

## **NOTE FOR THE AICESIS NEWSLETTER**

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### **CDES CELEBRATES ITS 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND PRESENTS NEW RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Councilors also received feedback from the government on previous commitments, and were requested to engage in three new working groups**

The 47<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the Economic and Social Development Council (CDES) took place on March 21<sup>st</sup> at *Palácio do Planalto*, the head office of the Brazilian government, in Brasília. The meeting marked the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CDES and had two main objectives: to present new recommendations from the Council and to provide feedback on the implementation of presidential determinations related to the previous cycle of debates in working groups and of CDES recommendations.

The Brazilian President, Michel Temer, and the Council's Executive Secretary, Minister Eliseu Padilha, hosted this activity which gathered councilors, public authorities and other civil society representatives. Nine councilors presented comments and personal insights on the topics related to the agenda. The Minister of Finance, Henrique Meirelles, made a presentation on the country's economic situation and the recovery from the financial crisis, while the Minister of Public Safety,

Raul Jungmann, explained the efforts put forward by the Federal Government to restructure the sector.

Part of the agenda was dedicated to informing councilors on the current state of implementation of CDES recommendations, which included feedback for the working groups on business environment, primary education, agribusiness, de-bureaucratization and modernization of the State, and productivity and competitiveness. "Given the effectiveness achieved in 2017, with the implementation by government of more than 60% of presidential determinations on the CDES recommendations, we have great expectations for the 2018 work agenda", remarked the Secretary for the CDES Secretariat, Patricia Audi.

Among the results presented by the government were the Labor Law modernization, the Foreign Trade Internet Portal, the constitution of the National Council for De-bureaucratization, the policy proposal for training and continued development of teachers and education managers, the Online Education Program with Broad Band Internet, the new Census on agricultural and livestock activities and the Inter-sectoral Committee on Early Childhood Public Policies.

### **New recommendations and the 2018 work agenda**

A new set of 15 recommendations was presented at the 47<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting by rapporteurs of working groups on international relations and trade policy, employability in Brazil of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, public safety and development, investment and financial intermediation, and health. Several of the proposals have already been or are currently being implemented by the government. Consequently, new measures or determinations have been announced by the president during the plenary session such as the conclusion of the Regulatory Agenda for Brazilian Foreign Trade and a National Registry for Rural Properties.

The creation of three new working groups was also announced and, consequently, councilors were invited to look over the challenges pertaining to the federative pact, the digital revolution and professions of the future. A new publication by the CDES Secretariat was launched during this meeting, featuring an overview of the Council's new institutional arrangement, member re-composition process, work methodology, implementation strategies and monitoring process of recommendations, international agenda and partnerships, among others. The book, entitled "[Conselhão: do diálogo aos resultados](#)" is available online, in Portuguese only.

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