

# XVIII General Assembly & XV International Seminar OF GCUB



## NEWSLETTER #001

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**RECIFE, PE  
BRAZIL**



**SEP- 30  
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# ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY AND SEMINAR



Dear participant,

Annually, the **General Assembly and the International Seminar of the Brazilian Universities International Cooperation Group**, bring together representatives from Higher Education institutions, diplomats, government authorities, and representatives from international organizations from approximately **30 countries, across five continents**.

This year, the events will have the **Federal University of Pernambuco** as host institution, in Recife, Pernambuco and the central theme will be: **“Democracy, Geopolitics, and International University Cooperation: Building Bridges for Peace and Global Sustainability”**.

The International Seminar offers a diverse program, including plenary sessions and other activities designed to promote cooperation and educational development.

This newsletter will include not only details about the event program but also information about the host region, Pernambuco, and its capital, Recife. Practical recommendations will also be provided to optimize your participation and stay.

Enjoy!



Pernambuco is multicultural, recognized for its diverse traditional expressions such as **capoeira**, **maracatu** and **frevo**. The region boasts a rich natural environment, offering a variety of tourism options to suit different preferences. An example is the **Fernando de Noronha** archipelago, where visitors can relax on pristine beaches and, depending on the season, **witness the spectacle of humpback whales**, which migrate to Brazilian waters between July and November, to breed.

Located in the Northeast region of Brazil, Pernambuco reflects cultural influences ranging from **African traditions** to **Portuguese-Dutch**—marks that remain evident in the state's cultural expressions and architectural heritage.

# RECIFE, THE BRAZILIAN VENICE



The **capital of Pernambuco** is one of the oldest cities in Brazil, founded in the 16th century. Still today, it harmonizes historical and contemporary elements.

Situated along the Atlantic Ocean and the **Capibaribe and Beberibe** rivers, the city is interlaced with numerous canals and waterways, earning it the nickname “**Brazilian Venice.**”

Much like its Italian counterpart—which is crossed by a large canal, Recife’s bridges connect various neighborhoods, enabling easy movement for both pedestrians and vehicles. Crossing these bridges offers a chance to admire architectural details and scenic views that showcase the city’s distinctive character.

**Art, culture, history, and natural beauty are the main attractions of Recife**, offering a wide variety of options for all tastes, age groups, and traveling styles.

In terms of culture, the iconic *carnival block* '**Galo da Madrugada**' stands out. Recognized by the **Guinness World Records** as the biggest carnival parade in the world, it annually draws dozens of sound trucks—*trios elétricos*—through the streets of the capital of Pernambuco, gathering revelers from the region as well as from other parts of Brazil and abroad.

For those who enjoy being close to nature, Recife is known for its charming beaches with warm waters, with **Boa Viagem** beach being one of the most famous and frequented in the city.



## RECIFE'S LOCATION

Recife is **centrally located on the northeastern coast** of Brazil. The city is approximately **800km from the regional capitals of Salvador (Bahia) and Fortaleza (Ceará)**.



## TEMPERATURE FORECAST FOR THE EVENT PERIOD

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30° 22°	30° 21°	29° 21°	29° 22°	29° 21°	Média hist. 28° 23°	Média hist. 28° 23°

## HOW TO ARRIVE IN RECIFE

The main airport serving the city is **Recife/Guararapes-Gilberto Freyre International Airport** (IATA code: REC), located about 14 km from the city center and approximately **12 km from the event venue.**

The airport operates regular domestic and international flights, connecting Recife to several Brazilian capitals and international destinations. Transportation options from the airport to the city include licensed taxis and ride-hailing services.



## VOLTAGE AND POWER OUTLETS

The standard voltage in Recife, as in most cities in the state of Pernambuco, is **220 volts**. The power sockets follow the Brazilian standard, with **two or three round pins**.



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## LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN RECIFE

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The official and predominant language in Recife is **Brazilian Portuguese**, with certain regional particularities such as the local accent and dialect, known as the “**dialecto mateiro**”.

Additionally, due to tourism and international presence, it is not uncommon to find **Spanish and English speakers**.

## VISA

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Before traveling to Recife for the event, participants are advised to **verify whether a visa is required for entry into Brazil** based on their nationality. Visa requirements **vary according to the traveler’s country of origin and the purpose of the visit**.

To ensure a smooth arrival process, please consult the official website of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs or **contact the nearest Brazilian consulate or embassy** well in advance of your planned travel dates. Timely verification and application for a visa, if necessary, will help avoid any inconveniences upon arrival.

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## Emergencies and health services

Military Police: **190**

Fire Department: **193**

SAMU (Ambulance): **192**

Hospital da Restauração (State Reference Hospital): **+55 81 3181 5400**

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## Transportation

Recife/Guararapes International Airport:  
**+55 81 99193-6567**

Taxi cooperatives:  
**+55 98863-6707 (Coopseta); +55 98814-3533 (Coopstar)**

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## Tourist Information

Recife Tourism Secretariat:  
**+55 81 99193-6567**

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## Event Team

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# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



## Tuesday, September 30, 2025

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Pre-event:** meetings among universities, associations, groups, and research centers.

Centro Cultural  
Cais do Sertão

## Wednesday, October 1st, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**General Assembly**

Centro Cultural  
Cais do Sertão

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony

Centro Cultural  
Cais do Sertão

Cultural Presentation

Signing of Memorandums of Understanding

Official Photo

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Plenary Session 1**

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Cais do Sertão

Democracy, Geopolitics and International University Cooperation: building bridges for peace and global sustainability.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Welcome Cocktail

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Cais do Sertão

## Thursday, October 2nd, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Plenary Session 2**

Centro Cultural  
Cais do Sertão

Ethical Challenges and Strategies of International University Cooperation in the face of Migratory Flows.

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

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11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Plenary Session 3**

Centro Cultural  
Cais do Sertão

Technology Parks as Catalysts of Innovation and Global Cooperation.

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Lunch

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2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Plenary Session 4**

Centro Cultural  
Cais do Sertão

Digital Innovation, Democracy, and University Participation: International Experiences in the Age of Technology.

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4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Plenary Session 5** Centro Cultural Cais do Sertão  
International University Cooperation for Addressing Climate Change in the Context of COP30.

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Social Dinner** Centro Cultural Cais do Sertão

## Friday, October 3rd, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Plenary Session 6** Centro Cultural Cais do Sertão  
Inteligência Artificial para a Sustentabilidade e Cooperação Global: um novo paradigma para universidades.

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Coffee Break** Centro Cultural Cais do Sertão

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Plenary Session 7** Centro Cultural Cais do Sertão  
**Debate:** International University Cooperation for Food Security, Poverty Eradication, and Promotion of Peace

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Lunch** Centro Cultural Cais do Sertão

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Plenary Session 8** Centro Cultural Cais do Sertão  
Open Science and International University Cooperation: Pathways for Democratizing Knowledge on a Global Scale

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Cerimônia de Encerramento** Centro Cultural Cais do Sertão

## About the registration

Registration is free of charge and can be done using the digital form below. After registering, we kindly ask you to send your plane ticket to the GCUB.

As numbers are limited, this will not only confirm your participation, but is also essential for the logistical organization of the events in Recife.

## Where to register?

Simply access the form available on the following link:



<https://form.jotform.com/251053883550658>



We look forward  
to see you  
in Recife!

Have you  
registered yet?