



(Virtual)

AGENDA

DAY 1: 28 July 2021

Inaugural Session

16.00-16.10 IST

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, *Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India*

16.10-16.15 IST

Presentation on BRICS Civil Forum 2021 by RIS

16.15-16.25 IST

Comments by BRICS CSOs

- **Dr. Paulo Esteves**, *Former Director, BRICS Policy Center, Brazil*
- **Ms. Zhu Jingfang**, *Research Fellow, China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE), China*
- **Mr. Reon van der Merwe**, *Deputy Director for International Relations, Stakeholder Relations, South African BRICS Youth Association (SABYA), South Africa*
- **Ms. Valeriia Gorbacheva**, *GR-Director, National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia*

16.25-16.40 IST

Inaugural Address: Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, *Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India, India*

16.40-16.45 IST

Vote of Thanks

17.00- 18.00 IST	Plenary Session I: Inclusive Development and Promotion of Entrepreneurship in BRICS: Role of Technology
<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Role of technology in ensuring inclusive development</i> • <i>Role of technology in promoting entrepreneurship/social entrepreneurship</i> • <i>Experiences of CSOs from BRICS in technology integration and diffusion</i> 	<p>Chair: <i>Dr. Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Science Diplomacy Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India</i></p> <p>Keynote: <i>Dr. S. K. Varshney, Adviser & Head, International Division, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Mauro Oddo Nogueira, Researcher, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA), Brazil</i> • <i>Mr. Igor Lavrovski, Director of the Institute of Futurology, Stolypin Club; Chairman of the Committee on Financial and Monetary Policy, All-Russia Public Organization "Business Russia", Russia</i> • <i>Dr. Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India</i> • <i>Mr. Alex Wang, Secretary-General, Youthink Center, China</i> <p>Interaction/Q&A</p>

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16.00-17.00 IST	Plenary Session II: People's Participation on Sustainability: The BRICS Experience
<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inclusive and participatory approach towards sustainable development</i> • <i>Exploring avenues for people's participation in achieving SDGs</i> • <i>Best practices emanating from BRICS</i> 	<p>Chair: <i>Mr. Shyam Parande, Secretary, Sewa International & Secretary General, Antar-Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad, India</i></p> <p>Keynote: <i>Mr. R. R. Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow and Programme Director, Earth Science and Climate Change, The Energy and Resources Institute, India</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Ana Toni, Executive Director, Instituto Clima e Sociedade (iCS) and Founding Partner of Public Interest Management (GIP), Brazil</i> • <i>Mr. Vladimir Chuprov, Head of the Greenpeace Russia's Energy Program, Russia</i> • <i>Professor Pam Rajput, Emeritus Professor, Panjab University, India</i> • <i>Mr. Daqian Zhang, International Coordinator of China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation, China</i> • <i>Mr. Yared Tsegay, Programmes Head, African Monitor, South Africa</i> <p>Interaction/Q&A</p>

17.15-17.45 IST	Roundtable Discussion on Consolidating BRICS Civil Process
	<p>Chair:: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, <i>Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr André de Mello e Souza, <i>Senior Research Fellow at Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA), Brazil</i> • Professor Vladimir Davydov, <i>Scientific Director of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) Institute of Latin America, RAS Corresponding Member, Chair of the Scientific Council of the Russian National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia</i> • Dr. Rajesh Tandon, <i>President, Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) and Chairman, Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC), India</i> • Mr. Zhao Xiaowei, <i>BRICS Civil Chinese Focal Point, China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE), China</i> • Mrs. Sibulele Poswayo, <i>Chairperson, Inequality Movement Eastern Cape, South Africa</i>
18.00-18.20 IST	<p><u>Closing Session</u></p> <p>Special Remarks: Amb. P. Harish, <i>India’s BRICS Sous Sherpa and Additional Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</i></p> <p>Vote of Thanks</p>