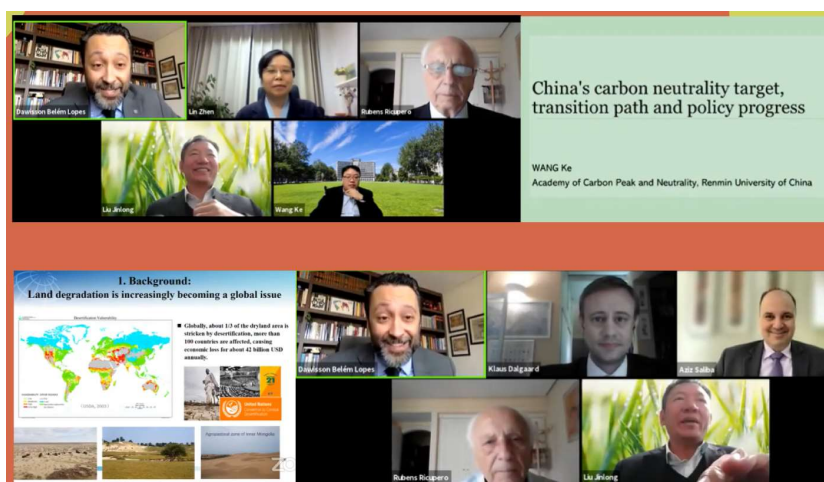
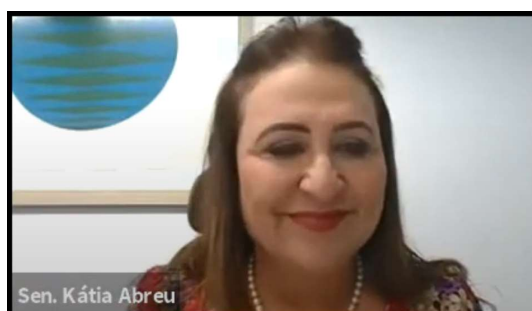


Brazil-China Conference

The 2nd International Conference on Climate Change, the Environment and Development in Brazil and China, celebrating the signature of an agreement between UFMG and Renmin University of China, took place on November 26, 2021. Brazilian former Minister for the Environment and the Legal Amazon, Ambassador Rubens Ricupero, and Senator Kátia Abreu, on the Brazilian end, and Dr. Lin Zhen, a researcher from the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources, at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, were present at the session and contributed with data and analysis on the challenges facing the world with regard to climate change and the degradation of the environment. Throughout the conference, academics and officials from China and Brazil discussed measures that are being implemented in their respective countries to prevent the tragic consequences of an unprecedented environmental crisis, as it is turning more and more into an issue of global concern. To watch the two conference sessions, please click on [this link](#).



UFMG's New SpiN-TEC Vaccine

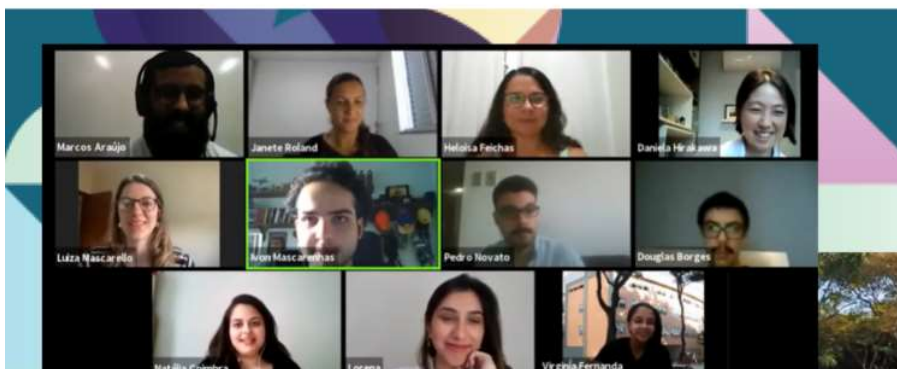
UFMG has mobilized its intellectual capacity and material structures to become Brazil's main scientific pole in the fight against covid-19. Supported by Fundep (Research Development Foundation), UFMG became one of the first institutions in the country to develop a testing method for the virus detection and is on the verge of launching a new

vaccine against the novel coronavirus – whose name is SpiN-TEC – that now awaits approval by Brazil’s federal sanitary authority to start clinical trials.



4th International Mobility Meeting

On October 27th, 2021, the 4th UFMG International Mobility Meeting was convened by the Office of International Affairs, having had the participation of students who previously experienced international mobility as a part of their academic curricula, not to mention foreign students who currently are at UFMG. This is one of the events of UFMG’s “Semana do Conhecimento” (UFMG Knowledge Week), an occasion in which research and outreach projects carried out by students, professors, and technical staff throughout the year are publicly presented and debated. To watch the lecture [available in Portuguese only] on the prospects for international mobility from/to UFMG, please head to [this URL](#).



Incentives for Innovation

In a year of challenges for the world economy due to the covid pandemic, UFMG encourages innovation and incentivizes the strengthening of the production chain in different areas in Brazil. In the first semester of 2021 alone, UFMG’s Fundep raised more than 70 million reais (approximately 13 million US dollars) to promote the implementation of the ‘innovation culture’ onto local businesses. New projects are being carefully selected to receive all necessary support for their development in the close future.

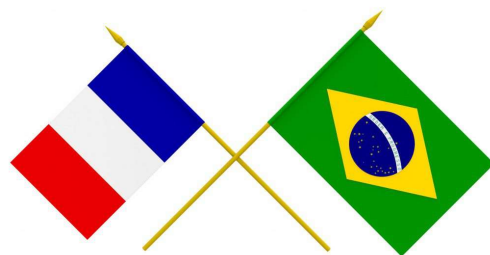


Featured Country: France

UFMG was honored to host three important events in partnership with the French Embassy to Brazil over the last three months. In late November 2021, the new Ambassador to Brazil, Ms. Brigitte Collet, came to Belo Horizonte and met in person with UFMG's President Sandra Almeida. Many venues for future cooperation were envisaged in this conversation. In early December 2021, it was time for an important initiative in the field of environmental education, which involved UFMG's technical school Coltec, its instructors, and students.



The launch ceremony counted on the presence of France's Consul to Belo Horizonte, Mr. Manoel Bernardes. In February 2022, UFMG's School of Information Science promoted a series of roundtables to mark the arrival to Belo Horizonte of French Professor Joëlle Le Marec, who is the newest 'French-Brazilian Chair' holder at UFMG (see image above). On the occasion, France's Cultural Attaché to Belo Horizonte, Mr. Vincent Nédélec, saluted this binational effort and gave his welcome words to Professor Le Marec.



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