



**BRICS CIVIL FORUM**  
**ADVANCING BRICS PEOPLE2PEOPLE COOPERATION**  
**FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

*(Moscow, September 23-25, 2020)*

**PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, September 23**

<b>Time</b> <i>(Moscow local, GMT+3)</i>	<b>Event</b>
<b>12.00 AM - 1.00 PM</b> <i>Registration desk, Level 5</i> <i>Coffee-break zone,</i> <i>Level 6</i>	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
<b>Opening session</b>	
<b>1.00-2.00 PM</b> <i>“Eastern Express” Hall,</i> <i>Level 5</i>	<p align="center"><b>Advancing BRICS People-to-People Cooperation for Sustainable Future</b></p> <p>Moderators:  <b>Ms. Victoria Panova</b>, Co-Chair, BRICS Civil Forum; Managing Director, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research; Scientific Supervisor, BRICS Russia Expert Council; Vice President for International Relations, Far Eastern Federal University, Russia  <b>Ms. Alena Peryshkina</b>, Co-Chair, BRICS Civil Forum, Director, AIDS Infoshare Foundation; Co-Chair of BRICS&amp;G20 CSOs Working Group, Russia</p> <p>Opening remarks:  <b>Mr. Sergey Ryabkov</b>, Russia’s BRICS Sherpa; Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation  <b>Mr. Dmitry Medvedev</b>, Deputy Chairman, Security Council of the Russian Federation <b>TBC</b>  <b>Mr. Evgeniy Primakov</b>, Head, Russia’s Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States Affairs, Compatriots Living Abroad, and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo), Russia <b>TBC</b></p>
<b>Plenary session</b>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2.00-3.00 PM</b>  <i>“Eastern Express” Hall,</i>  <i>Level 5</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Post-COVID Era: Pooling Efforts and Resources for Maximizing the BRICS Progress on SDGs. Role of the Civil Society</b></p> <p>In 2015, all UN Member States accepted the new global strategy: Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Agenda includes 17 Goals which are an urgent call for action by all countries in a global partnership. It is the role of civil society organizations to connect fragmented human potential. The civic activity should help to accumulate all the resources available to the BRICS countries to face social, economic, and environmental challenges in achieving sustainable development. Since the year of 2020 is the milestone in the first five-year period of implementation of the SDGs Agenda, there is a need to evaluate the work done and to set priorities for further CSO actions to help Governments to achieve SDGs in BRICS countries in the post-COVID-19 era.</p> <p>Moderators:  <b>Ms. Victoria Panova</b>, Co-Chair, BRICS Civil Forum; Managing Director, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research; Scientific Supervisor, BRICS Russia Expert Council; Vice President for International Relations, Far Eastern Federal University, Russia  <b>Ms. Alena Peryshkina</b>, Co-Chair, BRICS Civil Forum, Director, AIDS Infoshare Foundation; Co-Chair of BRICS&amp;G20 CSOs Working Group, Russia</p> <p>Speakers (10 min for each):  <b>Mr. Vladimir Kuznetsov</b>, Director, UN Information Center in Moscow, Russia  <b>Mr. Vic Muniz</b>, Artist, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, Brazil  <b>Mr. Samir Saran</b>, President, Observer Research Foundation, India  <b>Mr. Ai Ping</b>, Vice President, Chinese Association for International Understanding, China  <b>Ms. Jane Mufamadi</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “People-to-People Exchanges” Working Group; Chief Executive Officer, Memorial Museum Complex “Freedom Park”, South Africa</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3.00-3.30 PM</b>  <i>Coffee-break zone,</i>  <i>Level 6</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee break</p>
<b>Panel sessions</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3.30-5.00 PM</b>  <i>“Makharadja’s Express”</i>  <i>Hall, Level 6</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Measures to Combat COVID-19 in the BRICS Countries and Steps to Provide Large-Scale Testing and Vaccination</b></p> <p>COVID-19 pandemic spread all over the world reveals that global strengthening of capacities and public health emergency preparedness is needed to ensure coordinated and effective response when faced with cross-border health threats. The panel will discuss essentials to respond effectively to the COVID-19 pandemic, including measures to provide access to testing and vaccination.</p>

