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Sustainability Challenges and Achievements in the Brazilian Sugarcane Sector

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About UNICA

- The Brazilian Sugarcane Industry Association (UNICA) is the largest organization representing the sugar, bioethanol, bioelectricity sectors in Brazil.
 - UNICA's more than 120 member companies represent over 60% of the sugarcane, sugar and ethanol produced in Brazil
 - Offices in Sao Paulo (headquarters), Brasilia, Washington DC and Brussels
- Representing the sector with public entities in **Brazil** and **abroad**, establishing a constructive dialogue with stakeholders (policy makers, academics, opinion-leaders, industry, NGOs, etc), monitoring (and influencing) legislation related to biofuels, sugar and bioelectricity, promoting the Brazilian ethanol image as a clean and renewable energy abroad.

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Mains challenges in sustainability

- ❖ Having sugarcane producers attending certain sustainable standards
 - Brazil has 70,000 independent sugarcane producers
 - Very diverse
 - Medium and Small producers have difficulties in attending standards
- ❖ Raising the market demand for certified products
 - Market Recognition
 - It would increase the demand by the mills

Mains challenges in sustainability

- ❖ Public Policies and Private Markets recognizing the sustainability in the product and production process



Sugarcane Ethanol reduces on average 90% of GHG emissions in comparison to gasoline



Agricultural good practices

The generation and the use of bioelectricity

Water recycling

Expansion on degraded areas

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Ethanol also means environmental conservation

São Paulo state producers :

- ❖ **Voluntarily restored 268 thousand hectares** of riparian areas alongside streams and riverbanks¹
- ❖ **Promoted the Protection of 8,100 springs** and the recovery of surrounding vegetation²
- ❖ **Native Vegetation** in Sugarcane Productive area in Sao Paulo state: **1.8 million hectares.** ³



1 and 2. Data from Environmental Protocol of Sao Paulo State (data from 2007-2015) 3. Source :FBDS

RenovAção

- ❖ RenovAção was a retraining program created by UNICA and Feraesp in partnership with Solidaridad, Iveco, Case IH, FMC and Syngenta. It offered practical and theoretical courses for sugarcane rural workers.
- ❖ The Program **encouraged similar actions inside the mills**, multiplying the number of trained workers (more than 22,000 trained in the last 4 years)
- ❖ *RenovAção's* actions were the base for the creation of **Pronatec**, a *Federal Public Program*, coordinated by the Ministry of Education, that until now, has qualified about 7,000 people.
- ❖ International **recognition by FAO** as an “example” among the initiatives that combined renewable energies production with social inclusion.



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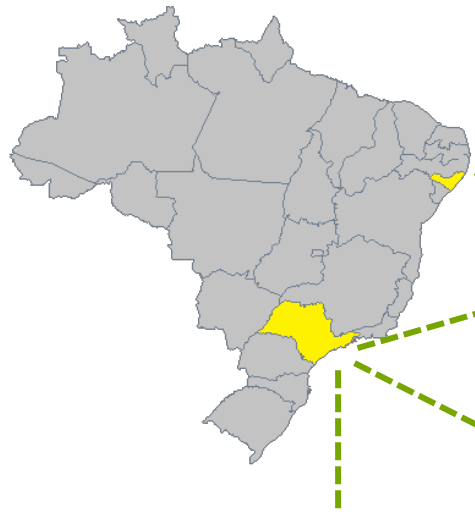
2G – Sustainability in Maximizing Biofuels Production

Biomass availability: sugarcane bagasse (already available at production sites) and sugarcane trash (tops & leaves left in the field) need to be collected and transported to the mill.



Technology: at present, enzymatic hydrolysis is the most feasible alternative for 2G ethanol - production can be integrated with 1G; other technologies becoming available to produce sugarcane-derived jet fuel, diesel and 'green' chemicals.

