

# The Global Energy Challenges

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## Development and Climate Change Option for New Regime Directions



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# Phase I Energy Issues

- GHG Emissions Mitigation as a Co-Benefit of the Ethanol Program;
- The role of biodiesel in providing clean fuel for trucks and buses and power generation in remote areas

# Ethanol Program

- largest commercial application of biomass for energy production and use in the world;
- Successfully showed technical feasibility of large-scale sugarcane ethanol production and use to fuel car engines;
- 2 million cars running on ethanol (peak of 4.4 million in 1993) + flex-fuel cars => 4.6 billion liters/year + 6.4 billion liters/year for gasohol (25% anhydrous ethanol + 75% gasoline);

# Ethanol Program

- Sugar cane bagasse use as an industrial fuel and for power generation has been growing;
- Surplus of electricity to be injected in the grid;
- Foreign exchange savings;
- 720,000 direct jobs and more than 200,000 indirect jobs in rural areas;

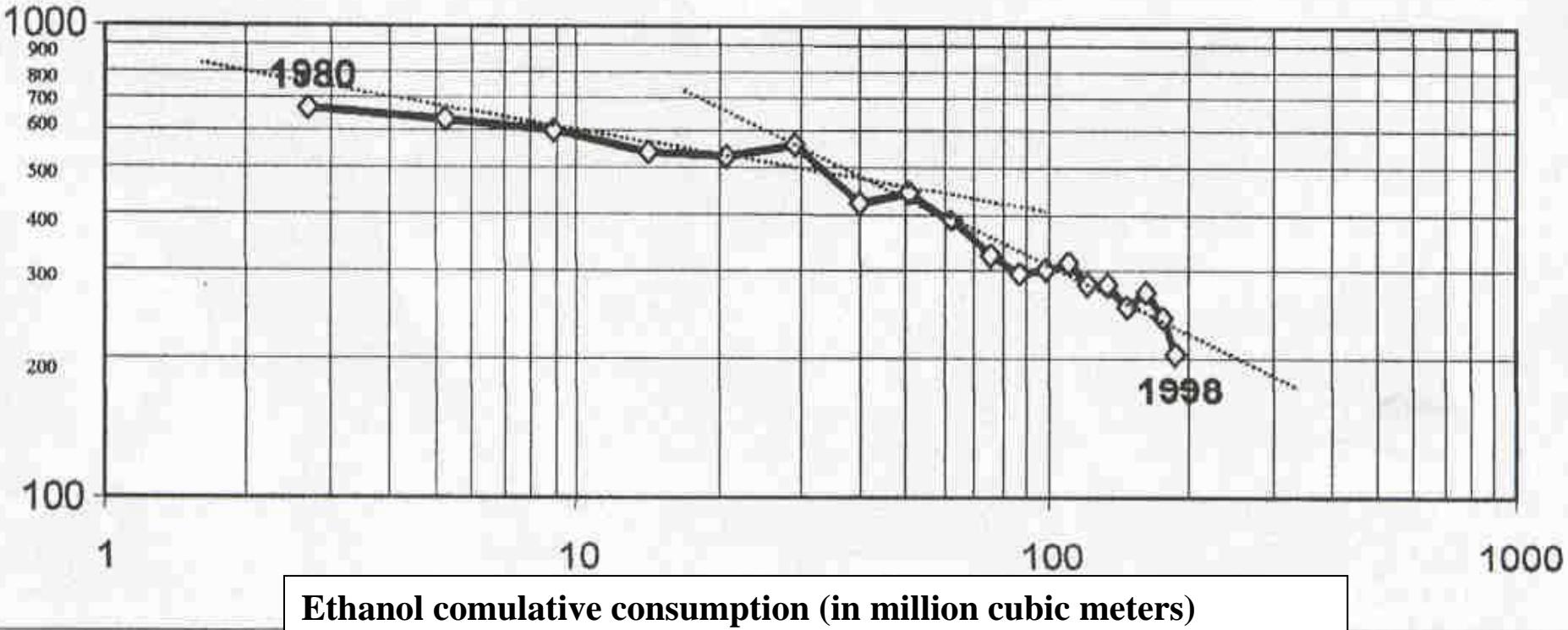
# Ethanol Program

- Curbing the increase of local air pollution;
- Mitigation: 6 to 10 million tons of carbon/year since 1980;

