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Pnuma: Brazil innovates in ecological matters



Green Economy

Achim Steiner, head of the U.N. environmental agency, said that the success of the ethanol economy and forest management demonstrates the country's creativity.

Pnuma, the U.N. Environmental Program, praised what it called Brazil's innovation in the energy sector and forests. In an exclusive interview with U.N. Radio, in New York, Achim Steiner, Pnuma's executive director, said that the success of Brazil's investment in green economy proves the country's creativity in fighting global warming.

Water and Energy

"Brazil is a very progressive country, with a capacity for innovation, such as its ethanol economy and the big dams of its water and energy system. And in addition the ethanol economy has provided over one million jobs. This is an example of how a country with vision and perspective can transform a sector", he stated.

Steiner was in the United States this week, to take part in the Green Jobs Fair in Washington. According to him, the financial economic crisis also provides an opportunity to generate new jobs, while fighting climatic changes.

Billions of Dollars

"What can we do at this moment? How can the international community, the G-20, contribute? There will be a meeting in April to discuss this. How the billions of dollars being freed up by governments can be used to speed up the economy's recovery", he stated.

Achim Steiner further said that, in the middle of this month, Pnuma should release a report on the Amazon Forest deforestation situation and the initiatives for protecting the area in all the Amazonian countries.

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