

## BRICS Business Forum

Dates – 16-17-18 August 2021

Time – 4.00 to 6.15 pm India Time

Virtual Conference

Theme: Strengthening BRICS Business Connect for Sustainable Growth and Development

Draft Program

Day 1 – 16 August 2021 (IST)

Time	Session	
4.00 – 5.00 pm	<b>Session 1 – Leveraging Digital Technologies for Better Governance and Higher Growth</b>	
	<p><b>Chair and Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Himanshu Kapania</b>, Vice Chairman, Grasim &amp; Director Telecom, Aditya Birla Management Corporation Pvt Ltd. &amp; Chair, BBC Working Group on Digital Economy (India)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Sergio Paulo Gallindo</b>, Chief Executive Officer, BRASSCOM, Association of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Digital Technologies Companies (Brazil)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Anna Nesterova</b>, Chairperson, Global Rus Trade (Russia)</li> <li>• <b>Mr Tushar Parikh</b>, TCS Country Head Brazil and BFSI Head Latin America, Tata Consultancy Services (India)</li> <li>• <b>Ms MENG Shusen</b>, Chairman and President, China Unicom Global Ltd. (China)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Phuti Mahanyele-Dabengwa</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Naspers (South Africa) Ltd. (South Africa)</li> </ul>	
5.15 – 6.15 pm	<b>Session 2 – Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals – Role of Financial Sector</b>	<b>Session 3 – Priorities for Infrastructure Development in post Covid-19 world</b>
	<p><b>Chair and Moderator: Ms Naina Lal Kidwai</b>, Chairperson, Advent Private Equity, India Advisory Board &amp; Chair, BBC Working Group on Financial Services (India)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Guilherme de França Teixeira</b>, Manager of International Affairs, National Confederation of Financial Institutions (CNF) (Brazil)</li> <li>• <b>Mr Andrey Kuleshov</b>, Head of Strategy and Development at the Common Fund for Commodities (Amsterdam), Adviser, the Centre for AI Science and Technology at the Moscow Institute of Physics and</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chair and Moderator: Mr Shailesh Pathak</b>, Head – Special Initiatives, Development Projects, Larsen and Toubro &amp; Co-Chair, BBC Working Group on Infrastructure (India)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Viviane Saraiva</b>, Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, Construtora Queiroz Galvão (Brazil)</li> <li>• <b>Mr Trofim Iakovlev</b>, Head of Division for Analysis and Strategy, Foreign Projects and International Cooperation Department, JSC Russian Railways (Russia)</li> <li>• _____ (India-ASSOCHAM)</li> <li>• <b>Mr CHEN Zhong</b>, Vice President of</li> </ul>

	<p>Technology- Moscow (Russia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Amit Chandra</b>, Chairperson, Bain Capital India</li> <li>• <b>Mr WANG Kun</b>, Deputy General Manager, International Banking Department, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd. (ICBC) (China)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Fatima Vawda</b>, Managing Director, 27Four Investment Managers (Pty) Ltd (South Africa)</li> </ul>	<p>China Communications Construction Company Ltd. (China)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Yolisa Kani</b>, Chief Business Development Officer Transnet SOC Ltd (South Africa)</li> </ul>
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### Day 2 – 17 August 2021 (IST)

Time	Session
4.00 – 5.00 pm	<p><b>Session 4 – BRICS Women’s Business Alliance – From Women Empowerment to Women Led Development – New Ideas, New Approaches</b></p> <p><b>Chair and Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Sangita Reddy</b>, Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals &amp; Chairperson, BRICS Women’s Business Alliance (India)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Grazielle Parenti</b>, Global VP Corporate Affairs, Reputation and Sustainability, BRF (Brazil)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Anna Nesterova</b>, Chairperson of Board of Directors Global Rus Trade (Russia)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Chetna Sinha</b>, Founder and Chairperson, Maan Deshi Bank (India)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. TIAN Xiyan</b>, General Manager of Alibaba Local Services, in charge of "Female Growth" project, Alibaba Local Services (China)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Lebogang Zulu</b>, CEO, AV Group of Companies (South Africa)</li> <li>• <b>Q&amp;A- Ms Bertha Dlamini</b>, Group CEO, Rito Group of Companies (South Africa)</li> </ul>
5.15 – 6.15 pm	<p><b>Session 5 – Re-imagining healthcare sector – Public Private Partnership for better health outcomes</b></p> <p><b>Chair and Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Pankaj Patel</b>, Chairman, Zydus Cadila and Member, BRICS Business Council (India)</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Janete Vaz</b>, Co-Founder and President, Sabin Group (Brazil)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Lyudmila Shcherbakova</b>, President, Bright Way Group (Russia)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Devlina Chakravarty</b>, MD, DNB, DMRD, DHA, Managing Director Artemis Medicare Services Limited (India-FICCI)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. XU Jingjing</b>, Ph.D. Founder and Chairperson of Board, Meridian Medical Network Corp. (China)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Stavros Nicolaou</b>, Group Senior Executive, Aspen Pharmacare (South Africa)</li> </ul>

