



DECLARATION
BRICS MINISTERS AND HEADS OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES
RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS
21 JULY 2023

We, the BRICS Ministers responsible for Youth and Heads of Youth Executive Authorities of the, Federative Republic of Brazil, Russian Federation, Republic of India, People's Republic of China, and the Republic of South Africa, met under the South African BRICS Chairship on 21 July 2023, in Durban, South Africa, for the Ministerial meeting on the margins of the IX BRICS Youth Summit that took place in Durban, South Africa.

The discussions were held under the theme: *“BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism.”*

Noting the outcomes of the IX BRICS Youth Summit 2023, [the meeting] (We) commend young people from the BRICS nations for deliberating on key issues affecting them.

Acknowledging the Resolutions specified in the Declaration for the BRICS Youth Summit.

And acknowledging that the Resolutions taken will strengthen post-pandemic socio-economic recovery and contribute to attainment of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Africa's development blueprint, Agenda 2063.

We therefore call for committed, coordinated efforts by the BRICS nations, in partnership with the youth.

Noting the five priority areas, which were discussed during the BRICS Youth Summit:

- (i) Developing a partnership towards an equitable Just Energy Transition;
- (ii) Transforming education and skills development for the future;

- (iii) Unlocking opportunities through the African Continental Free Trade Agreement;
- (iv) Strengthening post-pandemic socio-economic recovery and the attainment of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development; and
- (v) Strengthening multilateralism, including working toward real reform of global governance institutions, and strengthening the meaningful participation of women in peace processes.

Urging the BRICS countries to support establishment of the BRICS Youth Council, to coordinate implementation of the BRICS Youth Summit resolutions in the BRICS countries between the annual Summits; and

Reaffirm our commitment to invest in youth by addressing the persistent challenges that affect them; building stronger partnerships to foster learning from each other; promoting economic, social as well as political growth and stability.

Noting the recommendations of the BRICS Youth Summit. We agreed to continue efforts to ensure advancement of the BRICS partnerships for youth development, through people-to-people and cultural exchanges.

Reaffirming the importance of the BRICS Youth Summit and believing it to be an ideal space of discussion for matters of youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE THE BRICS Ministers responsible for Youth and Heads of Youth Executive Authorities of the, Federative Republic of Brazil, Russian Federation, Republic of India, People's Republic of China, and the Republic of South Africa, or our duly authorised representatives, commit ourselves to implementing this Declaration.