Ethanol 2G



1st unit to produce 2G ethanol in the country (since set/2014) in a commercial scale . It uses straw and bagasse
~ 80 million liters/ year



3 It produces ethanol from sugarcane bagasse
~ 40 million liters/ year¹

ABENGOA This project uses sugarcane straw and bagasse
~ 65 million de liters/year¹

This Project aims to study inovations
~ 3 million liters



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¹Productive Capacity

Fare Relationship with Farmers and Chain Certification



The Council of Sugarcane,
Sugar and Ethanol Producers in
São Paulo State

- A bilateral private sector arrangement between sugar/ ethanol industry and cane growers that elaborates a **transparent model to define the price paid by ton of cane**.
- Subject to revisions of its parameters and improvement of its rules on a regular basis, the objective is **to make the revenue of the sugarcane grower proportional to the industrial revenue**.

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An international *multi-stakeholder* certification of best sustainability practices

- ✓ 40 Brazilian mills certified out of 47 in the world
- ✓ 9% of all cane area in Brazil



Globally applicable certification system for sustainability and greenhouse gas emissions

- ✓ Also recognized by EU Directive

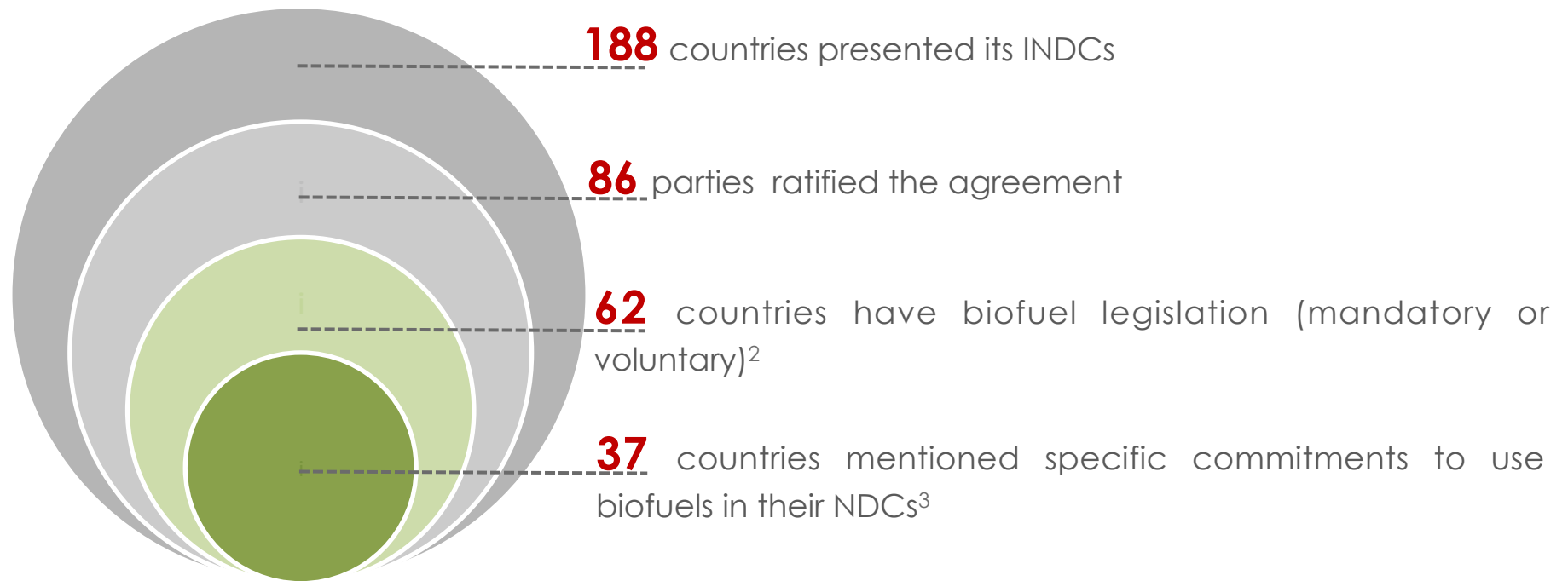
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Paris Agreement and The Central Role Played by Biofuels



