

MONTHLY INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER



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Brasilia, Ibero-American Capital of Cultures 2022

In 2015, for the first time, an international agenda refers to culture as one of the essential components for achieving sustainable development. The United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda clearly states that creativity contributes to making cities more inclusive and resilient, while the economic, social and environmental dimensions also help to safeguard local cultures.

In the Ibero-American context, culture plays the role of strengthening the historical bonds and preserving the identity of peoples so diverse and, at the same time, so close.

The Ibero-American Capital Cities Network (UCCI), committed to the mission of integrating the peoples of Ibero-America, annually designates one of its member cities as the Ibero-American Capital of Cultures. Throughout the year, a special program is dedicated to showcasing the heritage, cultural and intellectual richness of the awarded city, and brings together samples of the artistic manifestations of a community of more than 700 million people.

The cosmopolitan city of Brasilia, capital of Brazil and a source of cultures from all over the world, embraced this mission in 2022, developing a set of actions and projects that represent the socio-cultural strength of the region, fulfilling the primary task of bringing to light everything that forms and transforms us as a society. With great pride, our city develops the role of promoter of the Iberoamerican being, through art, the most legitimate expression of human restlessness.

EAI HIGHLIGHTS

Urban art provides new colors to the Eixo Cultural Ibero-americano

The external walls of the Cássia Eller room, at the Eixo Cultural Ibero-americano (former Funarte), have gained new colors and meanings, in the form of a mural made by artists participating in the project "Inspiring Women of Ibero-America: Urban art as a tool for social transformation".

Open Doors Embassies Program - PEPA

In the second semester of 2022, Ibero-American embassies participated in the resumption of the PEPA, through which students are received by diplomatic representatives, who present the customs, culture and history of their country, as well as talk about the routine of the missions and the functions inherent to the career. Afterwards, are the diplomats that visit the schools participating in the initiative.

GOOD PRACTICES



10/09 | Brasília

Project hands out 5K medicinal plant seedlings to the community

The Environment Secretariat of the Federal District (Sema) and the Botanical Garden Community Movement (MCJB) signed a Term of Promotion that will allow the distribution of five thousand seedlings of medicinal plants to the community in the Federal District region. The activity has the support and participation of volunteers and professionals to guide and carry out the courses that will be offered in stages.

10/24 | Peru

VI Ibero-American Cooperation Week

In October, the Ibero-American countries celebrated their VI Ibero-American Cooperation Week under the slogan "Strengthening the Ibero-American community to grow in citizenship rights". The Cooperation is characterized by a work model unique in the world, which seeks to meet the needs of millions of people in the most diverse areas of society through 30 programs, initiatives and affiliated projects.



10/19 | Spain

Platform to help cities move towards climate neutrality

The Spanish Government has launched the Collaboration Platform for Climate Neutrality, an action taken to provide facilitation and acceleration services to decarbonization and resilience transition. The platform will develop initiatives for empowerment and facilitation of citizen participation processes, in addition to accompanying cities in their search for financing and fundraising formulas.

10/25 | Barcelona

"Toolbox" project takes activities to schools to reduce inequalities

Aiming at the reduction of social inequalities, students in the city of Barcelona will be able to enjoy free extracurricular cultural, artistic and scientific activities with the "Toolbox" project. The program introduces artistic practices within the school timetable of educational centers aiming to reduce the cultural inequalities that exist between the city's neighborhoods.



EAI HIGHLIGHTS

Young civil servants from the Netherlands visit Brasília

In October, the Secretariat for Culture and Creative Economy of the Federal District received a delegation of 20 young civil servants from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands. The purpose was to exchange experiences and knowledge about cultural initiatives and policies. The foreign group was welcomed at the National Library of Brasília by the Secretary of Culture, Bartolomeu Rodrigues, and by Renata Zuquim, head of the Office of Foreign Affairs of the Federal District.

GDF participates in the C40 World Mayors Summit in Buenos Aires

EAI and the DF Secretary of Environment (SEMA) represented the GDF at the "C40 World Mayors Summit", the 8th C40 World Mayors Summit, in the city of Buenos Aires, between October 19 and 21. The meeting, which takes place every three years, brought together representatives from all over the world to discuss climate change, its effects and the role of local governments in the fight against it.

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Mexican Altar for the Day of the Dead

The Instituto Cervantes invites everyone to visit the Mexican Altar for the Day of the Dead, an ancestral tradition and material symbol of Mexican popular culture, recognized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The altar will be at the Angél Crespo I Library of the Instituto Cervantes Brasília, until November 11th, with free admission.

Iberoamerican Gastronomic Fair

Gastronomy is a great cultural representation of a country. With that in mind, the Ibero-American Capital of Cultures 2022 will bring to Plano Piloto a great culinary meeting of Ibero-America. The initiative will take place from November 16th to November 18th and from November 25th to November 27th, at Eixo Cultural Ibero-americano.

"Murales" a new virtual tour of the city

"Conociendo BA" is a website of Buenos Aires that allows users to take a digital tour of the city. Available for any device, the platform showcases neighborhoods that have managed to capture their artistic expression in the urban landscape by coloring facades, revitalizing streets, and telling stories throughout murals.

"Culture is meant to keep alive the awareness that society has of its past, present, and of itself."

Benedetto Croce, Italian philosopher, historian and politician

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