in coordination with the CFBBA Scientific Committee. Following the national evaluation, the proposals from each country shall be ranked by the CFBBA Scientific Committee, based on established procedures and criteria.

b) The ranked proposals shall then be submitted to the Binational Council for final approval.

Article 38. Besides the criteria established in the Article 31, the following criteria can be taken into account for deciding and formulating calls for proposals:

a) technical, scientific and economic feasibility;

b) need and availability of human and financial resources;

c) need and availability of infrastructure (physical facilities and equipment); and

d) social and economic consequences for the countries.

Article 39. The activities within the scope of the CFBBA shall observe and be in accordance with their respective national laws.

VI. Participation of the Private Sector

Article 40. The CFBBA should be a platform for development, exchanges and promotions in the fields of sustainable bioeconomy, biotechnology, biodiversity, health, non-deforestation value-chains and other technological and innovative companies.

Article 41. For the development of the activities, the CFBBA shall make all the necessary efforts to create channels that allow for the substantive participation of the private sector, in accordance with the countries' legislations.

Article 42. The CFBBA's cooperation with the private sector can include the participation of science parks, innovation hubs, startup ecosystems, incubators.

Article 43. The private sector participation in the development of RD&I projects should be socially responsible and support sustainable bioeconomy and other contributions to the future of the Amazon region and its people. It should also recognize the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources the



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traditional knowledge held by indigenous and local communities associated with genetic resources.

VII. Participation of other Public Institutions and Stakeholders

Article 44. For the development of the activities, the CFBBA shall endeavor efforts to create channels that allow for the participation of traditional communities and indigenous people organizations, as well as organized civil society. Their traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, specific values and contributions to the CFBBA's activities are fully recognized and in accordance with the relevant articles of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

Article 45. Other public institutions can contribute and participate in the CFBBA's activities through dedicated channels implemented by the CFBBA.

VIII. Intellectual Property

Article 46. The conditions for the acquisition, maintenance and commercial exploitation of intellectual property rights over products or processes obtained under the CFBBA's activities, notably the RD&I joint projects, shall be defined in specific projects, contracts or work programs, in accordance with the countries' legislations, as well as treaties and other international arrangements to which both countries are parties to.

Article 47. The specific projects, contracts or work programs shall also determine the conditions of confidentiality of information the disclosure or dissemination of which could jeopardize the acquisition, maintenance and commercial exploitation of the intellectual property rights on possible products or processes obtained under the CFBAA's activities, in accordance with the countries' legislations, as well as treaties and other international arrangements to which both countries are parties to.

Article 48. The Binational Council will develop a decision with the rules and procedures applicable to projects, contracts or work programs concerning the settlement of disputes on intellectual property under the CFBBA's activities.

Article 49. Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 46, 47 and 48, each specific project, contract or work program shall stipulate that the grant of intellectual property rights will be sought by both Parties jointly and that applications for those rights shall be made firstly in the country of origin of the genetic resources, associated traditional knowledge or traditional knowledge in which the invention or any other type of creation is based.

IX. Access to Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge and Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits

Article 50. The procedures to access to genetic resources shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their



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utilization, the treaties and other international arrangements to which both countries are parties to, and the legislation of the country where the biological material was collected relating to:

- a) collection, shipment and transportation of biological material;
- b) access to genetic resources;
- c) fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from their use.

Article 51. The procedures to the fair and equitable benefit-sharing on digital sequence information on genetic resources shall be in accordance with the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization under the Convention on Biological Diversity, taking into account the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including with respect to the traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources that they hold.

Article 52. Access to genetic resources shall be subject to the prior informed consent of the Party of origin such resources and to mutually agreed terms, unless otherwise determined by that Party under the national law of the country of origin such genetic resources, guaranteeing the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from access to such resources, in accordance with the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.

Article 53. The access to the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities associated with genetic resources shall be carried out with their prior informed consent and under mutually agreed terms, with the aim of, inter alia, enabling the fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from such access, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization, the treaties and other international arrangements to which both countries are parties to, and the legislation of the country of these communities.

X. Funding

Article 54. As stated in Article 7 of the Protocol, each Government shall bear the cost of its participation in the CFBBA, within the limits of its availability and budget forecasts.

Article 55. Cooperation activities can also be financed through the project's partner companies.

Article 56. The Governments shall provide the necessary support for the participation of their respective representatives in the meetings of the Binational Council and Scientific Committee, whether in person or virtually.

XI. Final Provisions



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Article 57. The CFBBA's official languages shall be Portuguese and French. English will be the working language.

- a) Binational meetings, communications and events, short courses, joint projects, and other binational activities shall adopt English as working language.
- b) Each National Session will use the country's official languages.

Article 58. Any modification to these Regulations must be approved by the Binational Council.

Article 59. This Internal Regulation shall enter into force one day after its approval by the Binational Council.

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