**18 August 2021 (IST)**

Time	Session
<b>4.00 – 4.30 pm</b>	<b>Session with Mr Marcos Troyjo, President, NDB</b>
4.00 – 4.05 pm	Welcome by Mr Onkar Kanwar, Chair, BRICS Business Council India Chapter
4.05 – 4.27 pm	Special Address by Mr Marcos Troyjo, President, New Development Bank
4.27 – 4.30 pm	Vote of Thanks by Mr Onkar Kanwar, Chair, BRICS Business Council India Chapter
<b>4.45 – 5.45 pm</b>	<b>Plenary Session with BRICS Business Council National Chapter Chairs</b>
4.45 – 4.50 pm	Opening Remarks by Mr Onkar Kanwar, Chair, BRICS Business Council India Chapter
4.50 – 5.40 pm	Remarks by BRICS Business Council National Chapter Chairs  Mr Jackson Schneider, Chair, BRICS Business Council Brazil Chapter  Mr Sergey Katyrin, Chair, BRICS Business Council Russia Chapter  Capt. Xu Lirong, Chair, BRICS Business Council China Chapter  Ms Busi Mabuza, Chair, BRICS Business Council South Africa Chapter
5.40 – 5.45 pm	Closing Remarks by Mr Onkar Kanwar, Chair, BRICS Business Council India Chapter

### **Brief on the Sessions**

#### **Session 1 – Leveraging Digital Technologies for Better Governance and Higher Growth**

Digital adoption has been growing at a rapid pace across BRICS countries. Covid-19 pandemic has further accentuated the importance and relevance of digital technology manifolds. The integration of digital applications across sectors has been happening at a rapid pace. The role of e-Government has also assumed greater importance during the pandemic as governments across countries attempted to exchange information and provide critical public services to the citizens and businesses using the digital mode. Embracing digital governance through digital transformation of existing administrative and regulatory system can be a key facilitator and driver of inclusive and sustainable development. Digital governance has thus become critical for country's overall economic and social development. This session will highlight how BRICS economies are rapidly leveraging digital technologies for better governance and higher growth. It will also present opportunity to ideate and

examine ways for collaboration amongst BRICS countries in the digital space to further the sustainable development agenda.

### **Session 2 – Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals – Role of Financial Sector**

Meeting the sustainable development agenda 2030 necessitates long term investments by countries in physical, social and digital infrastructure. There is a need to increase the capital flows into BRICS economies to facilitate financing for sustainable development projects. Mechanisms like Green financing, integrating ESG (environmental, social and governance) into investments and credit, etc. need to be encouraged. The session will explore the major financial avenues available in BRICS countries for contributing towards the sustainable development agenda. It will also explore avenues to promote co-operation amongst BRICS in sustainable economy solutions and how the financial sector can play the role of a catalyst in the same.

### **Session 3 – Priorities for Infrastructure Development in post Covid-19 world**

Covid-19 crisis has dented the economic growth in all BRICS countries. With BRICS governments confronting the dual health and economic crisis, the national priorities are being reset. Infrastructure development is viewed as a source of growth enabler and accelerator, especially during the times of economic crisis. Multiplier effects of large infrastructure development projects can help countries revive and recuperate. This session will enable sharing of information on how BRICS countries have relied on infrastructure development as a means of unshackling their growth engines. It will also explore the key priorities for infrastructure development in the BRICS countries in the post-covid19 world. BRICS economies can also explore opportunities for resetting city management and development in the post Covid-19 scenario. This may include planning for investment in urban transportation such as metros, railways, roads, highways, bridges as well as their maintenance and upkeep.

### **Session 4 – BRICS Women’s Business Alliance – From Women Empowerment to Women Led Development – New Ideas, New Approaches**

Empowering women in the economy and closing gender gaps in the world of work are key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Women’s economic empowerment boosts productivity increases economic diversification and income equality, and thereby contributes towards higher economic growth and development of the country. Encouraging more women participation in economic activities can accelerate economic growth. An IMF study shows that measures to close the gender gap could lead to approximately 6.8% increase in GDP.

Role of businesses in closing the gender gap is extremely important. With one year into inception, the BRICS Women’s Alliance is now set to play an important role in furthering women empowerment, especially through several on-ground initiatives. The session will explore some new initiatives, ideas and suggestions towards greater Women Empowerment in BRICS countries. It will also provide a platform to showcase some of the successful programs and initiatives being undertaken in the BRICS countries towards women entrepreneurship and women development.

### **Session 5 – Re-imagining healthcare sector – Public Private Partnership for better health outcomes**

The healthcare eco-system including health infrastructure, medical and pharmaceutical research, skilled workforce needs to be strengthened across all countries. The Covid-19 pandemic brought out the weak links in the health infrastructure and research space across countries. Prioritizing healthcare is now an extremely important agenda for economic prosperity of nations. New technologies and solutions will be extremely critical in managing better health outcomes going ahead. Bridging the healthcare gap requires active participation of public as well as private sector.



Public-private partnerships could probably be a solution to comprehensively address the issues faced by the healthcare sector, by leveraging on strengths of each partner.