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II International Municipal BRICS Forum



November 5-6

BRICS Interstate Association

BRICS is an international community created in 2006, which includes the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India and the Republic of South Africa (since 2010). The association was created on the initiative of Vladimir Putin, the President of the Russian Federation.

The BRICS influence on the international arena is based on the growing economic might of the member states, their importance as one of the main driving forces of the global economic development, a large population and vast natural resources. The relations between the BRICS countries are based on the UN Charter, the universally recognized principles and norms of international law, as well as such principles as openness, pragmatism, solidarity, non-block nature and non-aggression with regard to third parties.

The formats of interaction among the BRICS members include regular annual summits, meetings of leaders on the margins of G20 summits, meetings of national security advisers, meetings of ministers. Contacts between city administrations, business, academic and scientific communities and civil society were established.



IX BRICS Summit, 2017, Xiamen, China.



XI BRICS Summit, 2019, Brasilia, Brazil.

BRICS Interstate Association

An important practical result of the BRICS countries' cooperation was the launch of the New Development Bank (NDB) and the BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement with an impressive volume of funds of USD 200 bln, which is not only solid financial support for the group but also the evidence of its greater weight in the international economy and finance. The first NDB regional office was opened in Johannesburg, South Africa. NDB is now headquartered in Shanghai, China. In 2019, another branch opened in São Paulo, Brazil. The economy of the BRICS countries has grown 4.2 times in 10 years, while the economic indicators of developed countries have increased by only 61%.

BRAZIL

President: Jair Bolsonaro
Official language: Portuguese
Capital: Brasilia
Largest cities: Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Salvador
Currency: Brazilian Real
Form of government: federal presidential republic
Area: 8 515 767 km²
Population: 207,353,391
Water resource per day: 30 680 m³
Water consumption per day: 63 m³ / g.

RUSSIA

President: Vladimir Putin
Official language: Russian
Capital: Moscow
Largest cities: St. Petersburg, Kazan, Samara
Currency: ruble
Form of government: presidential-parliamentary republic
Area: 17 125 191 km²
Population: 146,780,720
Water resource per day: 30 500 m³
Water consumption per day: 18m³/g.

INDIA

President: Ram Nath Kovind
Official language: Hindi, English
Capital: New Delhi
Largest cities: Mumbai, Bangalore, Calcutta
Currency: Indian Rupee
Form of government: federal parliamentary republic
Area: 3,287,263 km²
Population: 1,340,468,000
Water resource per day: 2 200 m³
Water consumption per day: 86 m³/g.

CHINA

Chair: Xi Jinping
Official language: Chinese
Capital: Beijing
Largest cities: Shanghai, Hong Kong, Taipei
Currency: Chinese Yuan
Form of government: one-party parliamentary republic
Area: 9 597 000 km²
Population: 1,404,328,611
Water resource per day: 2 300 m³
Water consumption per day: 68 m³/g.

SAR

President: Cyril Ramaphos
Official language: English, Afrikaans, Venda, Zulu, Spiti
Capital: Pretoria
Largest cities: Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town
Currency: South African Rand
Form of government: parliamentary republic
Area: 1,221,038 km²
Population: 54,956,900
Water resource per day: 0, 928 m³
Water consumption per day: 63m³/g.

IMBRICS FORUM History

International Municipal BRICS Forum is an annual business event within the framework of the International Municipal BRICS Cooperation Project.

The forum was first held in September 2019 on the initiative of the Kupchino municipality (St Petersburg, Russia) with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Within the framework of the IMBRICS Forum's business program, 20 working sessions were held. The program was aimed at discussing variety of issues relevant to municipalities in the field of social and economic development. The events of the IMBRICS FORUM'2019 were widely covered in Russian and foreign media.



IMBRICS FORUM History

The forum was attended by politicians, city mayors, speakers of regional parliaments, representatives of local governments, business and academia, and public experts from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

The results of the forum showed the relevance of the development of international cooperation at the regional and municipal levels and the need to deepen foreign economic and humanitarian ties within the framework of the project.

The organizing committee for the preparation and conduction of the International Municipal BRICS Forum concluded agreements on cooperation and representation with municipal authorities, commercial and non-profit organizations of the Five countries.



