



BRICS
Business Council

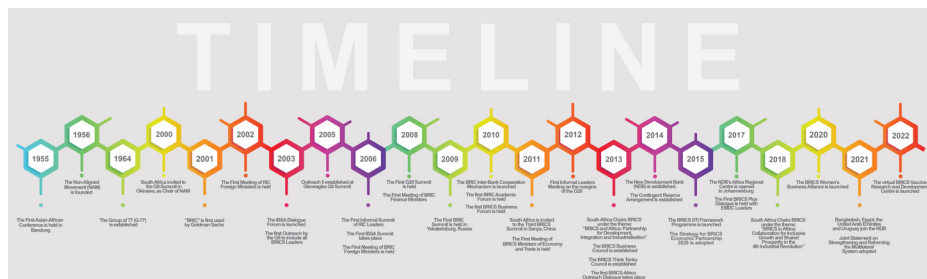


2023



2023 THEME:

BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism



BRICS is a partnership of five leading emerging markets and developing countries, founded on historical bonds of friendship, solidarity, and shared interests.

BRICS now represents over

42%

of the global population,

30%

of the world's territory,

31.5%

of global GDP and

18%

of global trade

Message from the Chair of the BRICS Business Council

Sanibonani

We will soon be meeting in person at the BRICS Business Council meetings and activities to be held in Johannesburg, in August 2023.

We are thrilled at the opportunity to once again, shine the spotlight on Africa and all that she has to offer, but also reinforce our trade ties and most certainly the camaraderie with our friends from Brazil, Russia, China, India and the world over, in this year that marks the 10th anniversary of the BRICS Business Council.

As we reflect on the work achieved in the past decade, we are proud to acknowledge the efforts of our nine Working Groups, who are the engine which keeps the BRICS Business Council running. We look forward with great confidence to the transactions and outputs that will emerge from their continued programme of work.

We also extend our gratitude for the partnership and support shown by our BRICS Business Council counterparts, throughout the years and during this process of planning the activities and engagements to be held around the 15th BRICS Summit.

The collective successes shared in the past decade speak for themselves. BRICS is now recognized as one of the world's leading trade blocs, representing over a third of global GDP. With China and India in the lead, BRICS has seen its economic influence as a driver of global growth, trade, and investment, increase over the past decades.

However, we still have to contend with a volatile global climate and a slow pace of socio-economic recovery for some economies, such as South Africa's.

Thus, such a time calls for BRICS to reinforce its commercial and economic ties to continue its anchor role in the global south.

As we draw closer to the planned activities in August, we take stock of the work done to date and our state of readiness for the 2023 BRICS Business Council Annual General Meeting and the BRICS Business Forum during the Summit of the Heads of State.

We look forward to engaging with you through all the various activities and finally meeting you in person in August.

Until then, nisale kahle

Busi Mabuza
Chairperson of the global BRICS Business Council (2023)



About The BRICS Business Council

The BRICS Business Council was created in 2013 at the 5th BRICS Summit in Durban, South Africa, bringing together the respective business communities from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, the BRICS Business Council was created as an economic workstream that runs parallel to the broader BRICS formation.

The role of the BRICS Business Council is to facilitate business-to-business engagements in the interest of creating tangible inter-trade and investment opportunities between the partner countries, ensure regular dialogue between business communities and governments, as well as identifying trade and investment related bottlenecks, with the responsibility to address the most important business demands, proposals and initiatives that could contribute positively to economic collaboration.

The BRICS Business Council comprises five chapters from the respective BRICS nations, South Africa being one. Each of the five chapters is headed by council members who oversee the respective working groups, namely, Agribusiness, Aviation, Digital Economy, Deregulation, Energy and Green Economy, Financial Services, Infrastructure, Manufacturing, as well as Skills Development. Each of these Working Groups are chaired by respective industry leaders.

This global grouping meets physically at the Annual General Meeting, ahead of the BRICS Business Forum and Summit of Heads of State.

South Africa is the Chair of BRICS in 2023, and will hand over to Russia, who will assume Chairship in January 2024.