	<p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Alena Peryshkina</b>, Co-Chair, BRICS Civil Forum, Director, AIDS Infoshare Foundation; Co-Chair of BRICS&amp;G20 CSOs Working Group, Russia</p> <p>Speakers (10 min for each):  WHO Representative to the Russian Federation <b>TBC</b>  <b>Mr. Vyacheslav Smolenskiy</b>, Deputy Head, Federal Service for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare (Rosпотребнадзор), Russia  <b>Mr. Felipe de Carvalho</b>, Access Campaign Adviser, Doctors Without Borders, Brazil  <b>Mr. Alexander Gorelov</b>, Deputy Director, Central Research Institute of Epidemiology of the Federal Service for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare (Rosпотребнадзор), Russia  <b>Mr. Kappoori Madhavan Gopakumar</b>, Senior Researcher and Legal Advisor, Third World Network, India  <b>Mr. Wang Guiqiang</b>, Director, Department of Infectious Diseases, Peking University First Hospital, China  <b>Mr. Ari Sitas</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Food and Healthcare” Working Group; Professor, University of Cape Town, South Africa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q&amp;A and debates to follow</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3.30-5.00 PM</b>  <i>“Eastern Express” Hall,  Level 5</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Urge for a Positive Change: Multidimensional Cooperation in Education and Science</b></p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has set a vector for the development of e-learning methods, helped online platforms to achieve acceptance, and thus drew attention to the existing roughness in the world of science and education. During the session, experts will examine the contemporary state of BRICS collaboration in education and science and explore the possibility to deepen socio-humanitarian ties between the members of the grouping. The participants are to look into the creation of a fully-fledged roadmap for boosting the BRICS cooperation in education to facilitate the education systems transformation to meet the needs of the digitalization and the fourth industrial revolution and foster productivity, innovation, economic growth, and well-being.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Victoria Panova</b>, Co-Chair, BRICS Civil Forum; Managing Director, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research; Scientific Supervisor, BRICS Russia Expert Council; Vice President for International Relations, Far Eastern Federal University, Russia</p> <p>Speakers (10 min for each):  <b>Mr. Nikita Anisimov</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Education and Science” Working Group; President, Far Eastern Federal University, Russia</p>

	<p><b>Mr. Pavel Zenkovich</b>, Vice President for Development, Prosveshcheniye Group of Companies <b>TBC</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Dmitry Guzhelya</b>, Founder, Universarium Platform, Russia</p> <p><b>Mr. Rui Vincente Oppermann</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Education and Science” Working Group; President, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil</p> <p><b>Ms. Maria Leonor Alves Maia</b>, President, FAUBAI – Brazilian Association for International Education, Brazil</p> <p><b>Mr. Binod Singh Ajatshatru</b>, Director, BRICS Institute, India</p> <p><b>Mr. Shen Yi</b>, Director, Center for BRICS studies, Fudan University, China</p> <p><b>Ms. Yu Chai</b>, Deputy general director, Institute of Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China</p> <p><b>Ms. Precious Moloi-Motsepe</b>, Chancellor, University of Cape Town, South Africa <b>TBC</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Q&amp;A and debates to follow</p>
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### Thursday, September 24

