



International Cooperation Group  
of Brazilian Universities

# XVIII General Assembly & XV International Seminar of GCUB

**NEWSLETTER #5:**

**HISTORY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES  
AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS**



**SEP-30 TO  
OUT-3, 2025**



**RECIFE-PE  
BRAZIL**

# XVIII General Assembly & XV International Seminar of GCUB



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## Dear participants,

This year's events mark the **XVIII Edition of the General Assembly** and the **XV Edition of the International Seminar** of **GCUB**.

In this fifth newsletter, you will be able to find information such as: What the events are, some statistics from the last two editions, and a chronology of the General Assemblies and International Seminars that have already been held.

Furthermore, we present the **updated preliminary program** with the **confirmed speakers** and **countries represented up to date**.

It will be a pleasure and a great joy to have you participate in another General Assembly and International Seminar of the International Cooperation Group of Brazilian Universities!

## Enjoy!

## WHAT ARE THE EVENTS LAST TWO EDITIONS

The **General Assembly** and the **International Seminar** of GCUB take place annually, usually in the month of October, with the purpose of discussing topics related to the internationalization of Higher Education; evaluating and planning the activities carried out by the Association; presenting the main results of programs and projects; proposing new actions with international partners; signing new cooperation agreements, among other activities.

The **target audience** for these events includes: Rectors, Vice-Rectors, Graduation and Post-Graduation Pro-Rectors, international relations advisors, researchers, diplomats, Brazilian government representatives and the governments of partner countries, representatives of university groups and associations and rectors' councils, international organizations leaders; as well as guests from the host university and other institutions linked to higher education, research, and innovation.

## EVENTS STATISTICS

LAST TWO EDITIONS

**+300**

***PARTICIPANTS***

**FROM**

**95**

***COUNTRIES***  
**OF** **5** ***CONTINENTS***

# TIMELINE OF THE ASSEMBLIES AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

**November of 2008**



**I GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GCUB**

Coimbra, Portugal  
University of Coimbra

**November of 2009**



**II GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND  
I INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Salvador, Bahia, Brazil  
Federal University of Bahia

**November of 2010**



**III GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND  
II INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil  
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul

**November of 2011**



**IV GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND  
III INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Maceió, Alagoas, Brazil  
Federal University of Alagoas

**November of 2012**



**V GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND  
IV INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil  
Federal University of Paraná

**October of 2013**



**VI GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND  
V INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil  
Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte

**October of 2014**



**VII GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND  
VI INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil  
Federal University of Pernambuco  
Federal Rural University of Pernambuco  
State University of Pernambuco

# TIMELINE OF THE ASSEMBLIES AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

**October of 2015**



**VIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND VII INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Manchester, United Kingdom  
University of Manchester

**October of 2016**



**IX GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND VIII INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Parma, Italy  
University of Parma

**October of 2017**



**X GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND IX INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Cuiabá, Mato Grosso, Brazil  
Federal University of Mato Grosso

**September of 2018**



**XI GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND X INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Budapest, Hungary  
Budapest University of Technology and Economics

**October of 2019**



**XII GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND XI INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil  
Federal University of Amazonas

**October of 2020**



**XIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Remote

**October of 2021**



**XIV GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND**

Remote

# TIMELINE OF THE ASSEMBLIES AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

October of 2022



**XV GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND XII INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Mexico City, Mexico  
National Autonomous University of Mexico

October of 2023



**XVI GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND XIII INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Geneva, Switzerland  
University of Geneva  
Ecolint  
Globethics

September of 2024



**XVII GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND XIV INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Rome, Italy  
University Tor Vergata  
University Roma Tre

September of 2025



**XVIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND XV INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil  
Federal University of Pernambuco

## Tuesday, September 30, 2025

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

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

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## Wednesday, October 1st, 2025

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

**General Assembly**

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

**Opening Ceremony**

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**Cultural Presentation**

**Signing of Memorandums of Understanding**

**Official Photo**

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

### Plenary Session 1

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

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Prof. Dr. Leonardo Lomeli Vanegas** - UNAM's Rector (Mexico) 
- (TBA)

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

**Welcome Cocktail**

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## Thursday, October 2nd, 2025

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

### Plenary Session 2

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

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Bianca Sulpasso** - Vice-Rector for International Affairs at the University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy) 
- **Juan Cristóbal Morales Ordóñez** - UNESCO International Bioethics Committee Member (Ecuador) 
- **Rudolf Sinner** - President of the Academic Committee of Globethics (Switzerland) 

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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

**Technology Parks as Catalysts of Innovation and Global Cooperation.**

**SPEAKERS:**

- **Pierre Lucena** - President of Porto Digital (Brazil) 
- **Ademar Seabra da Cruz Junior** - Brazilian Ambassador in Maputo, Mozambique 
- Speaker to be confirmed

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

**Lunch**

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

## Plenary Session 4

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

### SPEAKERS:

- **Marcos Sfair Sunye** - Rector at UFPR (Brazil) 
- **Marie Levens** - Institute for Education for Development - IIED (Suriname) 
- **Tomislav Capuder** - University of Zagreb (Croácia) 

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4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

## Plenary Session 5

International University Cooperation for Addressing Climate Change in the Context of COP30.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Serge Borg** - Université Marie-et-Louis-Pasteur (França) 
- **Moacyr Cunha de Araújo Filho** - Vice-Rector of UFPE 
- (TBA)

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7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Social Dinner

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Friday, October 3rd, 2025

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

## Plenary Session 6

Artificial Intelligence for Sustainability and Global Cooperation: a new paradigm for universities.

### SPEAKERS:

- **Abdeljalil Akkari** - University of Geneva (Switzerland) 
- **Jouhaina Gherib** - University of Manouba (Tunisia) 
- **Zoltán Dubecz** - Rectors Conference of Hungary 

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

Coffee Break

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

## Plenary Session 7

**Debate:** International University Cooperation for Food Security, Poverty Eradication, and Promotion of Peace

### SPEAKERS:

- **Halima Ouanada** - Túnis El Manar University (Tunisia) 
- **Ondina León** - Superior Education Ministry (Cuba) 
- **Daniel Balaban** - United Nations (Brazil) 

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

Lunch

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

## Plenary Session 8

Open Science and International University Cooperation: Pathways for Democratizing Knowledge on a Global Scale

### SPEAKERS:

- **Francisco Tamarit** - University of Córdoba (Argentina) 
- **Antonio Martínez-Arboleda** - University of Leeds (Inglaterra) 
- **Helen Titilola Olojede** - Open National University (Nigeria) 

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4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremony

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## COUNTRIES REPRESENTED



Afghanistan



Angola



Colombia



Botswana



China



Venezuela



Democratic Republic of the Congo



Finland



Ghana



Haiti



Malawi



Italy



Mexico



Portugal



Hungary



Switzerland



Tunisia



Suriname



Nigeria



Croatia



United States



Palestine



Kenya



Cuba



Dominican Republic



Ecuador



France



Argentina



United Kingdom



Bosnia and Herzegovina



Bolivia



Mozambique

## 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>



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