



BRICS Youth Council Framework

1. Introduction

1.1 Inspired by the aspirations of BRICS National Youth Affairs Coordinating Bodies, youth student formations, progressive political youth formations and youth led civil society groups to address common issues affecting the youth across the five Nations; Guided by the vision that a united and strong BRICS, and by the need to build a partnership between governments and all segments of civil society, youth and private sector, to strengthen solidarity and cohesion amongst ourselves; Determined to pursue the holistic development of the youth, to participate fully in the economic and social development of our respective countries; Further determined to take all necessary steps to ensure the youth voice is important to the agenda of BRICS Summit of the Heads of States; Recalling our firm declaration and commitment to the establishment of a BRICS Youth Affairs Coordinated Body; Have agreed for the establishment of the BRICS Youth Council.

2. Objects of the Council

- 2.1 Promote the sharing of experiences in youth policy and youth work amongst BRICS countries and to prioritize youth development in member countries;
- 2.2 Respond to the advocacies made by BRICS Youth Summit by designing or promoting the implementation of relevant youth projects and events;
- 2.3 Maintain a high public profile by publicising youth development experiences and advocacies made by youth of member countries;
- 2.4 Establish communication channels for dissemination of information in relation to BRICS Youth;
- 2.5 Work within the mandate of the Memorandum of Understanding and co-operation in Youth Affairs signed by BRICS countries in 2015;
- 2.6 Contribute to the creation of new youth formats (including high-tech) according to the prioritized directions in the framework of BRICS that allow to effectively use the potential of BRICS Youth Summit and its solutions;
- 2.7 Promote the consolidation of youth cooperation issues on the agenda of meetings of leaders and ministers of BRICS countries;
- 2.8 To provide advisory assistance to interested state and non-governmental youth organizations of BRICS countries.

3. Term of office

- 3.1 The term of office for the Council shall be effective from the time of appointment and lapses after two years
- 3.2 The Chairperson's office shall rotate annually in line with the country Chairing BRICS.
- 3.3 The Chairperson shall provide secretarial services during the term of office and facilitate the convening of council meetings.

4. Composition of the Council

- 4.1 The council shall consist of delegates plus the rotating Chairperson
- 4.2 Each country shall send two delegates to form part of the council, one from Government and one from non-governmental youth organisations or executive bodies of youth program.
- 4.3 Countries shall decide on the profiles of candidates to ensure that sovereignty of countries is highly respected. The candidates shall be at least at the designation of senior officials (for Government) and the senior representative of the organization (for non-governmental structures). This should be done through government channels.
- 4.4 Each country shall establish its procedures on participation which is to be respected and shared with all the members of BRICS.

5. Functions of the Council

The Council shall:

- 5.1 Establish virtual office which will be under the control of the country in presidency.
- 5.2 Meet through tele, video conferencing or in person meetings as and when is required.
- 5.3 Meet annually preferably in person before the annual BRICS Youth Summit.
- 5.4 Function in the period between annual meetings on a regular basis by means of exchange of information, ideas, proposals, discussions.
- 5.5 Establish communication channels for dissemination of information in relation to BRICS Youth targeting young people
- 5.6 BRICS countries shall be allowed to present communication strategies
- 5.7 Research and keep records of BRICS Youth Summit declarations.
- 5.8 Establish processes on participation.
- 5.9 Take decisions only by consensus of all member countries.
- 5.10 Identify or establish funding mechanisms for joint youth programs the council resolves to implement.
- 5.11 Prepare proposals to the Ministries for Youth Affairs in BRICS countries in terms of events and programs.

6. Reporting to the Summits

- 6.1 The council shall formulate an annual report to BRICS Youth Ministers meeting.

7. Establishment of Committees

7.1 The Council may establish sub-Committees as it deems proper for carrying out of its objectives and functions.

8. Cooperation

8.1 The Council shall work closely with ministries responsible for youth, other relevant ministries, governmental youth bodies, BRICS Sherpa, and youth organisations that act in the dimension of BRICS.

9. Funding of the Council

9.1 The Council shall be established virtually and thus the only operational costs that may be required will be for the hosting of meetings for which the host country shall consider covering with travel costs to be covered by individual countries.