Time <i>(Moscow local, GMT+3)</i>	Event
<b>Panel sessions</b>	
<p><b>1.00-2.30 PM</b> <i>“Eastern Express” Hall, Level 5</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Digital Economy: BRICS’s Readiness to Transition</b></p> <p>The scale of e-commerce growth and the explosive demand for digital services amid the outbreak of the novel coronavirus infection have shown an important trend in both economic and social development. At this session, participants will discuss how to achieve digital equality within and between countries and develop digital cooperation between partners of the BRICS countries. The participants will elaborate on the ways to ensure the digital security of the BRICS countries and give recommendations on the development of BRICS countries’ digital infrastructure and the potential to strengthen competitiveness with other economies.</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <p><b>Mr. Igor Lavrovskiy</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Digital Economy” Working Group; Director of the Institute of Futurology, Stolypinsky Club, Russia</p> <p><b>Mr. Nikolai Ostarkov</b>, Executive Vice-President, All-Russia Business Association “Delovaya Rossiya”, Russia</p> <p>Speakers (10 min for each):</p> <p><b>Ms. Maria Chernova</b>, Programme Coordinator, Confederation of Consumer Societies, Russia</p> <p><b>Mr. Aleksandr Makhlev</b>, Chairman, “Eurasian Discourse” Club, Russia</p>

	<p><b>Mr. Mikhail Ershov</b>, Director, Monetary Policy and Financial Markets Center, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation</p> <p><b>Mr. Mikhail Petrosian</b>, Advisor to the Director General, Data Economy Russia 2024, Russia <b>TBC</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Pratik Gauri</b>, President, Five Element Group, India</p> <p><b>Mr. Ram Kumar Mishra</b>, Director, Institute of Public Enterprise, India</p> <p><b>Mr. Wang Chenxing</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Economic Development in the Digital Era” Working Group; Deputy Secretary-General, Chinese Association for Russian, East European and Central Asian, China Studies, China</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Q&amp;A and debates to follow</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1.00-2.30 PM</b>  <i>“Makharadja’s Express”</i>  Hall, Level 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Big Ideas to Achieve Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Rural Development</b></p> <p>The implementation of the concept of sustainable urban and rural development coupled with the development of “smart cities” is of crucial importance for the economic, social, and environmental viability of the BRICS countries. The panel will discuss civil initiatives, including urban planning and management as well as rural development initiatives to make cities and rural areas inclusive, safe, and sustainable. The participants will determine areas of urban and rural interaction that have been the most promising during the COVID-19 pandemic in the BRICS member states and reveal the major weaknesses.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Irina Yarygina</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Sustainable Cities and Rural Development” Working Group; Head, “Economics and Banking” Department at MGIMO University; Head of Program and Professor, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, Russia</p> <p>Speakers (10 min for each):</p> <p><b>Ms. Irina Makieva</b>, Deputy Chairperson, VEB.RF; General Director, Monotowns Development Fund, Russia <b>TBC</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Milhail Cherepanov</b>, Chair, Organizing Committee for the BRICS 2020 International Municipal Forum, Russia</p> <p><b>Mr Bruno de Conti</b>, Professor, University of Campinas, Brazil</p> <p><b>Mr. Sachin Chaturvedi</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Sustainable Cities and Rural Development” Working Group; General Secretary, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India</p> <p><b>Ms Karin Costa Vazquez</b>, Scholar, Center for BRICS Studies, Fudan University, China</p> <p><b>Ms. Nirmala Gopal</b>, Associate Professor, Department of Criminology and Forensic Studies, University of KwanZulu-Natal, South Africa</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Q&amp;A and debates to follow</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2.30-3.00 PM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee break</p>

