

## **National Plan for Accreditation of Biological Resource Centres in Brazil**

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The plan for accreditation of Biological Resource Centres (BRC), under development, aligns goals for the development of accreditation services for BRC by the General Coordination for Accreditation of Inmetro (Cgcre), keeping in view the integration of the Brazilian BRC in the Biological Resource Centres Global Network (GBRCN). The proposed goals are in harmony with the National Policy for the Biotechnology Development, are aligned with the Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT) initiatives for structuring BRC in Brazil and are also compatible with international efforts from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The Inmetro participation in OECD Best Practice Guidelines for BRC (BPG) discussions and at the GBRCN Demonstration Project, enabled the evaluation of practical application of BPG requirements and local infrastructure available, and that brought knowledge support for the elaboration of this BRC Accreditation Program. Inmetro is also involved in other activities regarding BRC, as the Brazilian Centre for Biological Material (CBMB) which will provide appropriate infrastructure for handling patentable material and metrology activities in biology. Five main goals has been distinguished taking into account the institutional mission and attributions, as well as the national and international recognition of culture collections defined as BRC in compliance with BPG requirements: 1. Political support from Conmetro for the accreditation program and interfaces with the National Policy for the Biotechnology Development economic agents; 2. Strengthening of value chain, including and integrating accreditation services to other government initiatives such as MCT projects; 3. Accreditation modality definition, adopting the requirements of ABNT NBR ISO 17025 supplemented with BPG; 4. Participation in international forums; and 5. Establishment of a Technical Commission on BRC Accreditation in Cgcre.

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