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Preface

It is with great pleasure that we present the inaugural issue of the *Revista Interdisciplinar de Desenvolvimento Sustentável* (RIDES)—the Interdisciplinary Journal of Sustainable Development—a scientific journal affiliated with the Graduate Program in Sustainable Rural Development (PPGDRS) at the State University of Western Paraná (UNIOESTE). The creation of RIDES marks a milestone in establishing a publishing platform committed to the production, dissemination, and democratization of scientific knowledge addressing the contemporary challenges of sustainable development.

We live in an era where issues such as climate change, biodiversity conservation, food security, energy transition, socio-environmental justice, innovation, territorial governance, and human rights demand integrated, interdisciplinary approaches. In this context, RIDES was founded with the mission of fostering dialogue across diverse fields of knowledge, championing research that contributes to building societies that are more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable.

The journal welcomes work that integrates environmental, social, economic, cultural, legal, and technological dimensions, recognizing that today's complex problems require multiple perspectives and the integration of scientific, traditional, and popular knowledge. Beyond merely publishing research findings, RIDES seeks to stimulate critical reflection, strengthen academic cooperation networks, and align scientific output with societal needs.

The journal employs a **continuous publication model**, allowing approved articles to be published immediately upon completion of the editorial process, without waiting for a specific issue to close. This format enhances the speed of scientific communication, reduces the time between manuscript approval and publication, and facilitates the rapid dissemination of knowledge.

From its inception, RIDES has been structured in alignment with the principles of open science, research ethics, scientific integrity, and editorial excellence. It utilizes a **double-blind peer review system**, an **open-access policy**, and **Creative Commons licensing**, while adhering to editorial guidelines consistent with national and international recommendations for scientific journals. This inaugural issue brings together contributions that highlight the thematic and methodological diversity characteristic of the field of sustainable development. The published works demonstrate the authors' commitment to producing high-quality knowledge

capable of informing public policy, strengthening management processes, guiding professional practices, and fostering relevant scientific debates at local, national, and international levels.

Realizing this project was only possible thanks to the collective effort of researchers, authors, reviewers, Editorial Board members, and the technical team who believed in the importance of creating a new space for interdisciplinary scientific dissemination. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone for their dedication and the trust placed in RIDES.

We hope this journal establishes itself as a lasting forum for scientific exchange, international cooperation, and the dissemination of excellent research, thereby contributing to the advancement of science and the promotion of sustainable development across its multiple dimensions.

Welcome to the first issue of the Interdisciplinary Journal of Sustainable Development (RIDES).

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