<p><i>Coffee-break zone, Level 6</i></p>	
<p><b>3.00-4.30 PM</b> <i>“Makharadja’s Express” Hall, Level 6</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Role of Women in International Public Diplomacy</b></p> <p>Numerous modern studies indicate that the higher the level of women involvement in the global economy is, the better are the results both at the level of an individual company and the whole world. Women take a more holistic approach, considering all activities that are currently outside the main economic sphere, but without which the economy cannot work: social sphere and civil society, humanitarian programs, environmental protection, and, inter alia, international security. It is not for nothing that the percentage of women participating in public life and leading active public policies is quite high in the world. The presence of women in parliaments and governments brings the issue of women’s lives across the continents to the fore, for example, intensifying efforts to counter domestic violence and ensure equal rights and opportunities, which are critical moments for a lot of countries.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Nataliya Zaiser</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Women and Girls” Working Group; Chair and Founder, Africa Business Initiative Union, Russia</p> <p>Speakers (10 min for each):</p> <p><b>Ms. Oksana Pushkina</b>, Deputy Chairman, State Duma Committee on Family, Women and Children, Russia</p> <p><b>Ms. Pam Rajput</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Women and Girls” Working Group; Chair, W20 Working Group on Inclusive Decision Making; Founder Member, BRICS Feminist Watch, India</p> <p><b>Ms. Thoraya Obaid</b>, Saudi W20 Chair; Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund and an Under-Secretary General of the United Nations 2000-2010, Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>Ms. Xu Xiaoxiao</b>, Assistant Executive Director, China Association for NGO Cooperation, China</p> <p><b>Ms. Vanda Gagiano</b>, Honorary President, Free State Women’s Agricultural Union, South Africa</p> <p><b>Ms. Evgenia Bogatova</b>, General Director, Production and Trade Union “Russkoe Zoloto Group of Companies”; Chairman, Control and Audit Commission, Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, Russia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q&amp;A and debates to follow</p>
<p><b>3.00-4.30 PM</b> <i>“Eastern Express” Hall, Level 5</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>People-to-People Exchanges to Strengthen the Unity of the BRICS</b></p> <p>The BRICS countries recognize cooperation in the field of culture, art, and the humanitarian sphere as priority areas of the five countries’ interaction. Representatives of the five public organizations active in the field of culture and education presented important ideas and recommendations aimed at strengthening the BRICS’ unity. The session is to summarize the recommendations and initiatives</p>

	<p>submitted to the Working Group by Russian and international participants during online discussions for the Final document of the BRICS Civil Forum.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Igor Namakonov</b>, Project Curator, 100 Most Creative Russians, Russia TBC</p> <p>Speakers (10 min for each):  <b>Ms. Elena Marinina</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “People-to-People Exchanges” Working Group; Deputy Director, Director of Social Programs, Roscongress Foundation, Russia  <b>Ms. Liudmila Sekacheva</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “People-to-People Exchanges” Working Group; President, Regional Public Organization “BRICS. The World of Traditions”, Russia  <b>Mr. Andre Heller-Lopes</b>, Stage Director for Opera, Brazil  <b>Ms. Hema Malini</b>, Artist, Performer, Politician; Chair, India-Russia Parliamentary Friendship Group, India  <b>Ms. Ying Feng</b>, Director and Artistic Director; National Ballet of China  <b>Ms. Jane Mufamadi</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “People-to-People Exchanges” Working Group; Chief Executive Officer, Memorial Museum Complex “Freedom Park”, South Africa  Q&amp;A and debates to follow</p>
<b>4.30-4.45 PM</b> <i>Coffee-break zone,  Level 6</i>	Coffee break
<b>4.45-6.00 PM</b> <i>“Makharadja’s Express”  Hall, Level 6</i>	<b>Meeting of the international drafting committee: Adoption of the Recommendations of the BRICS Civil Forum</b>

### Friday, September 25

Time (Moscow local, GMT+3)	Event
<b>Breakout sessions</b>	
<b>2.00-3.30 PM</b> <i>“Makharadja’s Express”  Hall, Level 6</i>	<p><b>The COVID-19 Crisis as Challenge and Unique Opportunity for Humanity to Save Climate</b></p> <p>The COVID-19 crisis showed what the global cut of CO2 emissions can look like regarding its social and economic consequences. The global crisis, followed by a lockdown demonstrated the possible consequences of large-scale changes in connection with potential catastrophic climate change. The panel will discuss how to achieve a fundamental turning point in solving the problem of climate change and other environmental problems arising from the burning of fossil fuels.</p>