1. According to UN official event on April 22nd , 2016.
2 and 3. GRFA

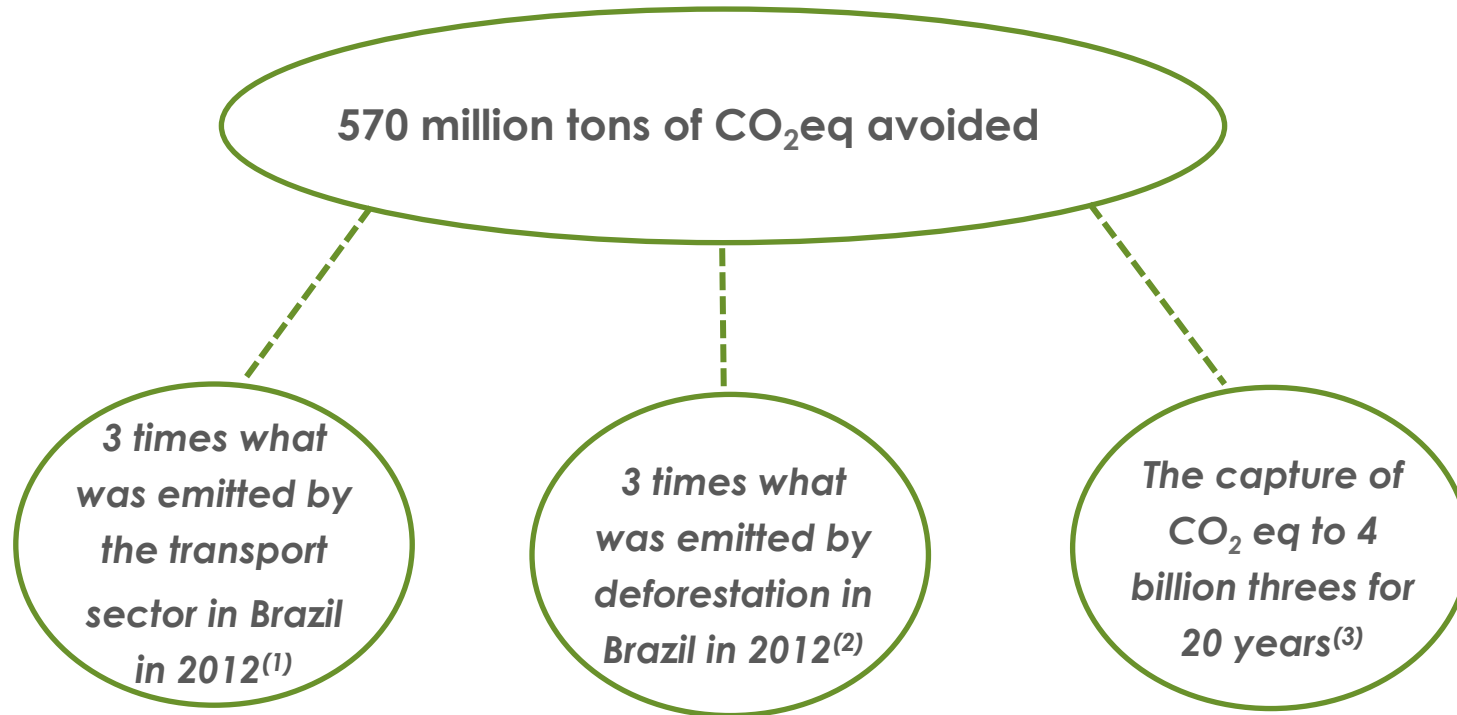
Sugarcane: Strategic for Brazilian emissions reduction

According to Brazilian NDC*, in 2030, the country will have:

