

2021 Policy Agenda

Trade

- Secure approval by the Brazilian Congress of the U.S.-Brazil Protocol on Trade Rules and Transparency.
- Support negotiations towards a comprehensive U.S.-Brazil trade agreement.
- Ensure Brazil's full implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.
- Support Brazil's adherence to the ICT WTO agreement and reduction of ICT tariffs in Brazil.
- Work to secure Brazil's accession into the OECD and progress towards its instruments.
- Oppose U.S. tariffs and quotas on imported steel and aluminum.
- Promote an open, transparent, and more competitive maritime transportation market in Brazil.
- Advocate for improvements to Brazil's draft chemical regulations bill.
- Call for adoption of flexible automotive standards and certification systems in Brazil.
- Oppose import restrictions on remanufactured goods.
- Support the continued work of the U-S Brazil Commercial Dialogue.

Topics for Next Generation Trade Facilitation:

- Low value shipments.
- Express delivery and *de minimis*.
- Informal entries.
- Single window.
- Authorized Economic Operators mutual recognition agreement.
- Release and clearance of goods.

Tax and Investment

- Pass tax simplification measures and reform in Brazil.
- Start negotiations towards a bilateral tax treaty.
- Implement the bilateral Memorandum of Cooperation on Infrastructure Development.
- Advocate for continued special financing for Brazil's infrastructure projects via U.S. EXIM Bank and Development Finance Corporation.
- Advocate for continued measures for the autonomy of Brazilian Central Bank.
- Pass a new and simplified regulatory framework on exchange rates.
- Support Brazil's efforts to join the WTO Procurement Agreement.
- Support less constraints to Brazilian legislation on foreign rural land acquisitions.
- Secure revision of Brazil's land transportation freight law and ANTT-related resolutions in line with market friendlier norms, including the adoption of minimum freight prices as a reference to the industry.
- Call for less restrictions on cross-ownership in the Brazilian telecom industry.
- Support Brazil's full participation in the U.S. Global Entry program.

2021 Spotlight Initiative: Brazil OECD Business Policy Roundtables

Priority topics:

1. Governance – Public and Corporate
2. Investment
3. Trade
4. Tax
5. Digital
6. Environment and Sustainable Development
7. Innovation and IP

Sustainability

- Work with stakeholders to define Brazil's long-term sustainability goals, as well as standardization, compliance, and measurement across areas and sectors.
 - Define a roadmap for national awareness and implementation of sustainable management protocols (e.g., environmental, social, and governance).
 - Establish a knowledge-sharing process on the conditions necessary to stimulate the circular economy.
 - Represent the private sector interests in the new US-Brazil Environmental Framework dialogue.
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Innovation

- Seek nondiscriminatory protection of IP rights in Brazil, including complying with commitments established in the TRIPS Agreement.
- Pass legislation in Brazil that establishes firm penalties for counterfeiting and piracy.
- Advocate for an expanded version of the U.S.-Brazil Patent Prosecution Highway Agreement.

Digital Trade and Economy Working Group: Themes to be Addressed

- Free flow of data across borders and repeal of forced data localization.
- Protection of personal information and collaborative work with Brazil National Authority for Data Protection.
- Protection of source code and algorithms.
- Tax, customs duties, and electronic payments.
- Non-discriminatory treatment of digital products.
- AI based on GRP practices.
- Risk based approach to cyber security.
- Lawful speech and commerce via online platforms.
- Public access to open government data.
- Multi-stakeholder model for internet governance.

Health

- Discuss opportunities for improving the Brazilian population access to healthcare.
 - Support reform of clinical trial and Productive Development Partnership (PDP) processes in Brazil.
 - Advocate for bilateral collaboration on the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine supply and distribution.
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Energy

- Advocate for bilateral collaboration on energy efficiency.
 - Promote international cooperation to respond to offshore emergencies, decommissioning of platforms, and environmental licensing.
 - Provide private sector recommendations into the U.S.-Brazil Energy Forum.
 - Support Brazil's Angra 1 nuclear plant life extension program and resumption of the Angra 3 project.
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Defense

- Support Brazilian Congress approval of the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) Agreement and the Defense Procurement Agreement.
- Advance toward a bilateral defense program.
- Co-lead of the Commercial Partnership working group of the US-Brazil Defense Industry Dialogue.