	<p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Vladimir Chuprov</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Environment, Climate and Energy” Working Group; Project Director, Energy Program Manager, Greenpeace, Russia</p> <p>Speakers (10 min for each):  <b>Ms. Svetlana Lukash</b>, Russia’s G20 Sherpa; Deputy Chief, Presidential Experts’ Directorate, Presidential Executive Office, Russia  <b>Mr. Evgenii Simonov</b>, International Coordinator, “Rivers Without Borders” Coalition, Russia  <b>Ms. Govind Kelkar</b>, Professor and Executive Director, GenDev Centre for Research and Innovation, India  <b>Ms. Yao Lingling</b>, Senior Program Officer, All-China Environment Federation, China  <b>Ms. Kelly Alcock</b>, Administrator, Global Impact Programme, OXFAM, South Africa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q&amp;A and debates to follow</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2.00-3.30 PM</b>  <i>“Eastern Express” Hall,  Level 5</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Post-Truth Politics in the BRICS Media Landscape</b></p> <p>The infodemic around the COVID-19 outbreak, accompanied by hysteria in social media, manipulation of facts, information stuffing, pseudo-experimental conclusions, and fakes, has demonstrated the dominant approach in information policy in many countries. Participants of the session will consider modern trends in the BRICS media landscape and discuss how countries can adapt to such a phenomenon of information and communication discourse as post-truth.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Oleg Zhiganov</b>, Co-Chair, Civil BRICS “Information strategies and society” Working Group; Executive Office, Federation Council, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation</p> <p>Speakers (10 min for each):  <b>Ms. Veronika Krasheninnikova</b>, Director General, Institute of Foreign Policy Research and Initiatives, Russia  <b>Mr. Paulo Esteves</b>, General Supervisor, BRICS Policy Center, Brazil  <b>Ms. Jyoti Malhotra</b>, National Strategic Affairs Editor, The Print, India  <b>Ms. Zhong Xin</b>, Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, Renmin University, China  <b>Mr. Philani Mthembu</b>, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q&amp;A and debates to follow</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3.30-4.00 PM</b>  <i>Coffee-break zone,  Level 6</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee break</p>
<b>Closing session</b>	



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4.00-5.30 PM</b> <i>“Eastern Express” Hall, Level 5</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CSO recommendations to the leaders and future of the Civil BRICS</b></p> <p>Followed by deliberations, recommendations offered by Co-Chairs of each of Working Group and announcement of the key recommendations to be presented to the BRICS and G20 Sherpas.</p> <p>Moderators:  <b>Ms. Victoria Panova</b>, Co-Chair, BRICS Civil Forum; Managing Director, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research; Scientific Supervisor, BRICS Russia Expert Council; Vice President for International Relations, Far Eastern Federal University, Russia  <b>Ms. Alena Peryshkina</b>, Co-Chair, BRICS Civil Forum, Director, AIDS Infoshare Foundation; Co-Chair of BRICS&amp;G20 CSOs Working Group, Russia</p> <p>Presentations: Civil BRICS Working Groups representatives</p> <p>Closing remarks:  <b>Mr. Pavel Knyazev</b>, Russia’s BRICS Sous-Sherpa; Deputy Director, Foreign Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation  <b>Ms. Svetlana Lukash</b>, Russia’s G20 Sherpa; Deputy Chief, Presidential Experts’ Directorate, Presidential Executive Office, Russia</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5.30-7.00 PM</b> <i>“Gurme” Hall, Level 5</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reception</p>

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<b>International timetable</b>				
Moscow (GMT+3)	Brasilia (GMT-6)	Delhi (GMT+2.30)	Beijing (GMT+5)	Pretoria (GMT-1)
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>12:00 am</b>
2:00 pm	8:00 am	4:30 pm	7:00 pm	1:00 pm
3:00 pm	9:00 am	5:30 pm	8:00 pm	2:00 pm
4:00 pm	10:00 am	6:30 pm	9:00 pm	3:00 pm
5:00 pm	11:00 am	7:30 pm	10:00 pm	4:00 pm
6:00 pm	12:00 am	8:30 pm	11:00 pm	5:00 pm
7:00 pm	1:00 pm	9:30 pm	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
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