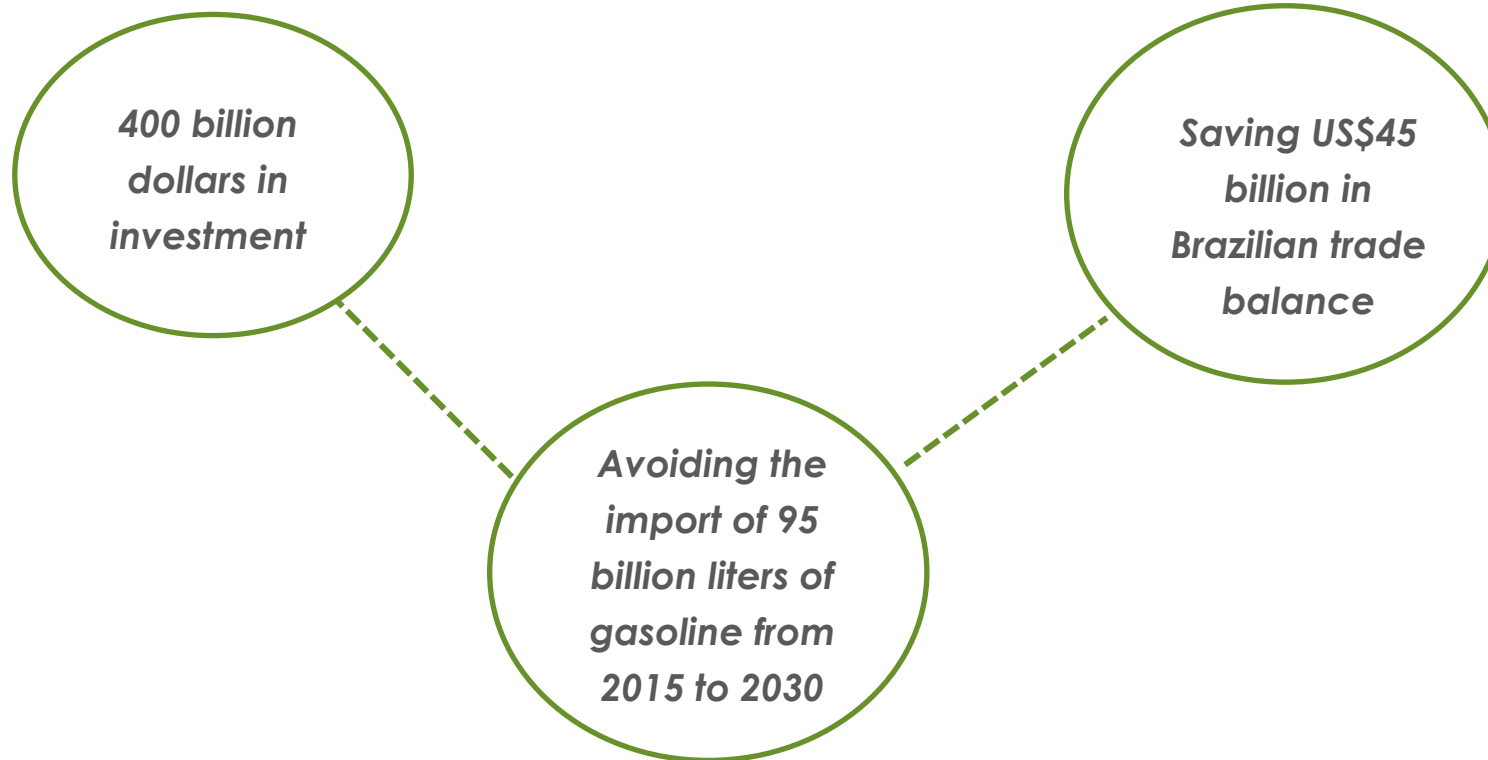
- Reduced its GHG emissions by **43%** below 2005 levels
 - Increased the share of sustainable biofuels in the Brazilian energy mix to approximately **18%**
 - Increased the share of renewables (other than hydropower) in the power supply to at least **23%**
 - *Expansion in Bioelectricity is crucial*
- *It means increasing the production of ethanol to 45 billion liters in 2025 and 54 billion liters in 2030⁽¹⁾*

