

CONTEXT **Brazilian-German Dialogue on Quality Infrastructure**

SUBJECT **Invitation to the Annual Meeting of the German-Brazilian Working Group Quality Infrastructure on 16 September 2019 in Natal, Brazil**

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Brazilian Ministry of Economy (ME) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), we cordially invite you to the Annual Meeting of the Brazilian-German Working Group Quality Infrastructure in the framework of the German-Brazilian Economic Forum (15-17 September) in Natal.

The Annual Meeting of the German-Brazilian Working Group Quality Infrastructure will take place

on Monday, 16 September 2019, 13:00-15:00 (*exact time still to be confirmed*)

at Centro de Convenções de Natal, Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil.

The German-Brazilian Working Group Quality Infrastructure (QI) was founded in 2017 as a platform to support the implementation of specialized-policy dialogues with the aim of creating a regulatory environment beneficiary to economic development. By involving experts from federal agencies, QI-institutions, and the private sector from both sides, the dialogue aims at increasing productivity through better access to information and exchange of best practices, thereby reducing barriers to trade as well as improving product safety and consumer protection.

During their Annual Meeting on 16 September, the bilateral Working Group headed by ME and BMWi will discuss selected opportunities and challenges concerning standardization, conformity assessment and accreditation as well as product safety and market surveillance together with relevant stakeholders. The Annual Meeting is open for all authorities and institutions acting in the fields relevant to the project, as well as industrial associations and companies. It provides a platform for a report on the Working Group's activities and the agreement on new topics and targets for the upcoming year.

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Your contribution to the German-Brazilian cooperation in the area of QI is an important element of the dialogue's success. It would be our great pleasure to welcome you as a participant at the meeting. Especially, we encourage you to shape the meeting's agenda and submit your topic proposals prior to the meeting to the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (brazil@gpqi.org) which has been commissioned to facilitate the bilateral dialogue and organize the Working Group Meeting.

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In order to register for the Annual Meeting, please fill out the online registration form available on the event section of gpqi.org by **25 August 2019**. There, you can also find a link to a separate registration form for the German-Brazilian Economic Forum in general. We would like to remind you that this registration is required, too, in order to gain access to the event location. Both, the registration to the Annual Working Group Meeting on QI as well as to the Economic Forum do not imply any costs. For any further questions, the colleagues from GIZ are available via brazil@gpqi.org and will be delighted to help you.

We are looking forward to meeting you in September.

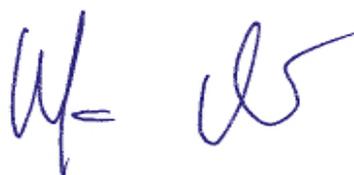
Yours faithfully,

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