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# **CLAF-MCTI High-Level Seminar**

## **Perspectives for the Scientific Cooperation in Physics in Latin-America**

**05 December 2025 — CNPq - Brasília, Brazil**



The Latin-American Center for Physics (CLAF; [claffisica.org.br](http://claffisica.org.br)) and the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation of Brazil (MCTI; [gov.br/mcti/](http://gov.br/mcti/)) welcome you to the joint **CLAF-MCTI High-Level Seminar on Perspectives for the Scientific Cooperation in Physics in Latin America**, which will take place in Brasília, DF, on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Founded in 1962 under the auspices of the Brazilian Government and UNESCO, and with its seat in Rio de Janeiro, CLAF is an intergovernmental organization recognized by countries throughout Latin America, with the unique mission to work towards the development of Physics in the continent.

Throughout its many decades of existence, CLAF has carried out a number of activities and programs, in cooperation with various partners in Latin America and beyond, to foster the development of Physics in the countries of the region. In so doing, it has significantly contributed to the successful growth of Physics research throughout the continent. This historic role now stands at the basis of further action towards the strengthening of regional cooperation and the promotion of joint research and partnerships within Latin America, and with potential partners from other regions of the globe.

The High-Level Seminar will gather representatives of CLAF and the governments and institutions from its member states, as well as from international organizations and institutions that are or have been historic partners of CLAF throughout its history, to reflect on the history and the future of multilateral regional cooperation in Physics in the region. Its objective is to both debate and launch the basis for the future role of CLAF in the region as an actor of science diplomacy for the development and the integration of Physics research in Latin America.

This administrative note is for the benefit of the participants to the **CLAF-MCTI High-Level Seminar** and contains information regarding its organization and logistical arrangement. A tentative agenda for the meeting is also attached towards the end of the document. The definitive agenda, as well as details concerning the exact venue and coordinates for remote connection, will be circulated by email to all participants in due time. For further inquiries and assistance, please contact [ulisses@cbpf.br](mailto:ulisses@cbpf.br) (cc: [claffisica@gmail.com](mailto:claffisica@gmail.com) and [assin@mcti.gov.br](mailto:assin@mcti.gov.br)).

## **Confirmation of Attendance**

Confirmation of attendance for all participants should be sent by e-mail to [ulisses@cbpf.br](mailto:ulisses@cbpf.br) (cc: [claffisica@gmail.com](mailto:claffisica@gmail.com)) no later than November 21<sup>st</sup>. **Please, clearly state if your attendance will be in-person (preferentially) or remote.**

## **Visas**

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

- **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](mailto:claffisica@gmail.com)

## **Transportation**

- **JUSCELINO KUBITSCHKE BRASILIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BSB):** Brasilia hosts an international airport with direct connections to Buenos Aires / Argentina, Lima/Peru, Panama City/Panama, Miami and Orlando / USA and Lisbon/Portugal. Most other international flights arrive via São Paulo Guarulhos Airport (GRU) or Rio de Janeiro Galeão Airport (GIG).
- **Services of ride-hailing apps:** Several services of ride-hailing apps for smartphones such as Uber operate in Brasilia., as alternative to traditional taxis.

## **Venue**

- The CLAF-MCTI High Level Seminar will take place at the **Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)**, located at Edifício Telemundi II, Setor de Autarquias Sul, Quadra 01 lote 1, Brasília-DF, Brazil.

## **Hotel and Hospitality**

- We recommend that all delegates attending the meeting stay at **Setores Hoteleiros Sul ou Norte**, which offers a range of hotels all located about 5 km from the venue (10 minutes by car). Recommended hotels in the area include St. Paul, San Marco, Like U, Ramada, Windsor Plaza, Tryp, and Meliá Brasil 21 (Setor Hoteleiro Sul) and Let's Idea, Mercure Líder, Cullinan, Nobile Suites, Athos Bulcão (Setor Hoteleiro Norte).
- A buffet lunch will be provided for all participants on the meeting date at the venue. Delegations are kindly requested to provide information on dietary restrictions until November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- The average temperature in Brasilia in November is **26°C during the day and 18°C at night**.

