

# REGENERATION SUMMIT 2026

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
27 November 2026

## CONCEPT NOTE

Across the world, regeneration is emerging as one of the most promising responses to the interconnected challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, social inequality, economic transition and institutional resilience. Increasingly, governments, businesses, academia and civil society recognize that sustaining current systems is no longer sufficient.

The **Regeneration Summit 2026** has been conceived by **Instituto Aupaba** as a global platform for dialogue, knowledge exchange and collaboration among those leading this transition.

Held as the flagship event of **Regeneration Week Rio de Janeiro (23–27 November 2026)**, the Summit will bring together researchers, practitioners, entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, Indigenous leaders, community organizations, students and international institutions to explore how regenerative approaches are being translated into practical solutions across territories and sectors.

Rather than discussing regeneration as an abstract concept, the Summit seeks to highlight real experiences, innovative methodologies and collaborative partnerships capable of producing measurable and lasting impact. By connecting science with practice and local action with global dialogue, the event aims to strengthen an international community committed to building thriving territories, resilient communities and regenerative economies.

The programme will be organized around **four interconnected thematic axes**.

## Human Regeneration and Wellbeing

Regenerative transformation begins with people. Healthy territories depend upon healthy individuals, capable institutions and leadership grounded in empathy, resilience and long-term thinking.

This thematic axis explores how wellbeing, education, leadership, hospitality, mental health and nature-based practices contribute to regenerative societies. Discussions will consider the role of human development in enabling systemic transformation, while presenting experiences that reconnect personal wellbeing with collective flourishing.

## Regenerating Territories, Communities and Living Systems

Territories are complex living systems where environmental, economic, cultural and social dimensions continuously interact.

This axis focuses on practical experiences demonstrating how regeneration can strengthen local economies, restore ecosystems, improve governance and increase community resilience. Particular attention will be given to initiatives that integrate environmental restoration with inclusive economic development and social innovation.

Contributions may include experiences related to:

- regenerative tourism;
- landscape restoration;
- climate adaptation;
- nature-based solutions;
- circular economies;
- territorial governance;
- community-based development;
- biodiversity conservation;
- urban regeneration.

## **Cultural Diversity, Indigenous Knowledge and Regenerative Futures**

No regenerative transition can succeed without recognizing the knowledge, values and governance systems developed by Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant communities, traditional populations and local cultures.

Proposals may be addressed:

- cultural heritage;
- traditional ecological knowledge;
- biocultural diversity;
- indigenous leadership;
- human rights;
- intercultural governance;
- social justice;
- community-led innovation.

## **Regenerative Business, Innovation and Finance**

This axis examines how businesses, investors, entrepreneurs and institutions are developing regenerative models capable of generating prosperity alongside ecological restoration and community wellbeing. The objective is to showcase practical examples of organizations moving beyond sustainability toward regenerative value creation.

Topics may include:

- regenerative entrepreneurship;
- bioeconomy;
- impact investment;
- tourism and hospitality;
- circular business models;
- ESG evolution;
- innovation ecosystems;
- nature-positive finance;
- measurement frameworks;
- corporate transformation.

## Call for Contributions

The Organizing Committee invites proposals from academics, practitioners, public institutions, businesses, Indigenous and traditional communities, non-governmental organisations, international agencies, social entrepreneurs and students whose work contributes to advancing regenerative approaches in theory or practice.

The Summit welcomes diverse perspectives and encourages interdisciplinary dialogue across sectors, disciplines and regions.

We are particularly interested in contributions that demonstrate:

- collaboration;
- practical implementation;
- measurable outcomes;
- innovative methodologies capable of inspiring replication and adaptation in different contexts.

Submissions may be present:

- research findings;
- case studies;
- policy experiences;
- business innovations;
- community initiatives;
- participatory methodologies;
- emerging frameworks that contribute to regenerative thinking and practice.

## Suggested Formats

Participants are invited to propose contributions in different formats, including:

- keynote presentations;
- panel discussions;
- case studies;
- workshops;
- facilitated dialogues;
- research presentations;
- community storytelling sessions;
- innovation showcases;
- interactive experiences.

## Submission Guidelines

E-mail para envio:

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Proposals should include:

- Title;
- Abstract (**up to 1500 words**);
- Preferred thematic axis;

Preferred presentation format:

- Biography of the presenter(s) (**up to 600 words**);
- Organization;
- Country;
- Contact information.

We invite researchers, practitioners, institutions and changemakers from around the world to contribute to this growing movement and help shape one of the leading international dialogues on regeneration.

| SCHEDULE             |                   |
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| Submission deadline: | September 5, 2026 |

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| <b>Announcement of accepted submissions:</b> | September 10, 2026 |
| <b>Regeneration Summit 2026:</b>             | November 27, 2026  |

### Regeneration Summit Venue:

Auditorium of the Center for Biomass Studies and Water Management (NAB) – UFF

Rua Edmundo March, s/n – Praia Vermelha Campus, Niterói/RJ

Check the venue map:

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