**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

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**22 August 2018**  
Arrival & Registration

**23 August 2018**

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| 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 |

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| Breakaway 1 | Economic developmental challenges for BRICS partnerships  
Chair: Dr Jaya Josie, HSRC BRICS Research Centre |
| 13:30–15:30 |  
- 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 Kamleshan 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 financial systems with Sustainable Development – Fiona Bayat-Renoux, UN Sustainable Digital Finance Alliance

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

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- 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)

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• 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