## **Working Language**

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

## **Currency and Banking**

- **Brazilian currency is the BRL ("Real").**
- You can compare rates for tourist exchange at [www.melhorcambio.com](http://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.

## **Contact Information**

### **EVENT ORGANIZATION**

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## Agenda

05 December 2025 - CNPq, Brasilia - DF

<b>08:30</b>	Registration & Welcome	
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening</b>	
	Undersecretary Isa Assef	Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil, MCTI
	Mr. Carlos Matsumoto	Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil, MCTI
	Prof. Olival Freire Júnior	National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, CNPq
	Dr. Ulisses Barres de Almeida	Latin-American Center for Physics, CLAF
<b>09:20</b>	<b>Signing Ceremony of the CLAF-CNPq Cooperation Agreement</b>	
	Dr. Ulisses Barres de Almeida	Latin-American Center for Physics, CLAF
	Prof. Olival Freire Júnior	National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, CNPq
<b>09:40</b>	<b>Panel 1 - National Perspectives on Science Cooperation in Latin America</b> <b>Moderator : Dr. Luis Huerta-Torchio, CCHEN</b>	
	H.E. Ambassador Eugênio Vargas Garcia	Federative Republic of Brazil
	H.E. Ambassador Sebastián Depolo Cabrera	Republic of Chile
	H.E. Ambassador Norman Lizano Ortiz	Republic of Costa Rica
	H.E.. Ambassador Carlos Eugenio Garcia de Alba	United Mexican States
<b>10:20</b>	<b>Physics Research and Sustainable Development in Latin America</b>	
	Prof. Marcelo Knobel	The World Academy of Sciences, TWAS
<b>10:40</b>	<b>The State of Physics Research in Latin America</b>	
	Prof. Fernando Quevedo	New York University Abu Dhabi, NYUAD
<b>11:00</b>	Coffee Break	

<b>11:30</b>	<b>The Role of Science Diplomacy in the World and in Latin-America</b>	
	Mr. Guillermo Anlló	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO
<b>11:50</b>	<b>CLAF and the History of Physics in Latin-America</b>	
	Dr. Antonio Augusto Videira	Brazilian Center for Physics Research, CBPF
<b>12:15</b>	<b>Panel 2 - Outlook on Science Cooperation in Latin America</b> <b>Moderator : Ms. Adriana Cursino-Thomé, MCTI</b>	
	Dr. Rubem Luis Sommer	Brazilian Center for Physics Research, CBPF
	Dr. Silvina Ponce Dawson	International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, IUPAP
	Mr. Carlos Matsumoto	Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Brazil, MCTI
	Mr. Ignacio Silva	Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge of Chile, MCTCI
	Mr. Fabio Eon	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>	
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Panel 3 - The role of Large Research Infrastructures on Science Cooperation</b> <b>Moderator : Dr. Rubem Luis Sommer, CBPF</b>	
	Dr. Salvatore Mele	European Organization for Nuclear Research, CERN
	Ing. Karina Pierpauli	Argentine National Atomic Energy Commission of Argentina, CNEA
	Dr. José Domingos Ardisson	Brazilian National Nuclear Energy Commission, CNEA
	Dr. Antônio José Roque	Brazilian Center for Research in Energy and Materials, CNPEM
	Dr. Norbert Kucerka	Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, JINR
<b>16:00</b>	<b>Panel 4 - Reflections on the Role of CLAF today</b> <b>Moderator : Dr. Silvina Ponce, IUPAP</b>	
	Dr. Luis Huerta Torchio	Chile Nuclear Energy Commission, CCHEN
	Dr. Alberto Baruj	National Scientific and Technical Research Council of Argentina, CONICET



	Prof. Carlos Alberto Aragão	Funding Authority Studies & Projects, FINEP
	Mr. Guillermo Anlló	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO
	Federal Deputy Ricardo Galvão	Chamber of Deputies of Brazil
<b>17:15</b>	<b>Proposal for a CLAF Permanent Regional Cooperation Forum</b>	
	Dr. Ulisses Barres	Latin-American Center for Physics, CLAF
<b>17:30</b>	Farewell	