

## Foreword

*Innovation, Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability in Brazil* is part of the OECD Food and Agricultural Reviews series. It was undertaken at the request of the Brazilian authorities, represented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food.

The report examines Brazil's policy conditions surrounding business and allowing innovation in the agriculture and food sectors for increased productivity and environmental sustainability. It starts with an overview of the food and agriculture sector and outlines development challenges and opportunities (Chapter 2). A wide range of policies which influence incentives for innovation are then examined: economic stability, governance and trust in institutions (Chapter 3); a favourable and predictable environment for investment (Chapter 4); capacities and public services enabling business development (Chapter 5); agricultural policy (Chapter 6) and the operation of the agricultural innovation system (Chapter 7).

Country policies are analysed following a framework developed by the OECD as part of its work on agricultural innovation and in response to a request from the G20 in 2012 under the Presidency of Mexico, although all aspects may not be fully covered. In this first test phase, the framework has also been applied to Australia and Canada. Additional countries will be studied in subsequent work and the framework is being continuously revised and improved, in particular to reinforce the coverage of sustainability and structural adjustment issues

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