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Roberto Rodrigues, former Brazilian Minister of Agriculture from January 2003 to June 2006, Co-chairman of the Internacional Biofuels Commission (IBC), Coordinator of the Getulio Vargas Foundation Agribusiness Center (GV Agro) and President of the Superior Council of Agribusiness of São Paulo's Federation of Industries (FIESP), is an agricultural producer and an agricultural engineer by training. He is also a Professor (currently on leave), holding the Chair of Rural Economics at the São Paulo State University in Jaboticabal. A strong supporter of the cooperative movement, Minister Rodrigues chaired the Brazilian Cooperatives Organization, the World Committee on Agricultural Cooperatives and the International Cooperative Alliance. He has traveled the world in that capacity, visiting 80 countries while performing his duties. Roberto Rodrigues has also served as President of the prestigious Brazilian Rural Society and the Brazilian Agribusiness Association. Minister Rodrigues represented the Brazilian agribusiness sector in several advisory committees established by the Government, such as the National Agricultural Policy Council, the National Monetary Council, and the National Foreign Trade Council. He has also chaired the National Agribusiness Forum.

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The primary goal of the GVAgro is to seek for excellence when looking at the main issues of the Brazilian agribusiness context. The GVAgro seeks to foster knowledge relevant to the Brazilian society and to support the activities of public and private actors, and the third sector. GVAgro can be considered as a “think tank” toward the advancement of the agribusiness in Brazil. As such, it intends to participate in the discussion of public policies related to this sector. The GVAgro is propelled by four main action areas (research, communication, courses, and consulting) that will address specific demands and create complementary work groups; aiming to maximize the accumulation of knowledge in the center of agribusiness.

