

UK-Brazil Year of Science and Innovation 2018/19

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The UK-Brazil Year of Science and Innovation (YoSI) 2018-2019 is a joint initiative led by the UK and Brazilian governments. The Year's programme offers a variety of events in both countries. Highlights of the Year's activities include a raft of British Nobel prize winner lectures, scientific workshops and seminars on innovation.

The UK-Brazil Year of Science and Innovation is an opportunity for scientists, entrepreneurs and British and Brazilian companies to celebrate existing and new joint research in light of the key global challenges we face.

The four key themes of the UK-BR YoSI are:

- i) Health and Life Sciences,
- ii) Climate and Biodiversity,
- iii) Sustainable Agriculture, and
- iv) Energy.

The YoSI is closely linked to the UK's Industrial Strategy, launched in November 2017 and its Four Grand Challenges, especially **Clean Growth**. The UK government also provides many bilateral funding initiatives for climate, research, innovation and enhancing economic welfare including our **International Climate Finance Fund**, the **Prosperity Fund** and the **Newton Fund**. These programmes work in close and joint collaboration with their Brazilian counterparts.

Background:

The UK-Brazil Year of Science & Innovation 2018/19 was first agreed between the UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and the Brazilian Foreign Minister, Aloysio Nunes in August 2017 in London.

The UK-Brazil Year of Science and Innovation 2018/19 was **announced** on February 27 2018 at the **Museum of Tomorrow** in Rio de Janeiro, during the visit of the **British Royal Research Ship, the James Cook**.

A month later, on 27 March 2018, in Brasilia, the UK-Brazil Year of Science and Innovation was **officially launched** at a ceremony at the **Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation & Communications (MCTIC)**– in the presence of Minister Gilberto Kassab of MCTIC; Undersecretary for Environment, Energy, Science and Technology of Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Relations, Ambassador José Antônio Marcondes de Carvalho; the Chief Scientific Advisor to the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Professor Robin Grimes; and Her Majesty's Ambassador to Brazil, Vijay Rangarajan & UK Director of Science & Innovation – LatAm, Dr Julia Knights, as well as other representatives from the science & government communities from both countries.

How to participate?

Check our **Calendar of Events** & visit **#SciencelsGREAT**; **#InnovationIsGREAT**; **#SINBrazil**

The UK-Brazil Year of Science and Innovation already has a significant calendar of activities, but **new ideas and projects are always welcome**. Our new UK-BR YoSI website will also be coming soon!

Please do get in touch with our UK-Brazil Year of Science and Innovation manager, Fernanda Hamilton if you have an event you would like to hold under the Year: fernanda.hamilton@fco.gov.uk; Tel: +55 11 3094 2705.

Thank you!

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Calendar

A year-long programme to celebrate existing science and innovation partnerships bringing the UK and Brazil even closer together. New events, activities and projects are always welcome!

MAY

Chemistry MOU signings between Royal Society of Chemistry & Brazilian Society of Chemistry & RSC with CNPq. Annual Meeting of Sociedade Brasileira de Química, Foz do Iguaçu, 21-24 May 2018.

Energy:

Launch of the Shell FAPESP Excellency research centers on New Energies. São Paulo FAPESP, 23 May 2018. Launch reception: São Paulo Consul General's Residence, 22 May 2018 (TBC).

JUNE

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Migration policies and Urban Spaces: Latin American immigrants in Brazil and the United Kingdom in the 21st century. Florianopolis, 8-10 June 2018.

Health and Life sciences:

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Identifying and addressing shared challenges in conducting health and social care research for older people. Botucatu, 11-15 June 2018, UNESP.

Climate:

UK-BR Climate Science Workshop. Exeter, 25-27 June 2018 (TBC).

JULY

Climate:

Launch of the second edition of the FAPESP-Royal Academy of Engineering program for Leaders in Innovation Fellowships (LIF). São Paulo FAPESP, dates TBC.

Frontiers of Development Symposium on "Inclusivity and Wellbeing: Coastal Communities in a 3°C World". Rio de Janeiro, 16-18 July 2018. Opening reception: Sunday 15 July 2018, Rio de Janeiro Consul General's Residence (TBC).

Leaders of Innovation Fellowship (LIF) "Innovation Unconference" (Newton Fund) on "Inclusivity and Wellbeing: Coastal Communities in a 3°C World". Rio de Janeiro, 18-19 July 2018.

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Social-Ecological Resilience to River Floods and Other Associated Risks. Blumenau, 16-20 July 2018.

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Modelling tools to assess microbiological risks in bathing waters and shellfish harvesting areas. Florianopolis, EPAGRI, 30 July-2 Aug 2018.

AUGUST

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Accessible Infrastructures for the Mobility & Education of Blind People. Florianopolis, 23-27 August 2018.

Climate & Biodiversity:

UK Ethnobotany Science Mission to the International Ethnobotany Conference, with the presence of six distinguished UK Scientists. Belém, 6-10 Aug 2018.

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Governance & actor roles in sustainable development Global/Local Framework. Florianopolis, 27-31 August 2018.

SEPTEMBER

Climate:

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Off grid Microgrids for the Electrification of the Remote Communities. Belém, 10-14 September 2018.

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Geohazard risk reduction in unplanned urban areas. Goiânia, 10-14 September 2018.

Health and life sciences:

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Food Security for vulnerable populations: the fungal threat. São Paulo, 11-14 September 2018.

International Congress of Genetics. Science is GREAT lecture by Dr. Caroline Dean (John Innes Centre). Foz do Iguaçu, 10-14 September 2018.

OCTOBER

Brazilian Meeting on Organic Synthesis - BMOS 2018. Salvador, 21-24 October 2018.

Launch of the call for projects within the program 'UK Academies'. Brasília, date TBC.

NOVEMBER

Women in Science / Women of the World. Rio de Janeiro, date TBC.

Health and life sciences:

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: Infectious disease in Brazil, Raising the profile. Belo Horizonte, 21-23 November 2018.

DECEMBER

Newton Fund Prize Ceremony. Brasília, 11 December 2018.

JANUARY 2019

Climate:

UK-BR Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop: How, and why, do ecosystem services differ within and between temperate and sub-tropical freshwater systems? Florianopolis, 21-25 January 2019.

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