# [***General Norwegian Minister says Brazil has returned to environmental leadership***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:67V8-9WW1-JCG7-81HK-00000-00&context=1516831)

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The Norwegian Minister of Climate and Environment, Espen Barth Eide, said on Wednesday (22) that Brazil is resuming the global leadership it once had, when it comes to environmental issues. The statement was made during his meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Marina Silva.

The two ministers released a joint statement in which they reaffirmed the bilateral partnership on climate and forests, which began in 2008, with the launch of the ***Amazon*** Fund, by Brazil, and the International Climate and Forest Initiative (NICFI), by Norway.

"Through the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding of 2008, Norway supported the ***Amazon*** Fund, which became the model for several other bilateral partnerships. In the following years, Brazil continued to achieve a remarkable reduction of ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon*** and presented one of the most important climate mitigation results in the world," the MMA said in a statement.

Global leadershipBarth Eide told the Brazilian minister that "Brazil has shown global leadership in the past and is doing so again now. Still according to the Norwegian, the international community must spare no efforts to mobilize all available tools and resources to partner with the Brazilian government. He reinforced that Norway is "deeply committed to remaining a close and long-term partner of Brazil".

Both Barth Eide and Marina Silva advocated a "rapid operationalization of the resources available in the ***Amazon*** Fund to support the critical needs identified by Brazil to reduce ***deforestation*** and promote sustainable and inclusive development in the ***Amazon*** Region".

The Norwegian minister said that his country will support Brazil in mobilizing additional resources for the ***Amazon*** Fund, as well as to increase cooperation, investments and public and private financing.

"In this context, both authorities committed themselves to exchange views on how best to take advantage of opportunities emerging from different approaches, including results-based payments and jurisdictional carbon markets," the MMA reported. **COMMENTSThe**comments below do not represent the opinion of the newspaper Diario de Pernambuco; the responsibility lies with the author of the message.

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