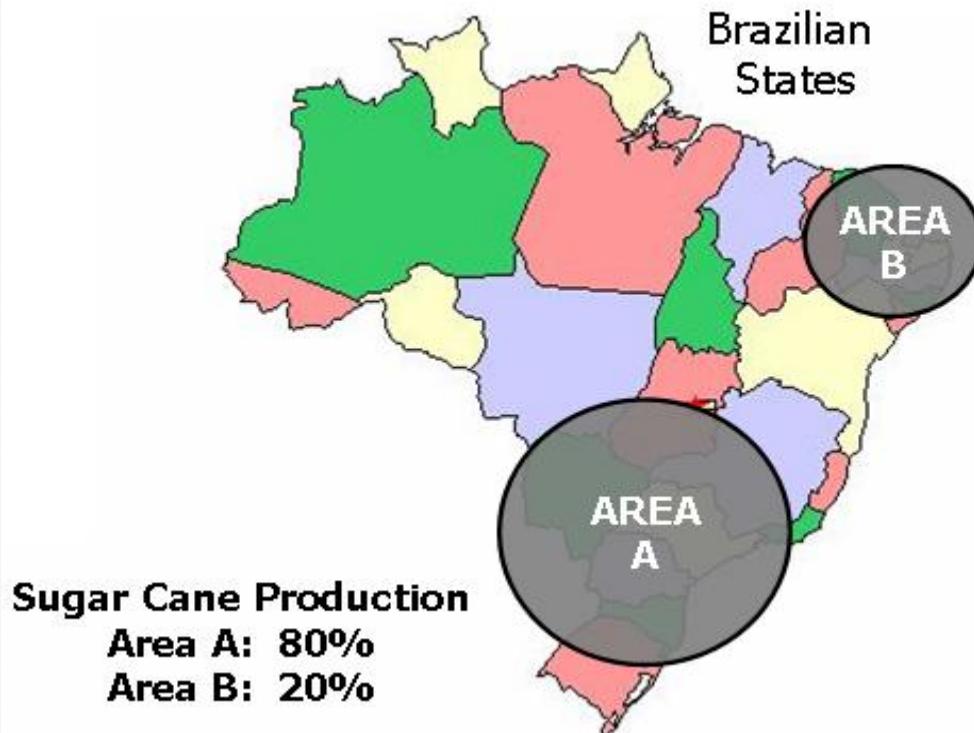
# Productivity gains in ethanol production