The Forum is supported by:



Ministry
of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation



Government
of St. Petersburg



Federal Agency
Rossotrudnichestvo

«The main objective of cooperation between the BRICS member countries, as we see it, is to deliver real benefits for people and help improve living standards and the quality of life.»

Brasilia, Brazil, November 14, 2019



Vladimir Putin,
President of the Russian Federation

«In 2020, Russia will take the helm of BRICS. We intend to ensure continuity and harmonious transition from the Brazil Chairmanship to the Russian one. We will continue the policy of progressive and comprehensive enhancement of the strategic partnership of the BRICS countries. Certainly, we are interested in increasing financial and economic cooperation among the participating countries, effective industrial interaction and practical cooperation in developing and implementing new joint energy, telecommunications and high-tech projects.»



Sergey Lavrov,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

The Forum is supported by:



Sergey Ryabkov,

Deputy Minister of Foreign
Affairs of the Russian
Federation, Sherpa of Russia in
BRICS

Dear friends!

I cordially welcome the organizers and participants of the first International Municipal BRICS Forum and the first International Rugby-7 Tournament among the municipal teams from the BRICS countries in St. Petersburg! The dialogue at the municipal level of the member states plays an important role in the growing variety of areas of cooperation between the five countries. It contributes to the establishment of new and strengthening existing contacts, and the development of interpersonal communication – the most important sphere of interaction within BRICS. I am pleased to note that the initiative to hold the Forum and the Tournament is truly public, launched at the initiative of the municipality Kupchino of St. Petersburg. It reflects a real need for the establishment of sustainable linkages between small and medium-sized urban municipalities in the BRICS countries. The agenda of the International Municipal BRICS Forum is very rich. The experience exchange in the field of urbanism, the discussion of economic prospects, the territorial and cultural potential of municipalities create extensive opportunities for discussion, as well as the potential for practical cooperation.

I would also like to note the sports component of the forum. Its unique rugby component reflects the BRICS team spirit and collective approach to achieving its goals. I am convinced that your communication will be constructive, and the final result will allow us to establish mutually beneficial contacts and launch new joint initiatives. This is especially important in the light of Russia's forthcoming chairmanship of the BRICS organization in 2020.

I wish you all fruitful work and all the best! To athletes and all spectators – new victories!



Evgeny Grigoriev,

Member of the Government of
St Petersburg – Chairman of
the Committee for External
Affairs of St Petersburg

Dear ladies and gentlemen! Dear friends!

On behalf of the government of St. Petersburg, I welcome the organizers, participants and guests of the International Municipal BRICS Forum! It is symbolic that the BRICS organization (originally BRIC) was founded in our city - within the framework of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum in June 2006. And now, here, on the banks of the Neva river, it takes a new turn and strengthens contacts at the level of municipalities.

The government of St. Petersburg welcomes and supports the initiative of the organizers. We are convinced that through this forum we will be able to exchange experience and establish cooperation in the field of urban management, business, tourism, culture, education, science and information technology. Cooperation at the level of municipalities allows us to be as close as possible to the issues that most acutely concern our citizens and reflect the interests of everyone. As you know, 42% of the world's population lives in the BRICS countries. Our countries produce 27% of the world's GDP and occupy 1/4 of the land area. This is a powerful resource and opportunity, and we, without a doubt, should use them as efficiently as possible. Within BRICS, our states build their relations on the principles of equality, strict consideration for each others' interests, mutual respect and openness to the outside world.

On the part of the government of St. Petersburg, we are ready for full cooperation, and we will continue to promote contacts between city administrations, business, academic and scientific communities, and civil society. I wish all participants interesting discussions and useful networking!

IMBRICS FORUM'2020 (The "BRICS Plus" format)

