



ABEC
Meeting2023

FOZ DO IGUAÇU STATEMENT

The ABEC Meeting 2023 took place in Foz do Iguaçu from November 21st to 23rd. Throughout the event, current and relevant topics for scientific editors and professionals involved in academic publishing activities were discussed. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), agreed upon by the member countries of the United Nations (UN), were highlighted, emphasizing the importance of the scientific editing community's involvement in promoting actions to address climate change.

As highlighted in the report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change published in March 2023, harmful carbon emissions have reached unprecedented levels worldwide. Climate change has already had evident impacts, not only visible to scientists and experts but also to the general population. Adverse effects are observed on access to water and food, human health, and the environment. Brazil has been grappling with extreme climatic events, such as drought in the Amazon region and major floods in the South.

In this context, scientific editors and academic publishing professionals attending the ABEC Meeting 2023 committed to sustainability in scientific publishing, as well as in society and the environment, call upon the ABEC Brazil community and the global scientific community to adopt sustainability practices to address climate change. Our communities have unique opportunities to increase visibility and awareness of the ongoing global climate changes.

Examples of strongly recommended actions for journals to contribute to addressing climate change include:

- Producing editorial content on the topic;
- Encouraging the production of articles on climate change and the SDGs by including these themes in author guidelines, launching calls for articles, producing special issues or thematic dossiers, as well as collections of articles;
- Facilitating debates and interviews on the topic;
- Strengthening scientific dissemination by making scientific knowledge accessible to society and political agents who can implement necessary advances;
- Adopting "green" practices, including foregoing printed versions, holding virtual meetings, adopting flexible working hours, and sustainable actions such as material recycling, carbon offsetting, and transforming work environments with a focus on sustainability to reduce material, water, and energy consumption.

In addition, journals can join the Sustainable Development Goals Publishers Compact, an initiative of the UN in partnership with the International Publishers Association, aimed at motivating scientific editors to adopt sustainable practices and support and inspire actions for sustainable development.

Finally, we underscore the pivotal role of scientific editors and editorial teams in cultivating the engagement of the scientific community, the production, and the dissemination of scientific knowledge on pertinent topics for society. The implementation of initiatives dedicated to addressing climate change aligns seamlessly with our editorial dedication to ethics and integrity.

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