US\$/m<sup>3</sup>

ANHYDROUS ETHANOL COST REDUCTION



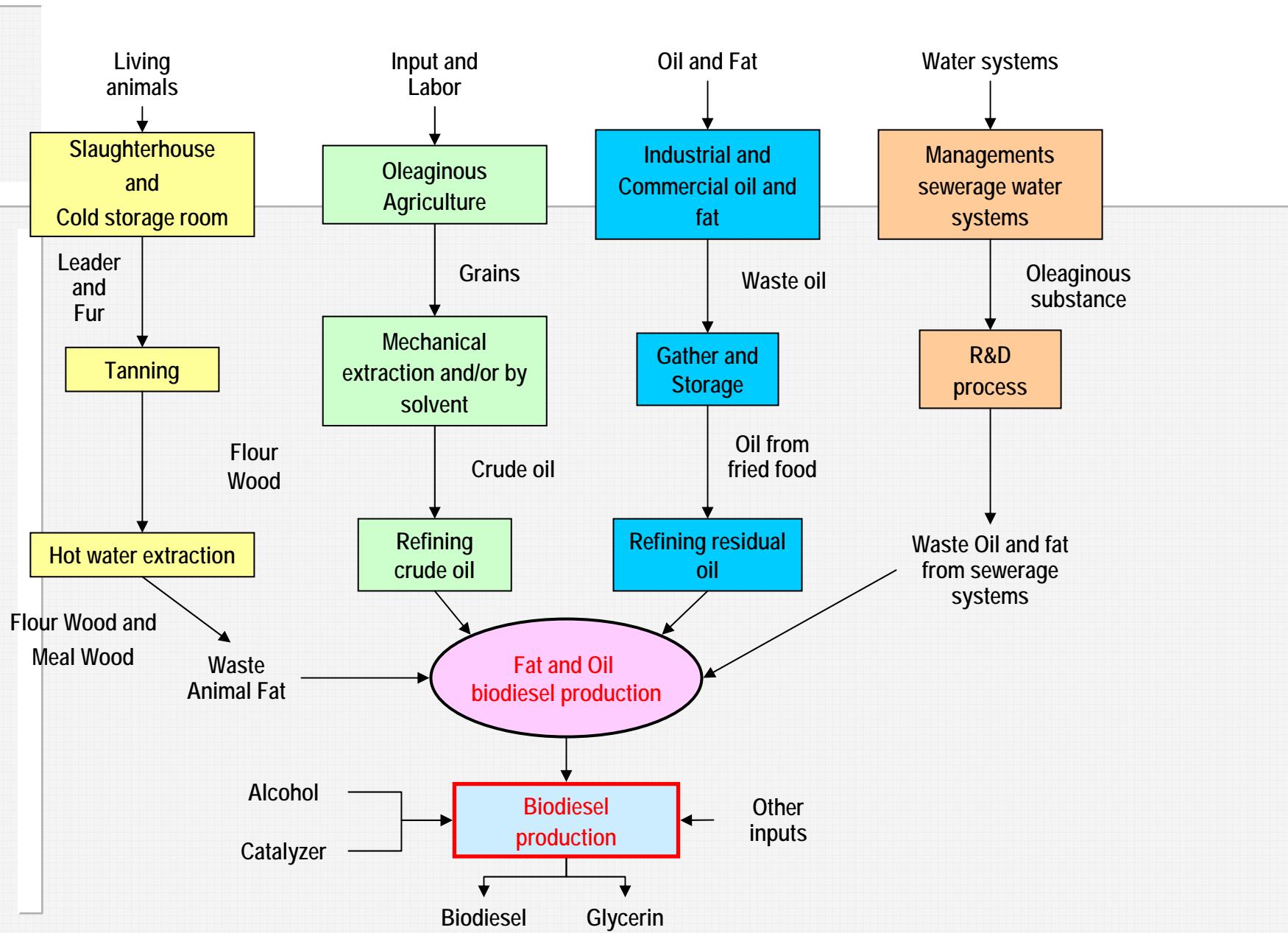
# Sugarcane Production Regions



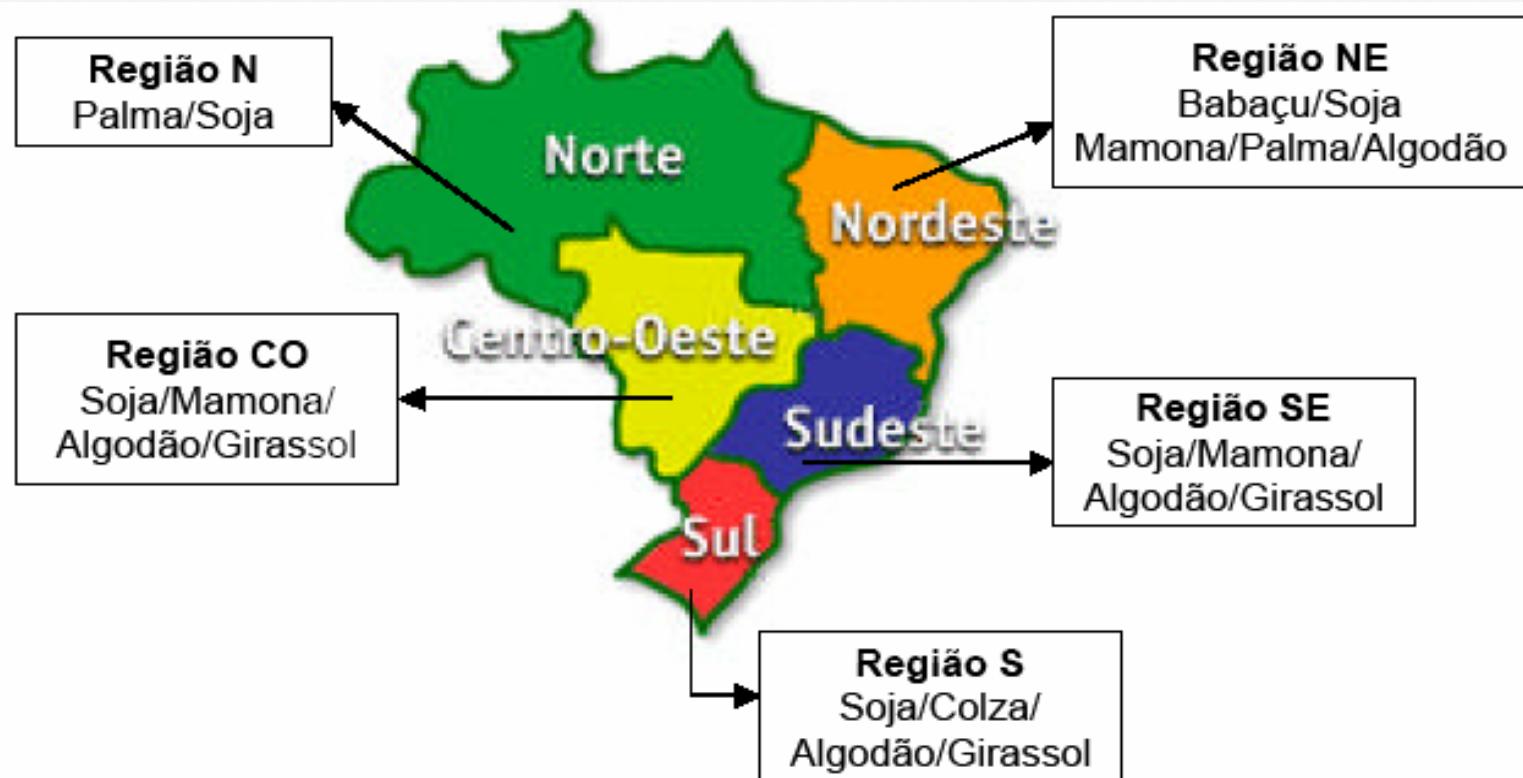
# Phase 2 Case Studies

## Modern Biofuels for Transport and Power Generation

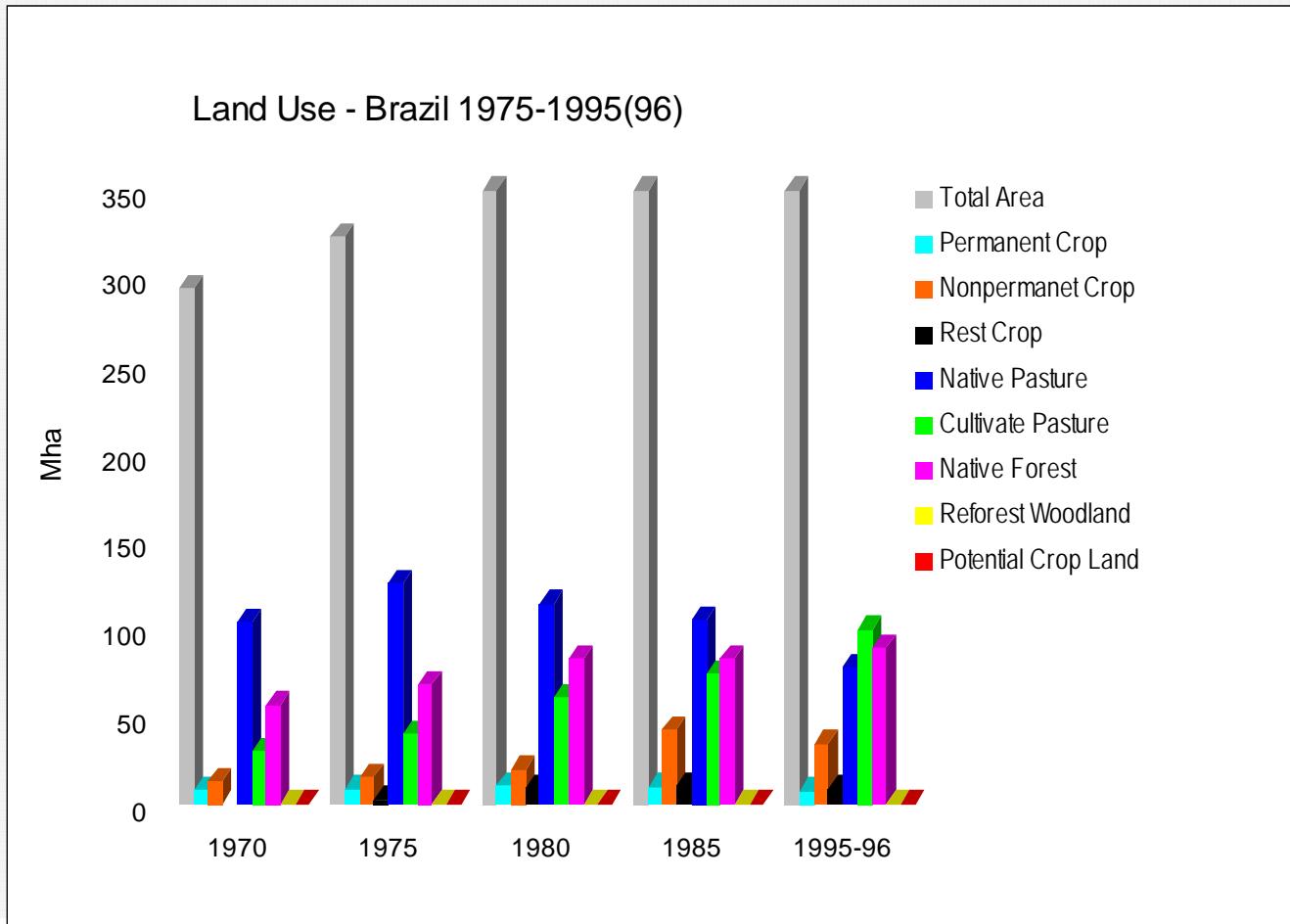
- The expansion of the Ethanol Program: contribution to sustainable development and GHG Emissions Mitigation (pros and cons; policy tools to maximize social and environmental benefits)
- The introduction of biodiesel as a transport fuel and for decentralised power generation (access to electricity)



# Feedstocks for Biodiesel Production



# Land Availability



# BRAZILIAN BIODIESEL PROGRAM

- The recently launched Brazilian Biodiesel Program allows for using several different vegetal oils as raw materials (castor bean, soybean, oil palm, sunflower and others) for biodiesel production.
- The initial target is for 2% of biodiesel in the blend with regular diesel oil in 2006.