3500
forum guests

64
participating
countries

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|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Brazil | 25. Finland | 49. Romania |
| 2. Russia | 26. France | 50. Senegal |
| 3. India | 27. Georgia | 51. Serbia |
| 4. China | 28. Germany | 52. Singapore |
| 5. South Africa | 29. Greece | 53. South Korea |
| 6. Argentina | 30. Hungary | 54. Spain |
| 7. Armenia | 31. Indonesia | 55. Sweden |
| 8. Austria | 32. Israel | 56. Tajikistan |
| 9. Azerbaijan | 33. Italy | 57. Thailand |
| 10. Belarus | 34. Japan | 58. Tunisia |
| 11. Belgium | 35. Kazakhstan | 59. Turkey |
| 12. Bulgaria | 36. Kyrgyzstan | 60. Turkmenistan |
| 13. Burundi | 37. Madagascar | 61. Uruguay |
| 14. Cameroon | 38. Malaysia | 62. Uzbekistan |
| 15. Chile | 39. Mexico | 63. Venezuela |
| 16. Colombia | 40. Moldova | 64. Vietnam |
| 17. Croatia | 41. Mongolia | |
| 18. Cuba | 42. Morocco | |
| 19. Czech Republic | 43. Netherlands | |
| 20. Denmark | 44. Norway | |
| 21. DR Congo | 45. Oman | |
| 22. Ecuador | 46. Paraguay | |
| 23. Egypt | 47. Peru | |
| 24. Ethiopia | 48. Portugal | |

IMBRICS FORUM'2020 (The "BRICS Plus" format)



Official event within the framework of Russia's Chairmanship in BRICS

The forum is included in the official events calendar of the Russian Federation's BRICS chairmanship in 2020. The forum will be held in the BRICS Plus format. It will be attended not only by the BRICS representatives, but also by delegates from the SCO, the European Union, South America, the African continent, and others.

At the IMBRICS FORUM plenary meeting, high-ranking speakers will discuss the results of the outgoing year and the work on strengthening the interstate association accomplished as part of Russia's BRICS chairmanship, as well as the regional and municipal authorities.

IMBRICS FORUM'2020 (The "BRICS Plus" format)

The event's objectives:



Building international multidisciplinary interaction between municipalities, deepening the integration processes of the BRICS countries



Attracting private foreign capital in investment projects of the Russian municipalities, aimed at sustainable development of territories



Analysis and presentation of the best innovations in the field of municipal management and development of small towns in the BRICS countries



Creating a positive image of the Russian Federation abroad



Developing foreign economic and humanitarian cooperation of the BRICS countries at the regional and municipal levels



Mikhail Cherepanov,
Chairman of the Organizing Committee
for the preparation and conduction of the International
Municipal BRICS Forum

The development of municipal cooperation among the interstate association of BRICS is a promising direction which, due to the efficiency of interaction between small and medium-sized cities of the "Five", will allow municipalities to form the agenda that contributes to BRICS achieving a leadership position in the geopolitical arena.

The IMBRICS FORUM is a platform that creates opportunities for a broad multi-disciplinary partnership and achieving sustainable development of the territories of municipalities within the interstate association in many areas, such as economy and business, investment, scientific and digital technologies, infrastructure and transport, construction, agriculture, ecology, culture and education, sports, tourism, and humanitarian cooperation.

It is worth noting that we are working hard to find and present investment projects of Russian municipalities focused on sustainable development of territories. I am convinced that if medium-sized and small cities themselves can attract investment in the development of their economies, it will be a powerful impetus for the socio-economic development of the entire country! Thanks to our productive work at the forum, we will be able to create a pool of such investment projects that are interesting for investment by both Russian and foreign private capital.

IMBRICS FORUM'2020 (The "BRICS Plus" format)



New business contacts and connections

On the margins of the IMBRICS FORUM'2020, entrepreneurs will be able to establish new business contacts and sales markets for their products, build proper communication with potential business partners and government representatives. In turn, the BRICS municipalities will present their achievements in socio-economic, technological and innovative development, and exchange experience in building mutually beneficial integration processes.



Multidisciplinary business program

The main business program of the forum consists of 36 sections and is focused on discussing topical issues for regions and municipalities in the field of economic development, trade, investment, construction and modernization of urban infrastructure, urbanism, digitalization and innovative technologies, ecology, waste disposal and recycling, agriculture, tourism, culture and education, sports, humanitarian cooperation and social design.



Congress of Governors

Within the framework of the IMBRICS FORUM'2020, a separate platform will be organized for regional leaders of the BRICS countries, where they will consider the best practices in implementing national projects, issues of applying effective management mechanisms that contribute to the growth of economic indicators and improvement of the quality of life.