* Nationally Determined Contribution
1. Source: EPE

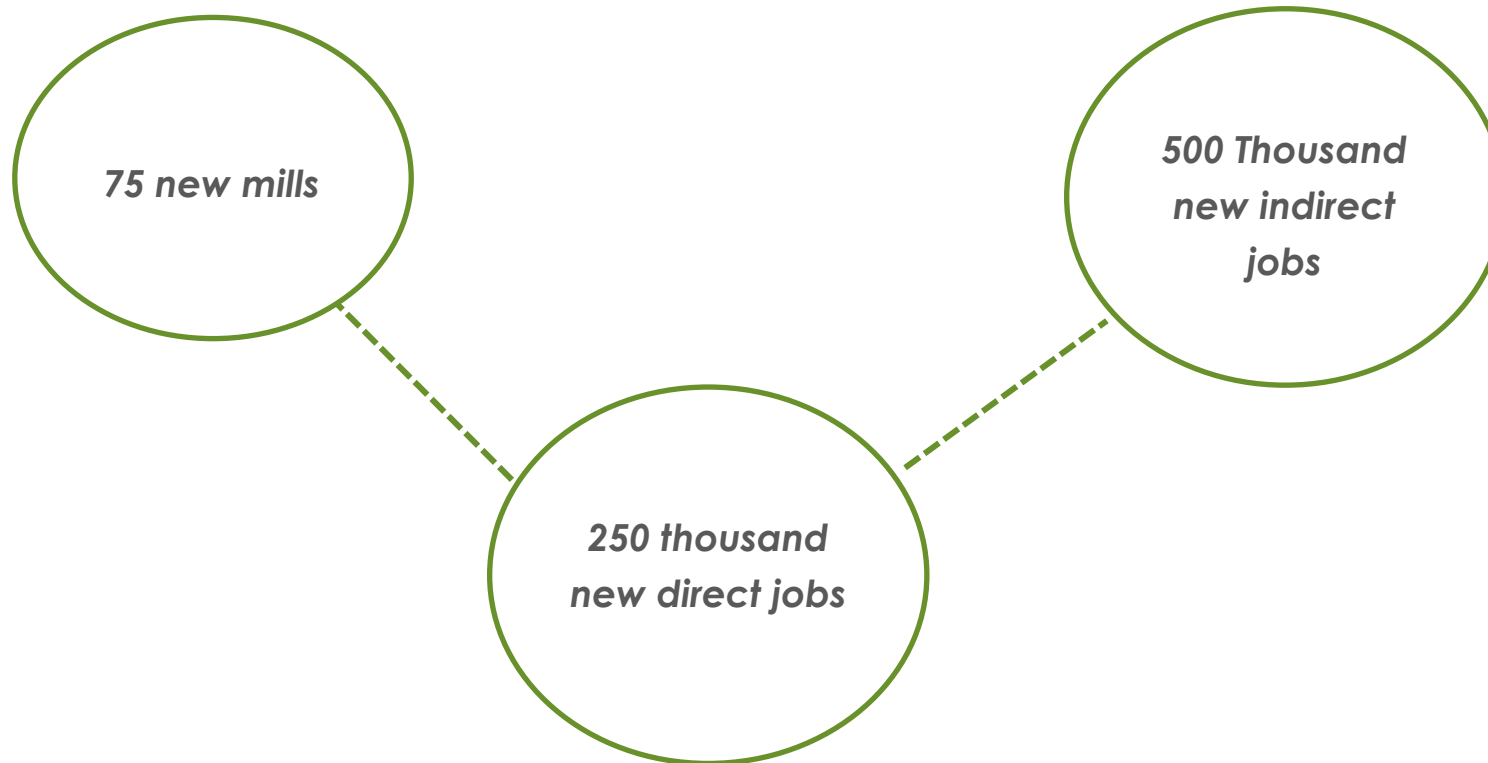
54 billion liters of ethanol means less CO₂ emissions



54 billion liters of ethanol means economic growth



54 billion liters of ethanol means social development !

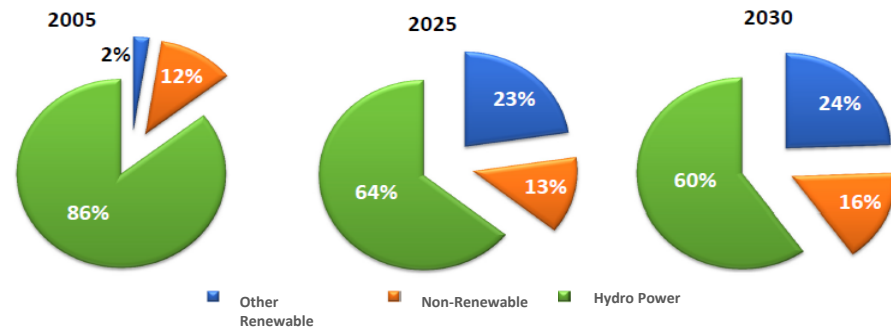


Bioelectricity and Brazilian Commitment

By 2030, Brazil will have increased the share of renewables (other than hydropower) in the power supply to at least **23%**

