

COMMUNIQUÉ

NDB IEO at the Seminar on Evaluation of Infrastructure Interventions: Overcoming the Gap for Sustainable Development

AT THE PONTIFÍCIA UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA DO RIO DE JANEIRO, ON 23 OCTOBER 2025



Discussion during the session on, "Challenges in the 'Infrastructure and Climate Agreements' Agenda: Preparing the Ground for COP30".

The New Development Bank's Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) supported the organisation of the **Joint Learning Seminar on Evaluation of Infrastructure Interventions**, convened by the Brazilian Monitoring and Evaluation Network (RBMA) and BRICS Policy Centre in Rio de Janeiro. The seminar was held at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) on **Thursday 23 October 2025**. More than 100 people participated in the event,

including representatives from the Government of Brazil, NDB, multilateral institutions, infrastructure finance institutions, academia, civil society organisations, and other development partners.

Some prominent speakers included **Dr. José Graziano da Silva**, Director General of the *Instituto Fome Zero* (IFZ), and former Extraordinary Minister for Food Security in Brazil and Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); **Mr. Wesley Matheus**, Secretary of the Department for Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policies and Economic Affairs in Brazil's Ministry of Planning and Budget, and President-Director of RBMA; **Dr. MD Tauhedul Islam**, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Brazil; and others. Speakers from NDB included by **Mr. Henrique Pissaia**, IEO Principal Professional, and **Ms. Ludmila Silva**, Senior Professional at the Americas Regional Office.

The seminar centred around several critical themes, in particular on the role of evaluation in sustainable infrastructure development, climate change, environmental justice, and others. It provided a unique platform for practitioners, policymakers, and academics to share experiences, good practices and lessons, exchange methodologies, and reflect on how development and impact are measured and communicated. The discussions also framed evaluation as a strategic tool to support infrastructure and climate action, ahead of forthcoming COP30 event in Belém, Brazil, this November.

Among other issues, speakers highlighted the importance of embedding evaluation across the entire project lifecycle – from ex-ante planning and design to real-time monitoring and ex-post learning – and emphasised that financing instruments should integrate ex-post stages. This ensures that lessons inform future projects, policies and decision-making, and strengthen accountability, sustainability and effectiveness.

The seminar reaffirmed the shared commitment of Brazilian institutions, multilateral partners and NDB to advancing participatory and inclusive evaluation as a cornerstone of transparency, learning, and sustainable and inclusive development. It demonstrated how collaborative approaches can enhance trust, accountability, and equitable progress across the Global South and in meeting the Sustainable Development Goals. IEO's engagement in such knowledge-sharing initiatives reinforces NDB's commitment to evidence-based decision-making and to strengthening evaluation capacity across its member countries.



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