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Report Highlights:

The Brazilian Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Carlos Fávaro, will leave his position on April 1, 2026 to run for a second term as Senator of Mato Grosso state. Mr. André de Paula, who was acting as Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture will replace Fávaro.

On March 23, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Carlos Fávaro, announced his resignation to run for a second term as Senator of Mato Grosso state in upcoming October elections. Brazilian legislation requires most executive branch officials to leave their positions six months prior to the elections in which they seek to participate. His resignation is expected to be effective April 1, 2026.

President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has tapped the current Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Mr. André de Paula, to become the next Minister of Agriculture. The current Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Édipo Araújo, will be elevated to the Minister position. Since both Mr. Fávaro and Mr. de Paula are from the same political party, President Lula avoided any political repercussions with the choice, and no significant changes are expected for Brazilian agricultural policies.

In the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. de Paula will manage a total budget of R\$ 12.1 billion (\$2.31 billion USD), including salaries and pensions, as well as public policies and ministry management. For programs and direct management, Mr. de Paula will oversee a R\$ 4.5 billion budget (\$860 million USD). The Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA), with an additional R\$ 4.8 billion budget, as well as the Coffee Economy Defense Fund (Funcafé), with an added R\$ 7.4 billion in 2026, are also under the umbrella of MAPA.



Biography of André Carlos Alves de Paula Filho

André de Paula is from Recife, Pernambuco. He is 64 years old, married to Patrícia Dubeux de Paula, father of Maria Cláudia, Andréa, and Maria Cândida, and grandfather of five grandchildren.

He holds a law degree from the Federal University of Pernambuco and is a career federal public servant.

André de Paula has been in public life for more than 40 years.

He served as a city counselor in Recife and as a state deputy in Pernambuco for two terms.

He held the position of Secretary of Rural Production and Agrarian Reform of the State of Pernambuco from 1999 to 2002. Between 2015 and 2016, he served as the State Secretary of Cities.

Mr. de Paula was a Federal Deputy for six consecutive terms.

In more than 20 years of work in the National Congress, Mr. de Paula served as Second Vice President and Fourth Secretary of the Board of the Chamber of Deputies, Leader of the PSD Caucus, Minority Leader, President of the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, and President of the Committee on Participatory Legislation.

Attachments:

No Attachments.