Brazilian Energy Supply(GWh) 2014	590 479	100%
Renewable Generation		
Biomass (includes self-consumption)	44 733	8%
Aeolic	12 210	2%
Solar	-	0%
Total Renewable generation	56 943	10%

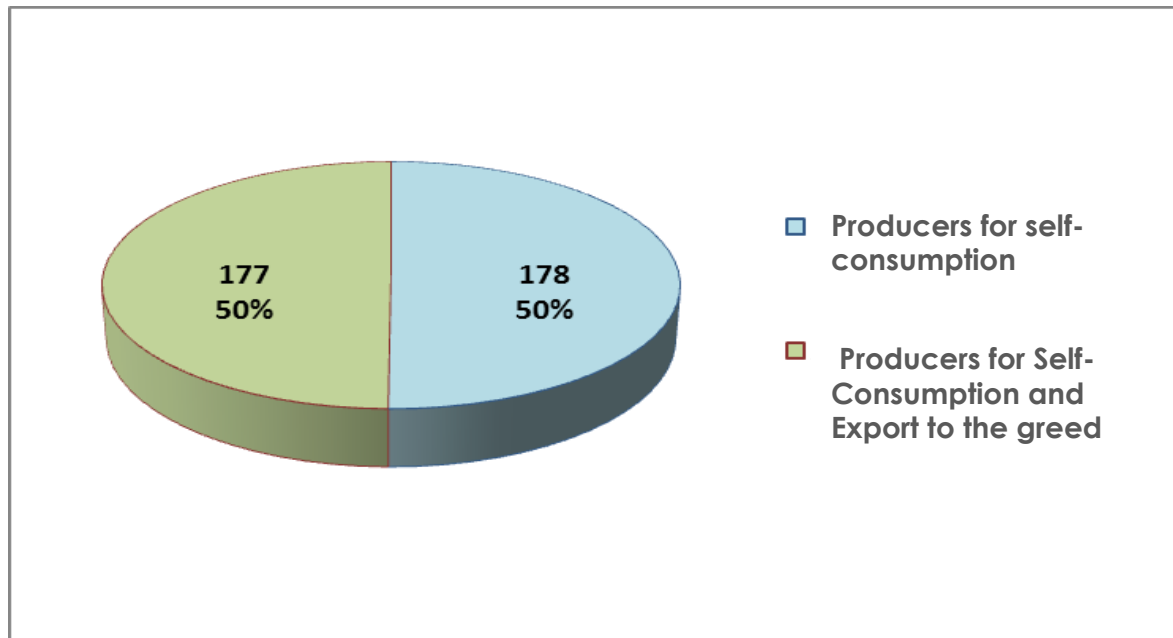
Current Scenario



Intended Scenario

Bioelectricity and Brazilian Commitment

Also , achieving **10%** efficiency gains in the electricity sector by 2030.

