

BRICS AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

Development Finance - A Catalyst for BRICS Economic Partnerships in Africa

DATES: 22 to 24 August 2018

VENUE: Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

22 August 2018

Arrival & Registration

23 August 2018

Session 1 Plenary

09:00–09:30 Welcome, Vice Chancellor of the Nelson Mandela University – Prof Sibongile Muthwa

09:30 – 12:30 Plenary – Keynote addresses

Chair: Prof Crain Soudien, CEO, HSRC

- Ms Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of International Relations & Cooperation (DIRCO), South Africa
 - Amb. Prof Anil Sooklal, DDG & BRICS Sherpa DIRCO: Report back from the BRICS Summit 2018
 - Inputs from the African Development Bank
 - Inputs from the BRICS New Development Bank
 - Inputs from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 - Inputs from the BRICS University Network – Prof Maxim Khomyakov
- Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

Students Poster Presentation

Session 2 Parallel Sessions

Breakaway 1 Economic developmental challenges for BRICS partnerships

13:30–15:30 Chair: Dr Jaya Josie, HSRC BRICS Research Centre

- The role of Development Finance in Africa and Emerging Markets – Development Bank of Southern Africa
- NDB African Regional Center (ARC) and development finance as a catalyst for African Development – Mr Monale Ratsoma, NDB African Regional Centre (TBC)

- Credit rating challenges for BRICS partnerships in Africa - Prof Eddy Moloko, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)
- Exploring wider use of national currencies in international settlements for BRICS - Prof Ronney Ncwadi, NMU
- Financing Clean technologies for reducing carbon emissions in BRICS - Mr Kamlesh Pillay, University of Kwazulu-Natal

Discussion

- Prof Rasigan Maharajh

Breakaway 2 BRICS Economic Partnerships & Strategies for the 4th Industrial Revolution 13:30–15:30 Chair: Dr Nico Jooste, NMU Office for International Education

- Impact of Digitalisation on Social Cohesion in BRICS and Emerging Economies - Krish Chetty, HSRC
- Integrating broad based digital skills into education programmes in BRICS & Africa– Sabina Dewan, Just Jobs Network
- The role of the platform economy in mitigating the impacts of unemployment – Vikrom Mathur, Tandem Research
- Fintech Innovations for financing development in developing economies - Yuksel Gormez – Central Bank of Turkey
- BRICS Information security and cyber defense – Dr Jose Brandao – IPEA

Discussion

- Discussant: Ms Antje Uhlig - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Session 3 E-Banking in Africa Working Group Working Group BRICS Partnership Strategies for Fintech in Africa 16:00–18:00 Chair: Prof Shenglin BEN, Zhejiang University – Centre for Internet & Financial Innovation

- Fintech strategies for bridging the digital divide in Africa – Chinese Perspective – Mr Eddie Brient & Mr Jonny WANG, Zhejiang University – Centre for Internet & Financial Innovation
- Fintech strategies for bridging the digital divide in Africa – African Perspective – Mr Krish Chetty, HSRC
- Fintech Strategies for Africa – Views from Chinese Businesses - ZHENG Jian – Lian Lian Pay/ Chinese Business Participants
- Promoting Savings and Investment in Africa - Patrick Awori, Imaginarium
- Financial Inclusion – Mr James Vancel, Busara Center for Behavioral Economics

- Aligning financials systems with Sustainable Development – Fiona Bayat-Renoux, UN Sustainable Digital Finance Alliance

Discussion

- Discussant: Ms Nina Roth - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

19:00-21:30 Dinner

19:00 Arrival at Gala Dinner Venue

19:30– 21:30 Speech by the South African Minister of Finance and Dinner

24 August 2018

Session 1 Plenary

09:00-10:00 Report Back from Day 1

10:00-10:15 Tea

Session 2 Parallel Sessions

Breakaway 1 Women and gender developmental disparities and inequalities in BRICS and Africa

10:15-12:30 Chair: Dr Amiena Bayat, UWC (TBC)

- Bridging the Digital Gender Gap – Ms Georgina Sticco, Technological Institute of Buenos Aires (TBC)
- Integrating African woman into the digital economy to promote employment and entrepreneurship – Dr Milly Kwagala Oidu, Ndejje University
- Socio Cultural barriers to acquiring digital capabilities for women’s participation in BRICS & African development – Dr Urvashi Aneja, Tandem Research
- Promoting Women Entrepreneurship: a means for transformation - Dr Obianuju E. Okeke-Uzodike, DUT (TBC)
- Economic governance issues & concerns for women: Perspectives from GEG Africa Research on consequences for BRICS developmental partnership in Africa- Ms Nadira Bayat, GEG Africa

Discussion

- Discussant: Prof Joleen Steyn Kotze (TBC)

Breakaway 2 BRICS & African partnerships for health services

10:15-12:30 Chair: Prof Olive Shisana, Evidence Based Solutions



- The role of South-South Cooperation in promoting Food and Nutrition Security – Dr Mariana Santarelli, Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRRJ)
- Food Security and Child Nutrition in African Development – Ms Ronel Sewpaul, HSRC
- Food Security in the Indian Ocean and Climate Change – Prof Michael Roberts - NMU
- BRICS partnerships for Developing Health Indicators in Africa – Dr Aquina Thulare, Department of Health
- BRICS partnerships for telemedicine options in Africa – Prof Nasreen Mahomed, Wits University

Discussion

- Discussant: Prof Julian May (TBC)

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Session 3 Plenary

14:00-15:00 Summary of Conference Proceedings with Session Chairpersons

Chair: Prof Derrick Swartz, NMU

15:00-15:30 Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks - Prof Crain Soudien, HSRC

15:30-16:00 Departure