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CLAF Symposium

**Opportunities for Latin-American Cooperation in High-Energy
Physics with CERN**

14 November – 2025, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



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The information in this document is for the benefit of the participants attending the CLAF Symposium to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 14 November, 2025.

The Symposium is organized in coordination with the international conference [Advances in QCD at the LHC and the EIC](#), which will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, between 9 and 15 November 2025.

Confirmation of Attendance

Confirmation of attendance for all participants should be sent by e-mail to ulisses@cbpf.br (cc: claffisica@gmail.com) no later than October 31st. **Please, clearly state if your attendance will be in-person (preferred) or remote.**

Visas

Foreign participants must complete all formalities to visit Brazil. A tourist visa ("VIVIS" - for conference participation) may be required depending on the visitor's nationality. Detailed information on visa requirements can be found at the following links (English and Portuguese):

- **List of instructions for acquiring a visa to enter Brazil**
<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/embaixada-dar-es-salaam/visa>
- **Information on Brazilian legislation and procedures to enter Brazil**
<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/consulado-londres/useful-information/visiting-brazil>
- **List of Brazilian representations abroad and representations in Brazil**
<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/Embaixadas-Consulados-Missoes/do-brasil-no-exterior>

If you need a nominal invitation letter, please email: claffisica@gmail.com



Transportation

- **TOM JOBIM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (GIG):** Tom Jobim International Airport has direct international flights from 48 cities in 16 countries. It is located 24 kilometers distance from Rio City Center. It takes approximately 40 minutes to move from Airport to the meeting location.
- **SANTOS DUMONT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SDU):** It is located just 8 km from the URCA neighborhood, where CLAF is located. It operates mostly for domestic flights. It takes around 20 min to move from Airport to the meeting location.
- **Services of ride-hailing apps:** Ride-hailing apps for smartphones such as Uber operate in Rio de Janeiro, and can serve as an alternative to traditional taxis.

Venue

- The CLAF Symposium will take place in the Ministro João Alberto Lins de Barros auditorium, at the **Brazilian Center for Physics Research – CBPF**, located at Rua Dr. Xavier Sigaud 150, 22290-180 URCA, Rio de Janeiro - RJ.

Hotel and Hospitality

- We recommend that all delegates attending the meeting stay at **Windsor Plaza Hotel**, located at Avenida Princesa Isabel, 263 - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro - RJ.
- A cocktail will be provided for all participants after the event, at the premises of CBPF. Attendants are kindly requested to provide information on dietary restrictions until October 31st, 2025.

Working Language

- The work language of the Symposium will be **English**.
- **No translation services will be provided.**

Computer Setup

- **Internet access – via Wi-Fi – will be provided** during the meeting.



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Remote attendance

- **Remote attendance – via Zoom Platform – is available** in the following link:

[https://zoom.us/j/99239301165?
pwd=xdUZAN0rw7dXskz8PZ0Z0wYmmlu4FU.1](https://zoom.us/j/99239301165?pwd=xdUZAN0rw7dXskz8PZ0Z0wYmmlu4FU.1)

Meeting ID: 992 3930 1165

Passcode: 567871

Time Zone

- Rio de Janeiro time is minus 3 hours from GMT time.

Currency and Banking

- **Brazilian currency is the BRL (“Real”).**
- You can compare rates for tourist exchange at www.melhorcambio.com. There is a 3,5% federal tax on every foreign currency exchange transaction.
- **MasterCard, Maestro and Visa cards are accepted everywhere.** American Express and Diners Club are also accepted in some places.

Weather Conditions

- The average temperature in Rio de Janeiro in November is **26°C during the day and 22°C at night.**

Contact Information

EVENT ORGANIZATION

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Immediate assistance from medical services: Phone:192

Immediate assistance from fire department: Phone: 193



Agenda

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		Speakers
8:30	Reception & Coffee	
9:00	Welcome and Opening	Dr. Marcio Albuquerque, CBPF Dr. Ulisses Barres, CLAF
9:10	HEP Research in Latin-America	Dr. Ivã Gurgel, IFUSP
09:30	CERN: Perspectives on the Latin-American Involvement	Dr. Salvatore Mele, CERN
09:50	Experience from Portugal: Lessons for Latin-America	Prof. Mario Pimenta, LIP
10:10	Status of Chilean Association to CERN	Mr. Ignácio Silva, MCTCI
10:40	Coffee Break	
11:00	Panel 1 : Brazilian Participation and Association to CERN	Mr. Carlos Matsumoto, MCTI Prof. Antonio José Roque, CNPEM Mr. Rafael Navarro, CNPEM Dr. Ignácio Bediaga, RENAFAE
12:00	Panel 2 : Chilean Participation and Association to CERN	Mr. Jack Brady, SAPHIR Dr. Hayk Hakobyan, CCTVal Mr. Rodrigo Pacheco, CCTVal
12:50	CERN-CNPEM Signature of FCC MoU	Dr. Salvatore Mele, CERN Prof. Antonio José Roque, CNPEM Dr. Michael Benedikt, FCC
13:00	Self-organized Lunch	
14:30	Brazilian HEP Research at CERN	Dr. Marcelo Munhoz, IFUSP - ALICE Dr. Marisilva Donadeli, UERJ - ATLAS Dr. Carsten Hensel, CBPF - CMS Dr. Vinicius Lima, UFRJ - LHCb
15:45	Chilean HEP Research at CERN	Dr. Jilberto Zamora, SAPHIR Dr. Sebastián Tapia, CCTVal
16:30	Portuguese HEP Research at CERN	Dr. Nuno Castro, LIP - LHC Dr. José Maneira, LIP - DUNE
17:00	BR Contribution to the European Strategy Update for Particle Physics	Dr. Cristiane Jahnke, UNICAMP
17:20	Broader Latin-American Perspective	Dr. Rogério Rosenfeld, ICTP-SAIFR
17:40	Proposal for a CLAF-CERN Latin-American Cooperation Group	Dr. Ulisses Barres, CLAF
18:00	Meeting Adjourned - Cocktail	