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10:00 hrs. (IST), Tuesday, 25 August 2026



Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India



Agenda

9.30-10.00 hrs	Registration
10.00-11.00 hrs	Inaugural Session
	<i>Welcome Remarks: Dr. Priyadarshi Dash</i>, Associate Professor, RIS <i>Opening Remarks: Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma</i>, Director General, RIS <i>Video about RIS</i> <i>Remarks by Heads of Delegations of BTTNF Members:</i> • Dr. Luciana Mendes Santos Servo, President, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil • Professor Xu Yude, Vice President, Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences, China (Online) • Dr. Mai Mohsen, Head of Chairman's Technical Office Central Department, Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), Egypt (Online) • Dr. Igor Kovtun, Senior Researcher, Financial Research Institute (FRI), Russia • Mr. Mohammed Al Darmaki, Economic Researcher, Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR), the United Arab Emirates <i>Launch of BTTNF Joint Research Reports</i>

	Special Remarks: • Ms. Aparna Ray, Joint Secretary (PP&R), Ministry of External Affairs, India* • Ms. Chandni Raina, Advisor, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, India Vote of Thanks: Dr. Amol Baxi, Visiting Fellow, RIS
11.00-11.30 hrs	Tea
11.30-13.00 hrs	Plenary Session: New Waves in Global Finance: Implications for BRICS
	Chair: Professor Ram Singh, Director, Delhi School of Economics & Member, Monetary Policy Committee, RBI, New Delhi Speakers: • Mr. Muralidhar Manchala, Deputy General Manager, Fintech Department, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai • Professor Ashima Goyal, Emeritus Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai (Online) • Professor Pami Dua, Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India (PMEAC) & Former Director, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi • Professor Pravakar Sahoo, Senior Lead (Economics), NITI Aayog, New Delhi Q & A
13.00-14.00 hrs	Lunch
14.00-15.30 hrs	Technical Session I: Fintech and Inclusive Development: Experiences from BRICS Countries
	Chair: Professor N.R. Bhanumurthy, Director, Madras School of Economics, Chennai Presentations by BTTNF Members: • Brazil: Mr. Nicholas Magnus Deleuse Blikstad, Researcher, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil (Online) • China: Dr. Feng Beilin, Deputy Director (Research), Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences (CAFS), China (Online) • Egypt: Ms. Marwa Harb, Senior Economist and Ms. Mai Ahmed, Senior Economist, Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), Egypt (Online)

	• India: Ms. Ishanvi Goyal, Research Assistant, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India • Russia: Dr. Igor Kovtun (<i>In-Person</i>) and Dr. Alexey Ponomarenko, Researcher, Financial Research Institute (FRI), Russia (Online) Q & A
15.30-16.00 hrs	Tea
16.00-17.30 hrs	Technical Session II: Financing Resilient Infrastructure: Initiatives and Best Practices from BRICS Countries
	Chair: Mr. Amit Prothi, Director General, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), New Delhi <i>Presentations by BTTNF Members:</i> • Brazil: Dr. Thaise Kemmer, Planning and Research Officer, Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil (Online) • India: Mr. Avinash, Research Assistant, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India • Russia: Dr. Viacheslav Barashenkov, Senior Researcher (<i>In-Person</i>) and Dr. Antonina Kovalevskaya, Leading Researcher, Financial Research Institute (FRI), Russia (Online) • UAE: Mr. Mohammed Al Darmaki, Economic Researcher, Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR), Abu Dhabi Q & A
17.30-18.30 hrs	Valedictory Session
	Chair: Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma, Director General, RIS Key Takeaways: Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS <i>Special Remarks:</i> • Professor Sabyasachi Kar, Director, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi • Professor N.R. Bhanumurthy, Director, Madras School of Economics, Chennai Vote of Thanks: Dr. Amol Baxi, Visiting Fellow, RIS
18.30 hrs	Conference Dinner