IMBRICS FORUM'2020 (The "BRICS Plus" format)



Partnership opportunities

Partner of the IMBRICS FORUM' 2020 is a prestigious status that not only provides for premium participation and broad branding on the forum site, but also meets the strategic interests of the company/organization. A line of exclusive offers has been developed for the forum partners, which includes advertising, a stand or a module of the company/organization, holding of a presentation or a press conference, forming your own agenda within the forum and organizing a specialized working session of the company/organization.



Interactive exhibition space

The "Expoforum" Convention and Exhibition Centre site is the largest not only in St Petersburg, but also in the entire northwest Russia. It allows exhibitors to create any working space, simulate meeting rooms, exhibition stands and modules, place advertising banners, structures and LED-panels.



High media coverage




Media coverage and information support for the IMBRICS FORUM events (Russian and foreign media) will make the participation of partners and guests of the forum as noticeable as possible, win the attention of a wide audience, improve the company's image, or personal political status. Press conferences and signing ceremonies will be organized at the IMBRICS FORUM sites (both for forum partners and for heads of regions and municipalities of the BRICS countries).

Municipal Agenda of the IMBRICS FORUM'2020

In view of Russia assuming the BRICS presidency in 2020, the Organizing Committee on preparation and conduction of the IMBRICS FORUM plans to hold a separate session dedicated to the presentation of municipal investment projects aimed at sustainable development of territories of the Russian Federation at "Expoforum". They will be considered by the invited foreign investors interested in investing in small and medium-sized businesses.

With that in mind, the Organizing Committee for the preparation and conduction of the IMBRICS FORUM invites Russian regions and municipalities to present their investment projects at the forum site, and also guarantees transaction support in the event of an agreement with an investor.

The following types of projects are considered:

-  project at the zero stage: the idea of an investment project that requires an injection of funds for the preparation of documentation and further implementation;
-  project at the structuring stage: presentation of the investment project, existence of a business plan, preliminary calculations, i.e. the project is in the process of preparation;
-  turnkey project: an investment project with ready-made documentation, necessary approvals and permits, implementation dates and calculations, etc.

All investment projects should be focused on sustainable development of the territory, infrastructure development, increasing tax revenues to the budget, increasing jobs and improving other indicators of socio-economic growth.

IMBRICS FORUM'2020 Business Program

5-6 NOVEMBER		EXPOFORUM Convention & Exhibition Centre			
9.00 - 18.00	SECTION № 1	Exhibition of the BRICS municipalities and partners of the IMBRICS FORUM' 2020			
10.30 - 18.00	SECTION № 2	Presentation of investment projects *FOR INVESTORS (PARTNERS)			
5 NOVEMBER					
9.00 - 10.30	Registration of the Forum participants				
9.00	Opening of the Exhibition hall				
SECTION № 3		SECTION № 4		SECTION № 5	SECTION № 6
10.30 - 11.45	How will the cooperation of the BRICS municipalities allow to create new tourist routes	Development of new mechanisms and discussion of existing practices for preventing forest fires	Innovative technologies in the health systems of the municipalities	Business partnership of the BRICS Plus municipalities: mutually beneficial business and strengthening of entrepreneurs' cooperation	
12.00 - 13.30	Plenary meeting "BRICS 2020. Summing up the results of the Russian presidency"				
13.30 - 14.30	LUNCH				

IMBRICS FORUM'2020 Business Program

5 NOVEMBER

	SECTION № 7	SECTION № 8	SECTION № 9	SECTION № 10	SECTION № 11
14.30 – 16.00	Sport unites the nations	Preferential conditions for investors as a guarantee of economic development of municipalities: exchange of practices	<i>Partner section (agenda under approval)</i>	Following the world trend in development: the digitalization of the municipalities	Creation of the BRICS municipalities association as a tool for effective interaction
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break				
	SECTION № 12	SECTION № 13	SECTION № 14	SECTION № 15	SECTION № 16
16.30 – 18.00	<i>Partner section (agenda under approval)</i>	Modern technologies of waste disposal and recycling in the BRICS municipalities	Innovations in road management and modernization of transport systems in municipal cities	Corporate social responsibility: requests from municipalities and business opportunities	Exchange of electoral practices and new technologies in electoral processes