SA BRICS Business Council Members



Ms. Busi Mabuza

Chairperson of the global BRICS Business Council (2023)
Chairperson of South Africa Chapter of the BRICS Business Council
Board Chairperson of the Industrial Development Corporation



Dr. Ayanda Ntsaluba

SA BRICS Business Council Portfolio Head: Aviation and Deregulation
Executive Director of Discovery Limited



Mr. Elias Monage

SA BRICS Business Council Portfolio Head: Energy and Green Economy;
and Infrastructure
Executive Chairperson: Arabela Holdings



Ms. Phuthi Mahanyele-Dabengwa

SA BRICS Business Council Portfolio Head: Digital Economy and Skills Development
South Africa CEO of Naspers Ltd



Dr. Stavros Nicolaou

SA BRICS Business Council Portfolio Head: Aviation and Manufacturing
Group Senior Executive of Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Limited

WORKING GROUPS

The engine of the SA BRICS Business Council

Working Group

- Agribusiness
- Aviation
- Deregulation
- Digital Economy
- Energy & Green Economy
- Financial Services
- Infrastructure
- Manufacturing
- Skills Development

Chaired by

Mr. Wandile Sihlobo, Agbiz SA
Ms Mpumi Mpofu, ACSA
Adv Mtho Xulu, SACCI
Mr. Ziaad Suleman, EOH
Mr. Brian Dames, AREP
Mr. David Jarvis, IDC
Mr. Irvindra Naidoo, Industry Expert
Mr. Nizam Kalla, AMKA
Ms. Mapule Ncanywa, Industry Expert

2023 CHAIRSHIP OF BRICS

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2023 PRIORITIES:

- Developing a partnership towards an equitable Just Transition
- Transforming education and skills development for the future
- Unlocking opportunities through the African Continental Free Trade Agreement
- Strengthening post-pandemic socio-economic recovery and the attainment of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development
- Strengthening Multilateralism, including Working Toward Real Reform of Global Governance Institutions and Strengthening the Meaningful Participation of Women in Peace Processes.

2023 DELIVERABLES:

- 1st BRICS Workshop on Incident Management
- Establishment of the BRICS Centre for Industrial Competencies
- BRICS African JET Centre of Excellence
- Launch of the Energy Skills Roadmap
- Establishment of a BRICS-Africa Women's Business Alliance Platform



August Programme

DATE	TIME	TYPE	VENUE	
Monday - Friday 13th - 18th Aug		BRICS Inbound Buying and Investment Missions to Regional centres: Gauteng, Western Cape, KwaZulu Natal and Eastern Cape		Johannesburg, Tshwane, Cape Town, Durban, East London
Saturday, 19th Aug	Full Day	Energy Cooperation Forum – hosted by the Energy & Green Economy WG BRIC Africa Reinsurance Seminar – hosted by the Financial Services WG Enabling Government Business Partnerships In Infrastructure – hosted by Infrastructure WG Digital Transformation in the BRICS – hosted by the Digital Economy WG BRICS Dialogue on Airlift Strategy – hosted by the Aviation WG Showcase of Green Energy Products – hosted by Manufacturing WG SIDE EVENT: Africa's Economic Place in the BRICS Alliance (Hybrid) hosted by GGDA	Gallagher	EXHIBITION B2B MEDIA CENTRE
Sunday, 20th Aug	Morning	Blue Oceans Showcase – hosted by Infrastructure WG 9 Working Group intra- BRICS meetings Sectoral Engagements in Exhibition Area	Gallagher	
	Afternoon	BBC 10 th Anniversary Celebration	TBC	
Monday, 21st Aug	Morning	New Development Bank led Sessions • BRICS Business Council / NDB Leadership Breakfast (CLOSED SESSION) • Thematic Panel Discussion on Solving for Energy –NDB • Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction & Energy Sector Development Project – NDB	Gallagher	
	Afternoon	BRICS Business Council Chair of Chair Council Session BRICS Business Council ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Gallagher	
Tuesday, 22nd Aug	tbc	BRICS Business Forum	Sandton Conv Cent	
Wednesday, 23rd Aug		BBC EVENT: Hand Over of Annual Report to Heads of States	SSC	
		BBC EVENT: BBC Chairs to Presidential Banquet	Gallagher	
		Site 1: JSE: The Role Of Capital Markets In Economic Growth	JSE	
		Site 2: AIDC: The Future of Mobility in the BRICS Region	AIDC	
		Site 3: Innovation Hub : “The State of Innovation, Skills of the future, and Digital Economy of the BRICS region”	Innovation Hub	
		SIDE EVENT: Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response (PPPR) for Health Security, South Africa 2023 – In partnership with Africa CDC	Gallagher	

*Participation is subject to invitation



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How to participate

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