

## EDITORIAL

Dear reader,

In this number the Revista Paranaense de Desenvolvimento presents a Dossier about regional development banks in Brazil, organized by Luiz Alberto Esteves. Luiz is an economist from Universidade Federal do Paraná and Phd by Università degli Studi di Siena. Counting on a wide academic and public administration experiences, he is a researcher with a long academic production and nowadays occupies a chief economist position at Banco do Nordeste do Brazil.

The dossier brings essays dealing with various experiences from banks dedicated to economic and social development of regions and states of the country. The essays are signed by professionals with robust knowledge and practice in financing production, income and employment growth in its local realities.

Two additional articles completes this publication. The first one, signed by the one who subscribes this presentation, analyses the regional status of inequality along the country and points out some possible causes of differences among states, particularly detaching the state of Paraná. Finally, Francisco José Gouveia de Castro contributes with an approach on environmental theme at Paraná, emphasizing the land use by agriculture sector.

We wish all a pleasant reading.

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