

Journalist and communicator by graduation, and with a master's degree in international diplomacy from Rio Branco Institute (2005), Renato Domith Godinho moved in 2003 from technological and scientific journalism to career diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brazil. In that capacity, he has served in Brazil and abroad, especially focusing in multilateral governance, negotiation, and process management in matters related to social development, food and nutrition security, energy, international cooperation and sustainability.

As Alternate Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations Organization for Food and Agriculture (FAO), he has been from 2009-2012 a leading actor in the reform of the UN Committee of World Food Security (CFS), which resulted in higher impact outcomes and much stronger coordination with the private sector, academia, international organizations, and civil society.

From 2015-2022, he has been in charge of the Division for Renewable Energy (DER) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dealing with international policy dialogue and cooperation for all forms of renewable energy, including hydropower, wind, solar and bioenergy. Since the launch, in COP22, in Marrakesh, of the Biofuture Platform, a 20-country coalition to promote advanced low carbon solutions for transport and industry, Renato has led the operational team responsible for its coordination/secretariat roles. With the transfer of the Facilitator role of the Biofuture Platform to the International Energy Agency (IEA) in 2019, Renato D. Godinho was appointed by the member countries as the Biofuture Platform's first Chairperson, for a term of two years, passing on the role to Dr. Jim Spaeth, United States Department of Energy, in June 2021.

In 2023, Renato has come back to working on international cooperation for food and nutrition security as part of his assignment as Head of the Special Advisory for International Affairs in the Ministry of Social Development and Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger, trying to elevate the work to achieve SDGs 1 and 2 in the international agenda, as well as coordinating the Ministry's engagement in bilateral and multilateral cooperation and policy debate in social protection, poverty reduction and food and nutrition security.