

Strong Communities lead Regeneration! 🦵🌱

Meli is a group of people who got together with the same goal: support regeneration. The group is officially getting stronger: a new association (Associação Rede Meli Brasil) is being born and led by members from indigenous & smallholder communities.

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Photo: Reni (first left) and Jonas (second right), two members of the Direction of Associação Rede Meli Brasil during Meli's regenerative agriculture workshop.



The start of "Associação Rede Meli Brasil"

Meli is an **Impact Network** which strengthens communities leading regeneration. Communities are empowered by powerful exchanges with each other: stories, seeds, seedlings, wisdom about local biodiversity, experience on project development, connections and much more.

The exchange moved the community leaders who met through Meli projects to start a very powerful organisation: "*Associação Rede Meli Brasil*" is being born!

This will strengthen the group even more and boost our activities in Brazil!

The association will be an independent Brazilian juridical person and all associated members are leaders of regeneration in their own community. Two



Guajajara Voices are ready: meet Flay Guajajara



"Flay Guajajara, and indigenous filmmaker you should know about."

His movie [Ka'a Zar Ukyze Wà \(Forest Keepers in Danger\)](#) gives a touching overview about the Arariboia Indigenous Area, its recent history and the Awá Guajá, their uncontacted relatives who also live in the Arariboia. Flay shows how his indigenous territory is still an important and standing forest, regardless of the deforestation and constant invasions in the area.

Photo: Flay Guajajara, personal archive.

Don't miss the opportunity and [learn more about his work](#):

[Read more](#)



Meet Meli's team:

Bruna Iervolino

We are welcoming a new member in our team! Supported by Uppsala University, she will work on her final Master thesis with Meli's network.

She left us a message:

currently doing my masters in Sustainable Development at Uppsala University, Sweden! I'm from São Paulo and worked for a few years in the Marketing and Branding departments of companies and consultancies.



Today I work with education for sustainability so that more people engage with essential and systemic topics that involve all of us. I'm teaming up with Meli to organize projects and workshops, connecting this wonderful network with more and more partners worldwide! Let's keep on growing together!"

Photo: Bruna Iervolino, personal archive



PhD Opportunity:

"Drifting behaviour and colony health in social bees"

A call for a 4-year PhD project in the SWBio doctoral training program

Project title: **Drifting behaviour and colony health in social bees**

Supervisors: Dr. Christoph Grüter and Dr. Emily Bell, School of Biological Sciences, at the University of Bristol

Collaborators: Ana Rosa de Lima, Meli Bees Network gUG

Application deadline: 5 December 2022

Start date: September 2023

To apply and for further details about the program, [see here](#)

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Meli has a clear position in the Brazilian elections

É hoje. Brazilians vote today to define the history of the country.

All the world is looking at Brazil in this moment. [Nature's editorial](#) says "under his [Bolsonaro's] leadership, the environment has been ravaged as he rolled back legal protections and disparaged Indigenous peoples' rights. In the Amazon alone, deforestation has nearly doubled since 2018"



**NAS ELEIÇÕES DE 2022,
A MELI SE POSICIONA
COM LULA**

The core values of the Meli Group move us to be strongly in against the abuses to environmental and human rights and against the structural destruction of the national institutions, including INCRA, FUNAI and IBAMA.

There's only one choice in Brazil's election

Meetings around Pará!

This end of the year Ana Rosa, founder of Meli Bees Network gUG (the German part of the Meli Group), will have a long working trip in Brazil.

The first stop was in Belém, the capital of the state where she used to live, from where she'll start the journey by land.

Here she had a lovely surprise: Tuxati and part of her family were also in the city! Their unplanned



"It was hard to remember we haven't met in person before. Our strong hug first came now. But our connection and our work together is much older" said Ana.

Such meetings build our network even stronger! Ana continued on the [linkedin post](#) about the meeting: *"It was an honor to be able to meet with this strong woman leading her people and her husband, who has an impressive background and who is taking such good care of the meliponary at the Tokurykti village. 🐝 It's beautiful to see your strength, our mutual values and to plan even more work together! 🥰"*



Photos: Ana Rosa with Tuxati Parkateje, Antônio Guajajara and daughter.

We strengthen environmentally and economically sustainable practices based on **meliponiculture**, **regenerative agriculture** and **community engagement** to inspire and to build capabilities needed for local environment and community to thrive.

Get involved and **support us!**

Be sure your donation goes to the ***Human***, ***Biodiverse*** and ***Inspiring*** Amazon and follow the positive impact you generate!

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