

Lula forms pre-campaign team for Brazil's presidential campaign

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Lula visited a recycling cooperative and praised the work of these humble workers. | Photo: @gleisi

Brasilia, October 8 (RHC)-- The former president of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who on Thursday concluded a visit to the federal capital, Brasilia, as part of an agenda focused on seeking political alliances, reported that he is putting together his presidential pre-campaign team for the 2022 elections.

According to local media, Lula will work through the end of October on the initial nucleus of what should be this group, which is expected to be composed of between 10 and 15 people with experience in

electoral campaigns.

Among them, the names of politicians such as the president of the Workers' Party (PT), Gleisi Hoffman; former ministers Luiz Dulci and Celso Amorim, and PT parliamentarians and governors are being considered. The report also said that the team would include deputies Paulo Pimenta, Rui Falcão and José Guimarães, governors Rui Costa, Camilo Santana, Wellington Dias and Fátima Bezerra, as well as senator Jaques Wagner.

Previously, Lula incorporated into his close entourage the experienced Franklin Martins to take charge of the PT's communications. This happened after recovering his political rights last March, after the Supreme Federal Court (STF) annulled his convictions and allowed him to run for the presidency.

On Thursday, the PT founder talked with workers of the Integrated Recycling Complex (CIR), which manages the Central Cooperative of Material Recyclers (Centcoop). This communal company has generated around 2,000 jobs and is located on a plot of land donated to the workers during Lula's term of office, who praised the work done by these workers.

He said that many people within the Brazilian elite preferred to see him playing golf, instead of exchanging ideas with the most humble people. He referred to the rights of the poor and expressed that Brazil could also be their country if it had a financing policy to help them through the construction of housing, the generation of jobs and scholarships to study, and other popular demands.

Several polls conducted in the last months give Lula as favorite for the 2022 presidential elections. A study by the Quaest consulting firm, published on Wednesday, revealed that the intention to vote in his favor ranges between 43 and 46 percent, compared to 24-27 percent that the current president, Jair Bolsonaro, capitalizes on.

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