# [***Biden is committed to raising funds to help fight deforestation, says Alckmin***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67NC-4F81-JCG7-80XX-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Vice President Geraldo Alckmin (PSB) said on Monday (27) that the United States government is "committed" to raising "huge resources" to help combat ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon***. However, he said that the amount is not yet defined.

He gave an interview after meeting with the U.S. government's special envoy for climate, John Kerry, and classified the meeting as "very fruitful".

"The envoy John Kerry did not define the amount, but he said that he will work with the government, with the US Congress and with the private sector so that we can have large resources, not only in the ***Amazon*** Fund but also in other forms of cooperation", he said.

The minister of the Environment, Marina Silva, and the president of BNDES (National Bank of Social Economic Development), Aloizio Mercadante, responsible for managing the ***Amazon*** Fund, also attended the meeting, which took place at the Itamaraty Palace.

In early February, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) paid a visit to US President Joe Biden. At the time, the White House offered about US$ 50 million for environmental cooperation - the amount was considered disappointing by Brazilian negotiators.

On Monday (27), Alckmin showed optimism in relation to the donation of values by the USA to help preserve the ***Amazon*** and said that the meeting dealt with issues such as decarbonization, energy transition, ***deforestation*** and climate change impacts.

The vice president, however, said that it was not discussed what counterpart Brazil would have to give to get the transfer from the U.S. government.

"Brazil's commitment was already clear with the presence of president Lula in the meeting with president Biden, a clear commitment from Brazil to be a major player in the fight against climate change," he said.

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