

President opens the Seminar on Public Policies and Climate Change

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The Seminar on Public Policies and Climate Change in the Brazilian Court of Audit (TCU) was opened yesterday morning, to debate the inclusion of environmental themes in public policy planning. The event is occurring at Minister Pereira Lira auditorium, at the TCU headquarters in Brasília, and will end this evening. The event was headed by the TCU president, Minister Ubiratan Aguiar, the Minister of the Environment, Carlos Minc, the Minister of Science and Technology, Sérgio Machado Rezende, and the seminar's coordinator and idealizer, TCU minister, Aroldo Cedraz.

President Ubiratan Aguiar opened the seminar reaffirming the relevance of discussing the 21st century environmental problems and recalled the recent economic and social impacts caused by the drought in the Northeast region and the floods in Santa Catarina and Espírito Santo. Aguiar also mentioned the importance of the debate between managers and civil society which points out the way to building a democratic society. "The Court is currently open to Brazilian society and talks with its clientele. Before punishing, we seek to act on a pedagogical and preventative way". He also explained the diversity and the extension of the court's operation. "We debate the most diverse themes such as electric power, highways, ports, airports, education and now, a few days before the Climate Conference, in Denmark, we will debate the environmental issues", he affirmed.

The seminar coordinator, Aroldo Cedraz, reminded that TCU is demonstrating once more that it is not only involved in the accounting, budgetary and financial areas. "The objective of this event is to debate the contribution of the external control to the improvement of environmental policies. According to the UNO, the population is already consuming 25% more than the planet is able to naturally replace. If nothing is done, the life quality of the population and the economic growth shall be hindered", he said.