

**SYMPOSIUM: Energy, the Environment and Economic Development:
Petrobras and Social/Environmental Responsibility in the Brazilian
Amazon**

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Themes:

Energy development and environmental preservation
Sustainable development of rainforest communities
Social responsibility

Justification for inclusion in the USSEE meeting:

The Piatam project started as a Petrobras funded research project to measure potential environmental, social and economic impacts of petroleum and gas transportation in the State of Amazonas Brazil. It has morphed into a project of 100 researchers (30 senior, 70 students), focusing on environmental preservation, sustainable development of rainforest communities and basic environmental research. The project (and other projects developed along the model created by Piatam) were contributing factors to the inclusion of Petrobras in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (as of Sept 2006).

The purpose of the sessions are to share the research and project results with a large interdisciplinary audience so that others can learn from the work that was done there, and so that the project team can receive comments from a wide variety of researchers and practitioners. The comments received will be incorporated into the next phase of the project.