- Policy support: financial support, credit and R&D promotion to increase the efficiency and productivity of the biodiesel production.

# DIESEL X BIODIESEL EMISSIONS

- Diesel - 2.70 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/l
- Methyl ester (biodiesel) – 0.3 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/l
- Ethyl ester (biodiesel) – nearly zero or 0.05 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/l (process uses renewable ethanol from sugarcane)

Emission Reductions	
CO <sub>2</sub>	78 – 100%
CO	50%
Sulphur	98%
Particulate matter	50%
Aromatics	30%

# Renewables and Universal Access to electricity

- Recent regulations require utilities to ensure electricity supply to all households of the country up to 2015;
- This “demand pull” provides a good opportunity for decentralized power generation from renewables to complement conventional options to achieve this goal (grid extension and diesel generators);

# Renewables and Universal Access to electricity

- Renewable energy development = more sustainable patterns of energy supply = environmental, social and economic co-benefits;
- Use of renewables could also help to accelerate the achievement of targets to ensure full coverage of electricity needs of low-income populations living in remote locations;

# Renewables and Universal Access to electricity

- Tapping renewables potential => an appropriate regulatory framework must be established, allowing for capacity building and appropriate incentives to motivate action by different stakeholders
- Clean Development Mechanism is also a potential tool;

# CONCLUSIONS

Development first and climate change benefits will follow!

- Creation of jobs and income for family agriculture in rural areas;
- Reduction of regional inequalities;
- Promotion of crop diversification;
- Increase of the access of family farmers to electricity;
- Use of renewable biodiesel as a substitute for diesel oil in vehicles and off-grid power generation;
- Decrease of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
- Reduction of diesel oil imports ;

**Adaptation  
to climate  
change**

**Mitigation**