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**Press Release**

**Rio Grande do Sul launches report on water management after two years of RegionsAdapt Initiative**

The state of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil) has launched a report on Water Management at the 23rd session of the *Conference of the Parties (COP 23)* to the *UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)* in Bonn, Germany. The document is a compilation of the results the government has achieved after two years of participating in RegionsAdapt, an initiative designed to inspire and support regional governments to act, collaborate and report efforts on climate change adaptation.

Coordinated by the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD), the RegionsAdapt initiative was launched during UNFCCC COP21 in Paris, when 27 regional governments committed to: adopt or review a strategic approach to climate adaptation within two years; take concrete actions in seven key priority areas; and annually report data on the progress of adaptation actions through the risk and adaptation section of CDP's states and regions platform.

Rio Grande do Sul is one of the founding members of the initiative, which includes almost 70 member participants today. Since the launch of RegionsAdapt, the state of Rio Grande do Sul has been playing an active role within the initiative and acting as one of the two coordinators of the Working Group on Water Resources and Management, which comprises 24 participants from all over the world.

In the context of the Water Resources and Management Working Group, Rio Grande do Sul has shared with fellow participants an Extreme Events Management Program, which is being developed in its Environment Secretariat and encompasses 7 Projects:

- Monitoring and hydrometeorological modeling
- Expansion of the hydrometeorological gauge network
- Situation room
- Disaster Risk Management Program
- Building of a state meteorological radar network
- Incorporation of the concept of building resilience to climate change in Watershed Management Plans
- Establishing of criteria and indexes for climate change adaptation

The state of Rio Grande do Sul participated in two events at COP23, showcasing the state's experience after these two years of RegionsAdapt activities. "It's time for action and we should not hesitate to take ambitious steps towards a more sustainable future. As governments, we should support the less favored and those who are suffering more severely the impacts of climate change. Rio Grande do Sul is engaged in climate adaptation and action. We want to share our experiences and we are also eager to learn from other regions' experiences," says Ana Maria Pellini, Secretary for the Environment and Sustainable Development of Rio Grande do Sul.

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The [Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development](#) - nrg4SD - was established in 2002, and currently has 57 members from 29 countries in four continents. The Network acts in three main fields: sustainable development, biodiversity and climate change, and seeks greater international recognition of regional governments, especially in the context of the global agendas at UN and EU levels. In addition, nrg4SD promotes cooperation among members, fostering exchange of information, know-how and best practices. In the field of climate change, nrg4SD runs [RegionsAdapt](#), an initiative designed to inspire and support regional governments to act, collaborate and report efforts on climate change adaptation. Launched at UNFCCC COP 21, the initiative expanded from 27 founding members to almost 70 members from all continents.

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