



The ECO_CARE Participation in the G20 Delegation to Brazil

HKDIR event in Rio: Brazil and Norway: Strengthening partnerships for global sustainable development G20 Brazil 2024 Building a just world and a sustainable Planet

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Figure 1 Indigenous knowledge for a sustainable and just Planet. Photo: Rodrigo Tavares

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Figure 2 The Logo of G20



Summary

This report outlines the various activities coordinated by the ECO_CARE team during the G20 Norwegian delegation's visit to Brazil. The events were co-organized by the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research, the Norwegian Agency for Higher Education and Skills (HKDIR), The Norwegian Research Council, and Innovation Norway. The series that involved our ECO_CARE team members included two seminars: one held in Rio at PUC with the coordination of Margherita Paola Poto, Silvano Chue Muquissai, Rodrigo Tavares, and Natalia Médici Machado; and another at Manaus, UFAM, coordinated by Giulia Parola and Margherita Paola Poto, with contributions from Ragnhild Tungesvik and Adelson Lima Gonçalves. These events served to strengthen both old and new connections and solidified a shared commitment to collaborate with Indigenous scholars and students from Brazil and Norway, as well as with academic institutions, towards fostering a just world and a sustainable Planet.

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Structure and content of the event series

Strengthening collaboration for a common future for all

In light of the G20 Norwegian Delegation's visit to Brazil and the imperative to strengthen partnerships and innovation for a just world and a sustainable planet, the ECO CARE team was invited to co-organize a seminar at PUC on September 16, 2024, and to develop an experiential workshop in collaboration with the Postgraduate Master's Program at UFAM (September 19). ECO CARE team members were then invited to a boat seminar, in Manaus, on September 20.

The first event, held at PUC, Rio de Janeiro, was developed within the Programme for the Norwegian delegation to Brazil on 15-21 September 2024. The program of the day can be found [on HKDIR website](#) and specifically, the ECO CARE Team members, coordinated by Rose Kate Martin and in collaboration with Yennie Bredin engaged participants in co-creating vision boards that explored themes of positionality, trans-disciplinarity, and co-creation.



Figure 3 Groupwork on Positionality. Picture: Rodrigo Tavares



Figure 4 Groupwork on co-creation. Picture: Rodrigo Tavares



Figure 5 Brainstorming with researchers and participants. Picture: Rodrigo Tavares



Figure 6 Groupwork on transdisciplinarity

The second event, organized as a side event during the G20 international seminar on challenges and opportunities for research and innovation in the Amazon and Tropical Forests, was a workshop at UFAM, Manaus. The workshop was coordinated by Giulia Parola and Margherita Paola Poto, with the participation of Ragnhild Tungesvik (HKDIR), Marianne Jensen (Forskningsrådet) and Eva Falleth (Forskningsrådet), involved Master's students—many of whom are of Indigenous origin—in a similar creative process, drawing upon their indigenous and local knowledge, as well as their connections to the land and rivers. The final conclusions drawn from the workshop were extremely interesting and relevant, incorporating elements from the Tukano language (Indigenous language spoken in the Amazonas, Brazil and Colombia) and knowledge sets into the definitions of empathy, compassion, and care. This integration enriched the discussions and outcomes, highlighting the importance of diverse cultural perspectives in understanding and connecting these emotions to rights of humans and nature.



Figure 7 Members of the Norwegian delegation for the G20, at INPA, Manaus. Photo: G20 assistant

A third workshop, coordinated by Torkjell Leira and featuring contributions from Giulia Parola and Adelson Lima Gonçalves, focused on the future governance of the Amazon Forest. This session aimed to integrate diverse perspectives and insights into sustainable management and governance strategies for Brazil and globally, drawing insights from previously developed projects, such as the co-created learning resource: "Tarumã, the waters that speak A legal design and visual law project co-created by law students and the Chiquitano people: the pollution of the Tarumã River and the consequences on the Chiquitano people."

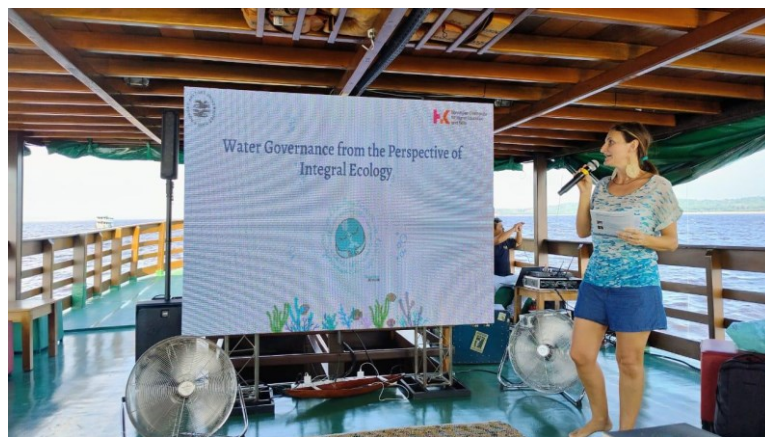


Figure 8 Giulia Parola introducing ECO_CARE and water governance, Manaus. Photo credit: Adelson Lima Gonçalves.



Figure 9 Boat seminar group. Photo credit: A seminar's participant

Three keywords for collaboration: Positionality (Empathy), Transdisciplinarity (Compassion), Co-creation (Care)

Participants in the first two workshops engaged in a dynamic experience of knowledge co-creation. They actively contributed to group work where they were tasked with developing a tangible and concrete mind map or conceptual exercise focused on one of three themes: positionality, transdisciplinarity, and co-creation. This exercise was designed to prompt participants to reflect on the interconnectedness between humans, as well as between humans and nature. Additionally, it encouraged them to consider their own positions or viewpoints, recognize the importance of collaborating across diverse knowledge sets, and appreciate the value of the outcomes co-created through such collaborative efforts.



Figure 10 The cover of co-creation developed for the Ocean Incubator Network Project and adopted during the first two workshops. Illustration: Valentina Russo

Participants

Key participants of the three workshops were participants from the Norwegian delegation to Brazil, Government representatives, members of the partner institutions, stakeholders, representatives of Indigenous Peoples.

Workshops Outcomes

- Strengthened collaboration on innovation and research between Brazil and Norway.
- Commitment to finding common solutions for a sustainable and just planet.
- Commitment to strengthen existing collaborative networks.
- Enhancement of staff and student exchanges.

Ways forward and the next steps

Following a productive week dedicated to strengthening research and innovation between Norway and Brazil, the ECO CARE project team members, funding institutions, and interested parties have agreed to further the collaboration. A central focus will be placed on discourses concerning the protection of the Planet and human rights, ensuring these critical issues remain at the forefront of ongoing and future initiatives.

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