

# Transatlantic Celebration

Industrial Hemp & Medical Cannabis

16–17 October 2026

Associação Agrícola de São Miguel  
Azores, Portugal

## DAY 1 | FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER

09:00 AM

### OPENING

#### *Welcome coffee / tea*

Hosted by Confraria Internacional Cannabis Portugal.

09:30 AM

### OFFICIAL SESSION

#### *Official remarks*

Government of the Azores; Ribeira Grande City Council; Associação Agrícola de São Miguel; Casa do Povo da Maia; Maia Parish Council; Confraria Internacional Cannabis Portugal.

10:00 AM

### MAIN SESSION

#### *Cannabis Regulation Across Borders*

João Paulo Silvério Perfeito — ANVISA, Brazil  
Paulo Nascimento Cabral — Member of the European Parliament.

11:00 AM

### ROUNDTABLE I

#### *The Global Cannabis Economy and Trade Systems*

Manny DaSilva — Pharma Export Partners, Germany  
Ana Castelo Paulo — PortoCanna, Portugal  
Larissa Uchida — Expo Cannabis Brasil, Brazil  
Joshua Goodman-Levy — Dosatron, France  
Jawad El Idrissi — CannaGroupe, Morocco.

12:00 PM

### ROUNDTABLE II

#### *Cannabis Literacy, Society and Cultural Transformation*

Shahbaz Kara-Virani — Healthcare Executive, Canada / USA  
Ana Paula Porfírio — Public Policy and Industrial Hemp Specialist, Brazil  
Benjamin Thiel — Martian Grow; Science and Wellbeing Advocate, United Kingdom  
Estela Garcia — European Project Author and Manager, Spain / United Kingdom  
Graça Castanho and Nuno Tavares — Azores Cannabis Academy.

01:00 PM

### LUNCH — SPEAKERS

#### *Holy Spirit soup with hemp*

Prepared by Casa do Povo da Maia.

02:00 PM

MAIN SESSION

***The State of Cannabis — Across Continents***

Dr Mark G. Darko — African Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ghana  
Silvio Bonomelli — Green Gold Asia, Costa Rica / Thailand  
Ricardo Vieira (Portugal) and Luís Ferreira (Cabo Verde) — HomeSymbio Wellness Ecosystem, Africa–Europe.

02:30 PM

ROUNDTABLE III

***Cannabis Cultivation Systems and Genetic Innovation***

Simon Smith — Serious Seeds, Netherlands  
Bozidar Radisic — Martian Grow, Slovenia  
Cyrus Renfrew — Thingo X Scale, South Africa  
Simon Aigner — Seed Technology Researcher, Netherlands.

03:30 PM

ROUNDTABLE IV

***The Future of Hemp in the Azores***

João Madruga — University of the Azores, Portugal; Hugo Monteiro — Honorary Confere of Confraria Internacional Cannabis Portugal and International Hemp & Cannabis Consultant.  
**Azorean hemp producers:** Daniel Cardoso (Faial); Frederico Garcia (São Miguel); Omri Krikeb (Israel / São Miguel); Bettina Reiferscheid, Alexandre Cardoso e Cunha and Michael Stieglitz (Sanguinho, São Miguel); Leonardo Sousa (Lynx); Luís Gonzaga (Cooperativa Agrícola do Norte, São Miguel).

04:30 PM

MAIN SESSION

***Cannabis Science: Professional Training and Medical Research***

Tanja Bagar — ICANNA & Alma Mater Europaea University, Slovenia  
José Alexandre Crippa — University of São Paulo, Brazil  
José Telo Gama — Polytechnic University of Portalegre, Portugal.

05:00 PM

SPECIAL

***Scientific Meeting***

Led by Professor José Alexandre Crippa, University of São Paulo, Brazil.

06:00 PM

LAUNCH

***CANNAVIBE: ONE LOVE ONE TRIBE***

A musical cannabis-literacy project promoting science, culture and activism.

07:00 PM | END OF DAY 1

## DAY 2 | SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER

09:00 AM

### OPENING

#### ***Welcome coffee / tea***

Hosted by Confraria Internacional Cannabis Portugal.

09:30 AM

### SPECIAL SESSION

#### ***Cannabis / Hemp in Portugal: Current Situation***

João Costa — CannaReporter & PTMC, Portugal  
Paulo Santos — A Loja da Maria and Confraria Internacional Cannabis Portugal  
Hugo Monteiro — Confraria Internacional Cannabis Portugal.

10:00 AM

### ROUNDTABLE IV

#### ***Sustainable Hemp Industries***

Witold Czeszak — Polish Hemp Program, Poland  
Luís Royano — CICYTEX, Spain  
Inês Milagres — Quotidiano Integral, Portugal  
Marisa Carmona — INTROMAC / Government of Extremadura, Spain  
Maria Pérez Rey — CTAEX, Spain.

11:00 AM

### ROUNDTABLE V

#### ***From Medicine to the Pharmaceutical Industry***

Jair Calixto — PharmaAlliance & Institute of Cannabis Science and Technology, Brazil  
Roman Štukelj — Researcher, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Christiana Torvor — Founder and CEO, CDHerbal Company, Ghana  
Dusan Nolimal — Physician and International Public Health Cannabis Specialist, Slovenia  
Pedro Nicoletti Motta — Bioethics Researcher and Medical Cannabis Quality and Production Specialist, Brazil.

12:00 PM

### ROUNDTABLE VI

#### ***Medical Applications of Cannabis sativa L.***

Heidi Whitman — EmpowHer, United Kingdom  
Pedro Sabaciauskis — Santa Cannabis, Brazil  
Rafael Cipolo — Green Health Azores, Portugal  
Karla Pinto — Cannabis Veterinary Medicine, UTAD, Portugal  
Ana Paula Rossi — Lawyer, Founder & CEO of Mahara CBD Group.

01:00 PM

### LUNCH — SPEAKERS

#### ***Holy Spirit-style stewed meat with hemp***

Prepared by Casa do Povo da Maia.

02:00 PM

**ROUNDTABLE VII**

***The Present and Future of Cannabis***

Nuno Barata — Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Azores, Portugal

Paulinha — Federal Deputy, Brazil

Giacomo Bolleri — Business and Investment Law, Italy

Najla Ribeiro — Pharmaceutical Sciences and Cannabis Research, Brazil–Portugal

Grant Saxena — Cannabis Educator, Executive Producer and Artist, USA.

03:00 PM

**FASHION SHOW**

***CANNAZores Fashion Show***

Hemp clothing — Bioeconomy social project with Casa do Povo da Maia and Maia Parish Council, São Miguel.

**Organisers:** Graça Castanho, Florica Andrei and Bianca Soares.

04:00 PM

**AWARDS**

***CANNAPORTUGAL 2026 Awards Ceremony***

4th edition of the Global Cannabis Awards. Musical performance by Professor Brígida Ferreira.

05:00 PM

**CONFRARIA**

***VII Chapter of the Confraria***

Induction ceremony of Confraria Internacional Cannabis Portugal.

06:00 PM

**GASTRONOMY**

***Gastronomic Showcase***

Traditional Azorean products made with hemp.

07:00 PM

**CLOSING**

***Official Closing Ceremony***

Public authorities; organisers; partners.

**FREE ADMISSION • FREE EVENT**

**Information and registration**

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