



# TCU hosts Soil Governance Conference

**W**ith the purpose of raising awareness of society regarding the importance of soil conservation and its sustainable use, the Federal Court of Accounts of Brazil hosted, from March 25 to 27, the Soil Governance Conference, that took place in Brasilia. Aiming at discussing relevant topics such as the importance of soil, the risks of degradation, conflicts regarding its use, successful initiatives related to soil management, among others. The event was organized by TCU, with the support of Itaipu Binacional, Bank of Brazil and the Federal External Control Auditors Union (Auditar) and other partnerships.

At the end of the Conference, the Brasilia Letter was presented. The document recorded the main contributions of the event to the topic of soils. The letter is based on the considerations brought up during the technical sessions, with structured conclusions involving the theme of the conference. The Brasilia Letter makes one statement: "There is no more room for procrastination or mitigating measures. There is a need for quick and effective actions in order to conserve a natural resource that is essential for the survival of all forms of life on this planet."