



CLAF-CERN Symposium (14/11/2025)

OPENING ULISSES BARRES DE ALMEIDA

Good morning. I would like to start by thanking our esteemed Director Márcio de Albuquerque for the support provided by CBPF to the realization of this event. As you may know CBPF is at the roots of CLAF and has been the house of our Center since its creation in 1962, being instituted by law as the host of our Organization. Furthermore, as you have just heard, it is thanks to CBPF and its special relations to CLAF that very soon we will see the Mario de Almeida Pavilion, the historical headquarters of both institutions, located just a few steps from here, return to activity.

I would also like to thank the presence of Dr. Salvatore Mele, Senior Advisor for International Relations at CERN, who came to Rio specially for this event, in an exceptional demonstration of support and partnership from the side of CERN to CLAF, and of commitment of this institution to Latin American science. A similar deference is due to Professor Mario Pimenta, Portuguese Delegate to the CERN Council, who is in Rio especially to contribute to our event.

I would also like to acknowledge the participation of Mr. Ignácio Silva, head of Emerging Technologies Division at the Ministry of Science of Chile, and Mr. Carlos Matsumoto, head of International Cooperation at the Ministry of Science of Brazil. Their contribution is key to this Symposium and the success of its objectives, as two instrumental people behind the process of association of their respective countries to CERN.



Many thanks as well to Mr. Rafael Navarro, Brazilian ILO at CERN, and Dr. Antonio José Roque, Director of CNPEM, who will grace our event today with the important signature of an MoU with CERN for the FCC Feasibility Study.

Finally, it is an honour to have in this Symposium the participation of so many colleagues of the high-energy physics community, especially the colleagues from Chile and other Latin-American countries.

Without taking much more of our time now, I want to wish you all a productive day, and I hope this event will mark the first step in a long series of activities between CLAF, CERN, and our communities to the benefit of the development of high-energy physics in the entire Latin-American continent.