This Networking Event will highlight a comprehensive framework for growing and developing productive, innovative, competitive, sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous cities, regions, and states in Brazil. Global Urban Development (GUD) is working with the Federation of Industries of Minas Gerais and the Federation of Industries of Rio Grande do Sul, the States of Minas Gerais and Rio Grande do Sul, the Cities of Belo Horizonte and Porto Alegre, and Brazil’s Federal Government, to apply GUD’s framework for promoting Metropolitan Economic Strategy and Sustainable Economic Development. Speakers include key business and government leaders from Brazil.

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