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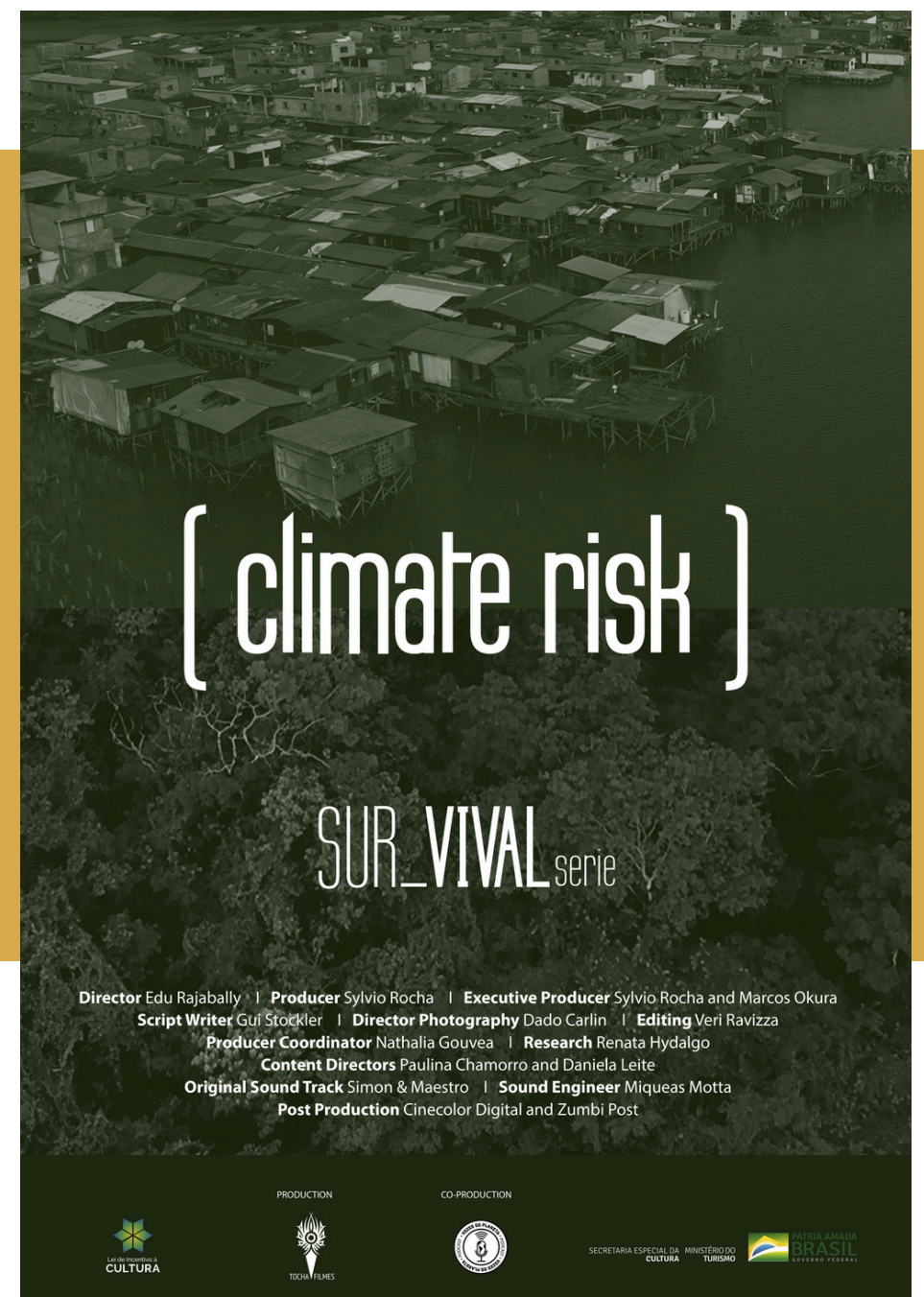
To mark the **World Portuguese Language Day** and the upcoming **UN Climate Change Conference - COP 30**, the Embassies of Brazil and Portugal to Belgium, and the United Nations present **“Climate Risk”**.