IMBRICS FORUM'2020 Business Program

6 NOVEMBER

9.00 - 10.00	Registration of the Forum participants				
9.00	Opening of the Exhibition hall				
	SECTION № 17	SECTION № 18	SECTION № 19	SECTION № 20	SECTION № 21
10.00 - 11.30	Housing and urban environment: smart cities, technology and safety	The role of municipalities in the development of small business and entrepreneurship	Digital infrastructure of remote regions and sparsely populated lands: current issues of development	New opportunities in small power engineering: modernization of the population's energy supply system	NDB resources for infrastructure and sustainable development in the BRICS countries: new opportunities for municipalities
	SECTION № 22	SECTION № 23	SECTION № 24	SECTION № 25	SECTION № 26
12.00 - 13.30	The role of municipalities in shaping the views of the younger generation on future development of the BRICS interstate association	How can municipalities cooperate in agriculture to meet consumer needs	<i>Partner section (agenda under approval)</i>	Cooperation of the BRICS municipalities in overcoming the shortage of professions	Major infrastructure and social facilities in the BRICS municipalities: best practices in investment attraction

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6 NOVEMBER

13.30 - 14.30	Coffee break				
	SECTION № 27	SECTION № 28	SECTION № 29	SECTION № 30	SECTION № 31
14.30 - 16.00	Exchange of experience: legislative initiatives that have had a positive impact on the sustainable development of BRICS municipalities	<i>Partnersection (agenda under approval)</i>	Opportunities for cooperation between municipalities and BRICS trade representatives: development of small business' foreign trade activities	<i>Partnersection (agenda under approval)</i>	Essential elements of a modern economy: possibilities for modernizing water supply and sanitation systems
	SECTION № 32	SECTION № 33	SECTION № 34	SECTION № 35	SECTION № 36
16.30 - 18.00	Development of cultural ties between cities and municipalities of the BRICS countries	The role of municipalities in reducing the negative impact on the environment	<i>Partnersection (agenda under approval)</i>	Social support for the elderly: municipal boarding houses in the BRICS countries	The BRICS educational environment: delving into the history of the BRICS countries and exploring the present

*The forum program will be amended.

IMBRICS FORUM'2020 Activities

In addition to the main business program, business breakfasts, receptions, and cultural events are also planned within the framework of the IMBRICS FORUM'2020. Forum participants and guests of St Petersburg will be able to visit museums and theaters, get acquainted with the sights of St Petersburg.

The sporting events will be held as well, and the delegates of the IMBRICS FORUM'2020 will be able to participate as fans and support their countries' teams. The sports program will include the final of the II International Municipal Rugby-7 Tournament and the final of the I International Municipal Chess Tournament.



IMBRICS FORUM'2020 Activities



November 4	Arrival of delegations, meeting of guests of the IMBRICS Forum' 2020
	International conference – hotel "Park Inn by Radisson" (invite-only event)
November 5-6	II International Municipal BRICS Forum – "EXPOFORUM" Convention & Exhibition Centre (main business program of the forum)
November 5	IMBRICS Forum' 2020 Evening reception (invite-only event)
November 6	IMBRICS Forum' 2020 Business breakfast (for VIP members)
	International round table – Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library (invite-only event)
November 7	Business NIGHT (closed event)
	Charity event dedicated to supporting families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic (closed event)
	Sports Program IMBRICS Forum' 2020
	International Municipal Rugby-7 Tournament
	International Municipal Chess Tournament
November 6-8	Cultural program in St Petersburg

* IMBRICS FORUM'2020 agenda may be amended before 01.10.2020



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Terms of participation and contacts

For more information about the International Municipal BRICS Forum and the International Municipal BRICS Cooperation Project, please visit: www.imbrics.com. Information about the cost and conditions of participation in the forum is available in the "Participants" section.

If you are interested in becoming a partner of the International Municipal BRICS Forum, you can email us at: org@imbrics.com. All terms and offers are considered on a case-to-case basis.

If you are the head of a state or municipal authority body and want to personally participate in the forum or form a delegation, you can email us at: org@imbrics.com.

If you are a media representative and want to become a media partner of the forum, or you are interested in the terms of accreditation at the forum, you can email us at: press-centre@imbrics.com.

If you want to enter a team for the rugby-7 qualifying tournament, you can email us at: sport-department@imbrics.com.

Write to us, and you will be contacted shortly!

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