

The TCU Innovation Program

TCU crates the Innovation Center (coLAB-i)

TCU Innovation Program (*InovaTCU*) was created to promote the development of innovation culture within the Federal Court of Accounts – Brazil, through encouragement, support and monitoring of innovative initiatives and practices. Following the TCU guideline of promotion of innovation, this February the Serzedello Corrêa Institute inaugurated the Research and Innovation Center (CePI).

The purpose of the CePI is to promote applied research in the Court and coordinate the coLAB-I, which is the first government innovation laboratory in an oversight agency. From its creation, coLAB-i has been supporting units of the Court in the development of innovative projects, ensuring knowledge management of the developed solutions, coordinating cooperation actions and promoting capacity building activities and events

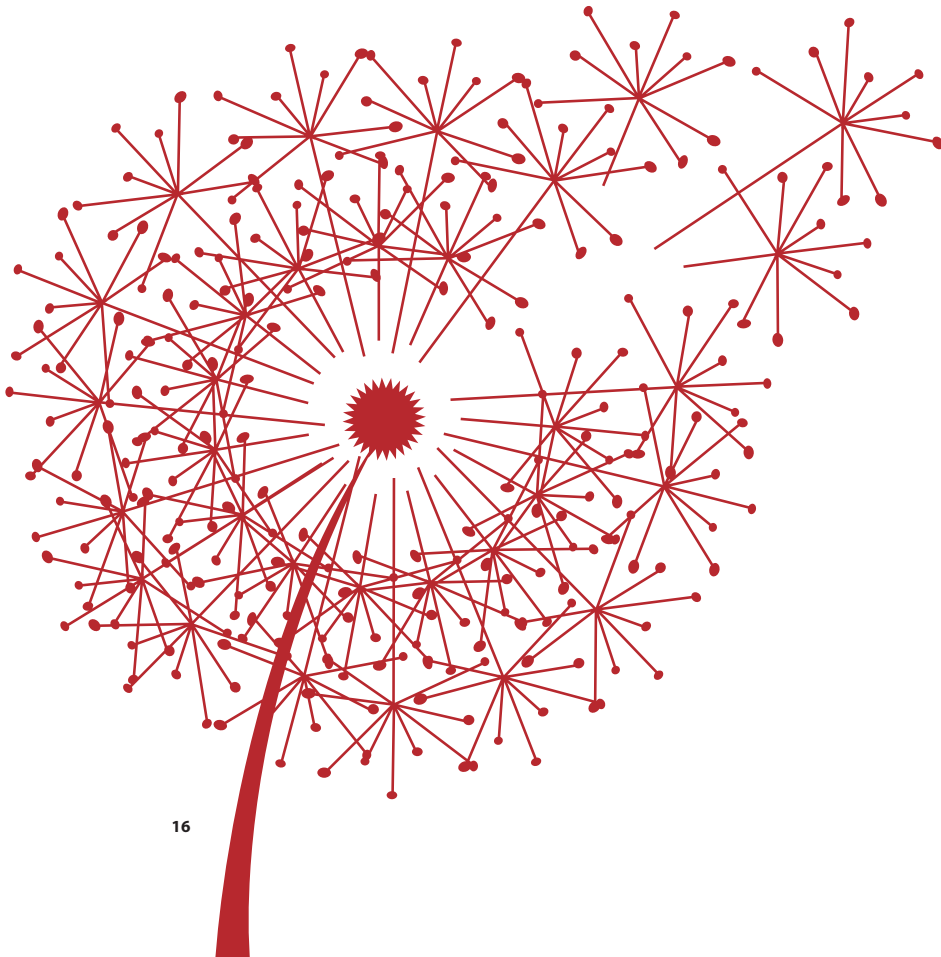
on topics related to the frontiers of knowledge. CoLab-i established partnerships with universities and other public and private entities to gather knowledge and experiences that can accelerate the achievement of expected results.

Here are two agreements signed in July 2015:

COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH IMPA

The Federal Court of Accounts – Brazil (TCU) and the National Institute of Pure and Applied Mathematics (Impa) signed a cooperation agreement. According to the president of TCU, Minister Aroldo Cedraz, the objective of the partnership is to exchange experiences, information and technologies, to promote capacity building, improvement and technical specialization of human resources. Another part of the agreement is institutional development and public management, through the implementation of joint actions or mutual support and through complementary activities that are of common interest. Impa is an institution that can also deliver services for the improvement and evolution of institutions.

“The proposal aims at bringing together the institutions in the development of methodologies capable of optimizing the audit process”, states



César Camacho, director of Impa, “a fundamental factor to meet present and future demands”. Impa is a teaching and research unit qualified as a social organization within the scope of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Information - MCTI. For the incumbent Minister, Aldo Rebelo, who also participated in the signing of the agreement, cooperation is a form of finding in mathematics a utility beyond those already known. The president of TCU highlighted that the agreement will contribute to provide tools for the technical staff of the Court and capacity building in methods and technologies that will bring effectiveness to their work. It is possible to use the technology in several areas: government procurement, budgetary and financial execution of public expenditure, among others.

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF BRASÍLIA

This partnership aims to develop applications that encourage the use

of open data to favor transparency in public management. The University will offer its expertise in the development of applications and the Court will make open data available. For President Aroldo Cedraz, this cooperation is a simple act but one of great significance. “Establishing partnerships to support research and development of techniques that aim to improve public management is one of the main objectives of the Court”, he stated.

TCU has been expanding the search for partners to implement several initiatives that will enable it to offer new services and improve those that already exist. Always attempting to build a government platform with the potential to shift the paradigm regarding the relationship between public administration and society. The applications and other technological elements developed can translate the data in products that are of interest and utility for the population. With this initiative, pioneer in government oversight institutions in the world, the Court



also intends to be an example so Public Administration can find in innovation the means necessary to reach higher levels of efficiency and quality when delivering services to Brazilian society.



President Aroldo Cedraz opens the Innovation Center (coLAB-)