



## CURTAIN RAISER

### AGENDA (Virtual)

#### DAY 1: 16 April 2021

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| <b>15.00-16.00 IST</b> | <p><b>Inaugural Session</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professor Sachin Chaturvedi</b>, <i>Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Mohan Kumar</b>, <i>Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Report of BRICS Civil Forum 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Victoria Panova</b>, <i>Managing Director, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research and Vice President for International Relations, Far Eastern Federal University, Russia</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Special Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amb. Pavel Knyazev</b>, <i>Russia's BRICS Sous-Sherpa</i></li> <li>• <b>Amb. Ben Joubert</b>, <i>South Africa's BRICS Sous-Sherpa</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Inaugural Address:</b><br/> <b>Shri Sanjay Bhattacharyya</b>, <i>India's BRICS Sherpa and Secretary (CPV &amp; OIA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</i></p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks:</b><br/> <b>Dr. Sabyasachi Saha</b>, <i>Associate Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></p> |
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| <b>16.15-17.30 IST</b>   | <b>Session I: Reformed Multilateralism</b>   |
| <p><b>Key Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multilateralism at UN and consensus building</li> <li>• New economic order, equity and participation</li> <li>• Post-COVID Development Challenges and global action</li> </ul> | <p><b>Chair: Amb. Amar Sinha</b>, <i>Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></p> <p><b>Keynote: Mr. P. Harish</b>, <i>India's BRICS Sous Sherpa and Additional Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. André de Mello e Souza</b>, <i>Senior Researcher, IPEA, Brazil</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Victoria Panova</b>, <i>Managing Director, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research and Vice President for International Relations, Far Eastern Federal University, Russia</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Wang Lei</b>, <i>Director, Center for BRICS Cooperation Studies, Beijing Normal University, China</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Philani Mthembu</b>, <i>Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa</i></li> <li>• <b>Professor Sachin Chaturvedi</b>, <i>Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p> |

**DAY 2: 17 April 2021**

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| <b>15.00-16.15 IST</b>   | <b>Session II: Development Finance and Global Public Goods</b>   |
| <p><b>Key Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to development finance post-COVID, institutional mechanisms, instruments and norms</li> <li>• Strengthening global safety nets and dealing with rising debts</li> <li>• Technological and Digital Solutions for SDGs: Imperatives for Access, Equity and Inclusion</li> <li>• Collective action for Global Public Goods</li> </ul> | <p><b>Chair: Professor Sachin Chaturvedi</b>, <i>Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></p> <p><b>Keynote: Mr. K V Kamath</b>, <i>Former President, New Development Bank</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Paulo Esteves</b>, <i>Director, BRICS Policy Center, Brazil</i></li> <li>• <b>Professor Irina Z. Yarygina</b>, <i>Head, Economics and Banking Department, MGIMO University, and Professor, Financial University, Russia</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Ashok Khosla</b>, <i>Chairman, Development Alternatives, India</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. (Ms.) Zhang Chuanhong (Diana)</b>, <i>Associate Professor, College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University</i></li> <li>• <b>Professor Elizabeth Sidiropoulos</b>, <i>Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p> |

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| <b>16.30-17.30 IST</b>   | <b>Session III: Pandemic Response, Partnership and Role of Civil Society</b>   |
| <p><b>Key Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine leadership and vaccine equity</li> <li>• Alternative Development Paradigms and Transformative approaches</li> <li>• People-to-People Cooperation for inclusion and resilience</li> </ul> | <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Dr. Paulo Esteves</b>, <i>Director, BRICS Policy Center, Brazil</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Stephan Kanakin</b>, <i>Researcher, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia</i></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Rajesh Tandon</b>, <i>President, PRIA and Chairman, FIDC, India</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Atul Jain</b>, <i>General Secretary, Deen Dayal Research Institute, India</i></li> <li>• <b>Ms. Xiangyi Wang</b>, <i>Vice-Chairwoman and Executive Director, China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO), China</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr. Simon Vilakazi</b>, <i>Food Security and Climate Change Coordinator, Economic Justice Network (EJN), South Africa</i></li> <li>• <b>Ms Sanusha Naidu</b>, <i>Senior Research Associate, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p> |
| <b>17.30-18.00</b>   | <b>Valedictory Session</b>   |
|  | <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Dr. Mohan Kumar</b>, <i>Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></p> <p><b>Way Forward:</b> <b>Professor Sachin Chaturvedi</b>, <i>Director-General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></p> <p><b>Valedictory Address:</b> <b>Mr. P. Harish</b>, <i>India's BRICS Sous Sherpa and Additional Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</i></p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks:</b> <b>Dr. Sabyasachi Saha</b>, <i>Associate Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, India</i></p>  |