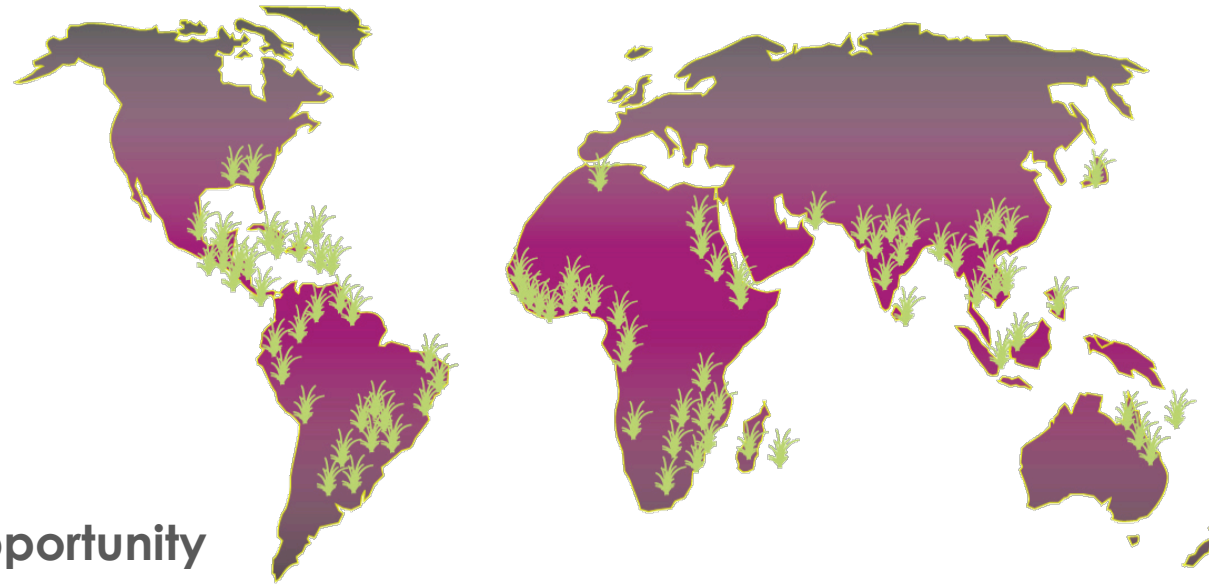


Sugarcane sector can contribute to both commitments:

- Retrofit in mills
- Biogas from vinasse
- Different uses for the straw
- Other solutions

The sector can help both consumers and energy generators.

Sugarcane: Already produced in more than 100 countries



A great opportunity

- Enhance worldwide energy security
- Provide a sustainable alternative for rural development
- A local solution to fight the global challenge of climate change

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What if....

What if we had global mandates for biofuel use? Would we need much more land?

Growth in cultivated area to supply the demand for :

A global E-10 mandate → 50 billion liters of ethanol will be needed

Ethanol	Extra Land Needed (ha)	Arable Lands	Cultivated Area
Sugarcane	7.2 million	0.15%	0.46%
Corn	13.2 million	0.27%	0.85%

A global E-15 mandate → 123 billion liters of ethanol will be needed

Ethanol	Extra Land Needed (ha)	Arable Lands	Cultivated Area
Sugarcane	17.5 million	0.36%	1.12%
Corn	32.2 million	0.66%	2.07%

A Recent Report Supported by US Energy Department States That:

1. Global land is not a limiting factor for biofuel production: farmers have land, but lack access to secure, stable markets.
2. Biofuels can help people out of poverty and hunger: biofuels can play a big role in fighting hunger if the production is adequately planned.
3. Bioenergy can drive much needed investments in third-world agriculture: Biofuels production could potentially drive investments with positive consequences. Brazil is the perfect example, where investments in bioenergy technology and infrastructure have helped reduce hunger, expanded food exports and promoted socioeconomic development.
4. Flex crops which can serve food, feed, and fuel markets are beneficial for food security: Flex crops for biofuels production can provide a cushion in years of unexpected supply disruptions caused by droughts or other disrupting events.

Source: Kline, K. L., Msangi, S., Dale, V. H., Woods, J., Souza, Glauca M., Osseweijer, P., Clancy, J. S., Hilbert, J. A., Johnson, F. X., McDonnell, P. C. and Muger, H. K. (2016), Reconciling food security and bioenergy: priorities for action. GCB Bioenergy. doi:10.1111/gcbb.12366

Brazilian Coalition on Climate, Forests and Agriculture

1. Installed in December 2014, the Brazilian Coalition on Climate, Forests and Agriculture is an initiative formed by business associations, companies, the civil society, organizations and individuals interested in contributing to the advancement and cooperation in the Brazil's agenda

2. Brazilian Coalition drafted 17 proposals for public policies and initiatives for conservation and the sustainable use of forests, agriculture and livestock farming.

