BRAZIL PROGRAMME
Strategic Priorities for 2023-2025
WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO
The Center for Climate Crime Analysis (CCCA) is a non-profit organisation founded in The Hague, the Netherlands, by current and former prosecutors and investigators.

**WE PROMOTE CLIMATE JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS BY SUPPORTING ENFORCEMENT, LITIGATION, AND ADVOCACY AGAINST CLIMATE CRIME: ANY ILLEGALITY CONTRIBUTING TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS.**
WE MAKE CHANGE BY AMPLIFYING THE IMPACT OF OUR PARTNERS.

We strategically support social movements and organisations fighting climate change and human rights violations, by:

- Generating, preserving, and collecting reliable information.
- Conducting legal and forensic analysis.
- Sharing this information and analysis with partners to enable them to take action.
We provide information to governmental authorities for enforcement, civil society organisations to support strategic litigation and advocacy, and investigative journalists. We also share our analysis with corporations to prompt compliance with their due diligence obligations and sustainability commitments.
OUR WORK TO DATE IN BRAZIL
We are a diverse team of lawyers and social, environmental, and data scientists working in Latin America, the United States, Europe, and Australia. We have experience working with indigenous and traditional communities, geospatial analysis, domestic and international law enforcement, and strategic climate and human rights litigation.

**CCCA’S LARGEST TEAM IS BASED IN BRAZIL.**
SINCE 2019, OUR PRIORITY HAS BEEN FIGHTING ILLEGAL DEFORESTATION IN THE AMAZON BASIN, FOCUSING ON STRUCTURAL CAUSES SUCH AS CORRUPTION, FRAUD, AND ORGANIZED CRIME.

We have prioritized the timber and beef sectors in three states of the Legal Amazon (Pará, Mato Grosso and Rondônia). We have also partnered with indigenous and traditional communities, providing analyses that support them to protect the territorial integrity of their lands.
WE SUPPORT PARTNERS AND ACTION BOTH IN BRAZIL AND INTERNATIONALY.

In doing so, we consider a decolonial approach to international litigation is essential, especially in the face of climate vulnerabilities. We therefore take action that serves the global objective of combating climate change, directed from local expertise, realities and needs.
OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, OUR WORK IN BRAZIL HAS INVOLVED:
TARGETING DEFORESTATION SUPPLY CHAINS

For example, we provided evidence for litigation in France against supermarket giant Casino, establishing that they sourced cattle from JBS subsidiaries linked to illegal deforestation. As a result, another French supermarket chain, Carrefour, halted its beef supplies from those slaughterhouses.
TARGETING FINANCIERS OF DEFORESTATION

For example, we provided a formal complaint and analysis to public prosecutors following our collaboration with journalists on deforestation and land-grabbing in southwest Pará. The public prosecutor’s office in Altamira has now opened an investigation into the case.
SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN BRAZIL

For example, we engaged with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) about deforestation and violations associated with its investment in Minerva, one of Brazil’s largest food corporations. IFC subsequently decided to end involvement with Minerva.
SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES TO FIGHT LAND-GRABBING

For example, we worked with the Kanindé Association and the Jupaú people to produce a technical report on intrusions and illegal activities on Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau land. It will assist the Federal Highway Police and other government agencies to implement court orders in the field from those slaughterhouses.
Based on our experience in Brazil, we expanded to combat illegal deforestation in the Peruvian and Colombian Amazon in early 2021, and now also address methane emissions globally.
CCCA’S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2023-25
When we began our work in Brazil, environmental laws and enforcement mechanisms were being dismantled, and public policies failed to protect traditional communities, quilombolas and indigenous peoples living in the forests from socio-environmental crime. The election of the new government in Brazil has created opportunities for stronger partnerships, enforcement and action on climate change. However, a change of government is not sufficient to solve illegal deforestation.

**EFFECTIVE WORK MUST BUILD ON EXPERIENCE AND BE RESPONSIVE TO CONTEXT.**
We have therefore reviewed our priorities to ensure that we build on the lessons we have learned and that we focus our work where we can create the most impact in the new context.
SUPPORT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROTECTION OF TERRITORIES

We will deepen strategic partnerships that support national law enforcement to hold actors linked to deforestation in the Legal Amazon accountable, and to strengthen territorial defense.
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Our priorities are:

Engaging and supporting a wider range of domestic enforcement authorities, including environmental agencies and state-level authorities.

Expanding our collaboration with enforcement authorities to address the timber sector – with a focus on geospatial imaging, remote sensing data, and commodity flows – and the role of land as an independent economic driver of deforestation.

Supporting traditional communities to engage with public authorities for the protection and integrity of their lands.
TARGET THE ECONOMIC DRIVERS OF DEFORESTATION, PRIMARILY SUPPLY CHAINS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

We will continue our work to increase the legal and financial risks for deforestation-related supply chains in the private sector. We aim to improve accountability and discourage the commercial reward for deforestation.
Our priorities are:

Demonstrating the legal responsibility of actors who finance the commercialization of products from illegally deforested lands.

Supporting the implementation of obligations and corporate responsibility relating to deforestation (especially under new regulations and directives in the European Union).

Leveraging our partnerships and increased enforcement in Brazil to inform transnational legal action and corporate compliance.
STRENGTHEN THE FIELD, THROUGH ENHANCED ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION

We want to take a leading role in promoting debate within Brazilian society, in order to change the behaviour of decision-makers, and to connect local movements, organisations and communities with the international network of climate advocates.
Our priorities are:

Supporting reputable investigative journalists with data and analysis to uncover the economic forces that drive deforestation and the commercial actors that benefit from it. Wherever possible, we provide this analysis to enforcement authorities in Brazil or abroad.

Contributing to policy debates in Brazil by releasing key reports on systemic issues, such as gaps in accountability and how deforesters evade detection.

Participating in national and international events, in particular to facilitate active participation by grassroots partners and bring a climate justice perspective.