## Introductory remarks by

**Jorge Cabral**, Ambassador of Portugal

**João Mendes Pereira**, Ambassador of Brazil

**José Cassandra**, Ambassador of São Tomé e Príncipe



## The film will be followed by a panel discussion with



**Sylvio Rocha**  
Movie Producer

After 25 years of a corporate professional path, **Sylvio Rocha** redirected his career by launching the production company Tocha Filmes, which has been creating, producing and distributing impactful content since 2015, focussing on global socio-environmental challenges. With more than 20 documentaries and series produced, several of which have received international awards. Today, Tocha Filmes is a content production hub that, in addition to films, produces animations, soundtracks, podcasts, books and events.



**Willem van de Voorde**  
Special Envoy of Belgium  
for Climate and  
Environment

**Ambassador Willem van de Voorde** has an extensive diplomatic experience in both bilateral and multilateral postings. He began his career just before the 1993 Belgian EU Presidency and later served as Secretary to Queen Paola from 1994 to 2000. He was Deputy Head of Mission in Berlin and Tokyo, and later coordinated the 2010 Belgian EU Presidency as Deputy-Director for European Affairs. From 2011, he was Deputy Chief of Cabinet for European Affairs to the Foreign Minister. Between 2014 and 2018, he served as Ambassador to Austria, several neighbouring countries, and UN institutions in Vienna. Before becoming Belgium's Permanent Representative to the EU, from 2020 until 2024, he was Ambassador to Germany.



**Veronika Hunt Šafránková**  
Head of the Brussels Office  
of the United Nations  
Environment Programme

**Veronika Hunt Šafránková** is Head of the UN Environment Programme Brussels Office since April 2019. She has over 15 years of experience in the field of international environmental affairs. At the Czech Ministry of Environment, she held different positions - Director, Director General and Deputy Minister, responsible for a number of areas including relations with the European Union, European Union funds and the overall international agenda. From 2015 to early 2019, she worked in the academic sector. Until late 2017 she was Director of International Relations Office at the Charles University in Prague responsible for academic partnerships, teaching exchanges and the ERASMUS programme.



**Moderator: Sherri Aldis** -  
Director, United Nations  
Regional Information  
Centre

**Sherri Aldis** is the Director of the United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe since February 2022. From 2015 to 2022 she was Chief of United Nations Publications at UN headquarters in New York, overseeing its publishing activities and strategic partnerships with the publishing industry and academia. Before joining the United Nations, she had an extensive career in international publishing.

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## Synopsis

Climate change is radically changing our planet. Temperatures are constantly breaking records; floods, hurricanes and other natural phenomena are becoming increasingly severe; the polar regions are melting; sea levels are constantly rising and the future points to a massive reduction in biodiversity, mass migrations, hunger, and a scenario where we run the risk of self-extinction. How can we reverse this process of global warming? How can we decarbonize our activities or create technologies that reduce CO2 emissions?

*A documentary by Eduardo Rajabally.*

*Run Time: 59 minutes*



5 MAIO 2024  
**DIA MUNDIAL  
DA LÍNGUA  
PORTUGUESA**



## World Portuguese Language Day

*The date of 5 May was officially established in 2009 by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) - an intergovernmental organization that has been in official partnership with UNESCO since 2000, and which brings together peoples with the Portuguese language as one of the foundations of their specific identity - to celebrate the Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures. In 2019, the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference decided to proclaim 5 May of each year as "World Portuguese Language Day".*

*The Portuguese language is one of the most widespread languages in the world, with more than 265 million speakers spread through all continents. It is also the most widely spoken language in the southern hemisphere. Portuguese remains, today, a major language of international communication and a language with a strong geographical projection, destined to increase.*

**#WorldPortugueseLanguageDay**

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