3. The Coalition also wants to help Brazil to implement its INDCs

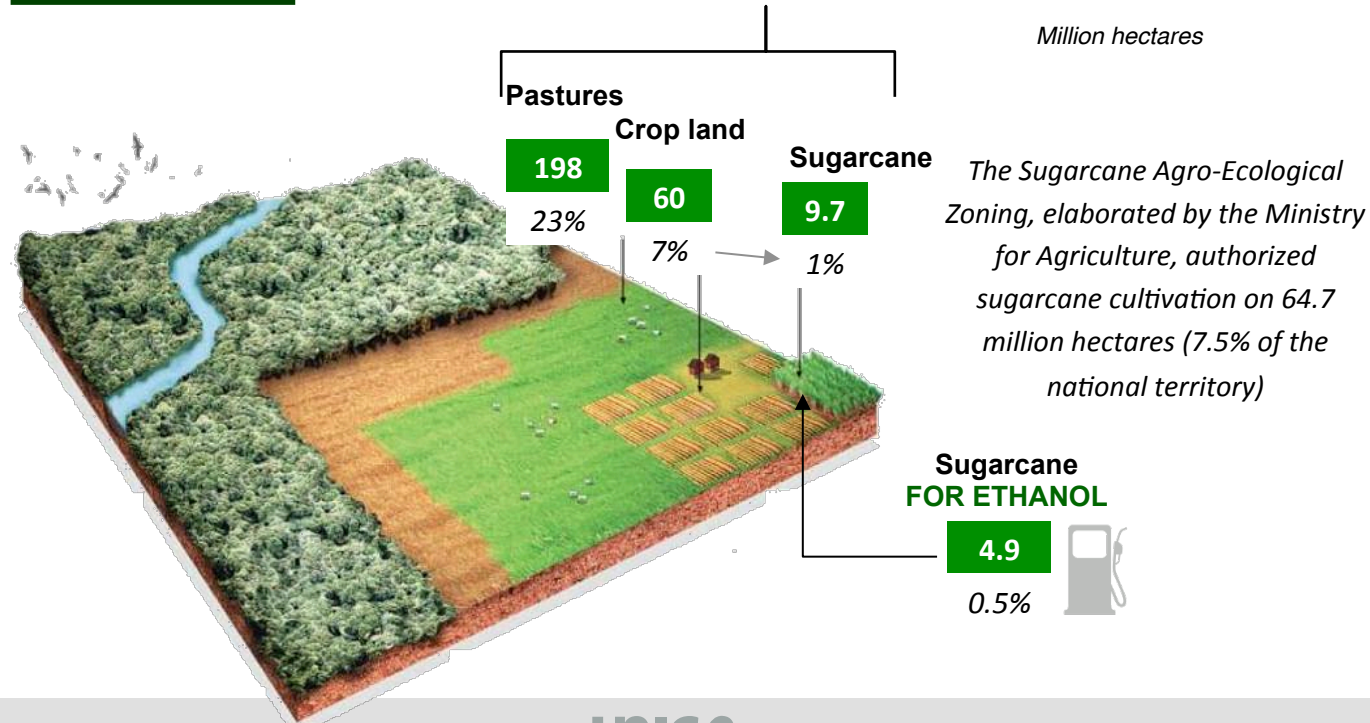
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Land Availability for the Expansion of Sugarcane Crop

Total area	Native vegetation	Pasture and crop land	Other uses
852	554	258	40
100%	65%	30%	5%

Million hectares



Sugarcane Agroecological Zoning

Guidelines for Sugarcane Expansion

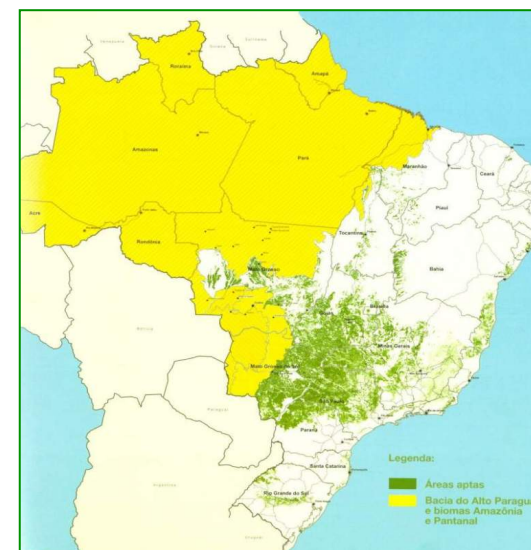
1. Excludes sugarcane expansion in the most sensitive biomes

e.g. Amazonia and Pantanal (Wetlands)

2. Forbids sugarcane expansion on any type of native vegetation

(Cerrados, Campos, etc.)

3. Establishes authorized areas for sugarcane expansion: **64.7 ml hectares, equivalent to 7.5% of the Brazilian territory**



Zoning guides licensing decisions by environmental agencies.

Public funding for new mills is subject to compliance.