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Stage set for the 10th BRICS Summit

South Africa is ready to host the 10th BRICS Summit from 25 – 27 July 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre (SCC) in Johannesburg.

To ensure that all preparations are in place, President Cyril Ramaphosa met with members of the BRICS Inter-Ministerial Committee on 23 July 2018 at the SCC.

President Ramaphosa was accompanied on a walkabout of the SCC by the head of the BRICS Interdepartmental Logistics Committee and Chief of State Protocol of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, Amb Nonceba Losi.

The President was appraised of all the arrangements put in place to host a successful and memorable summit.

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President Ramaphosa receiving a briefing on the status of preparations for the 10th BRICS Summit, 23 July 2018

Did you know?

The following BRICS Heads of State and Government will participate in the Summit:

- His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa and Chair of BRICS
- His Excellency Michel Temer, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil
- His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China
- His Excellency Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India
- His Excellency Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation.

Minister Sisulu briefs media on SA's state of readiness

On 23 July 2018, the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Ms Lindiwe Sisulu, addressed members of the press on South Africa's state of readiness to host the 10th BRICS Summit, scheduled for 25 to 27 July 2018 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg.

"Our theme for the summit talks to the need to strengthen the relationship between BRICS and Africa. Accordingly, during the summit, the BRICS Leaders will have time – on 27 July 2018 – to interact with African leaders on how best we can bring about the 'inclusive growth' and 'shared prosperity' that the theme talks to.

"We are continuing with the BRICS practice initiated by our previous Chair, the People's Republic of China, to organise a BRICS-Plus Initiative. Through this initiative, BRICS aims to reach out to fellow developing and emerging market economies. In this respect, we have invited the leaders of the following countries and regional organisations who have accepted our invitation to participate in the Summit."



Members of the media attending the BRICS state of readiness briefing by Minister Sisulu at the BRICS Media Centre, Sandton Convention Centre, on 23 July 2018

Heads of State and Government arrive for the 10th BRICS Summit



His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China and First Lady Peng Liyuan, arrive at the Waterkloof Air Force Base, 23 July 2018. President Jinping paid a State Visit to South Africa on 24 July ahead of the 10th BRICS Summit



His Excellency Mr Faure Gnassingbé, President of Togo, is received by Minister Thulas Nxesi at the OR Tambo International Airport, 24 July 2018

BRICS Media Forum Action Plan (2018 – 2019) 19 July 2018, Cape Town, South Africa

The 2018 BRICS Media Forum was held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 18 – 29 July 2018. It was a high-level dialogue among BRICS media organisations, held a week before the 10th BRICS Summit.

The forum was attended by leaders of 38 mainstream media organisations from BRICS countries, as well as some African countries, including Liberia, Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda and Ghana. These media organisations included news agencies, newspapers, radio, television broadcasters and digital media.

The BRICS Media Forum was initiated by Xinhua News Agency and supported by Brazil's CMA Group, Russia's Sputnik News Agency and Radio, India's The Hindu Group and South Africa's Independent Media.



Minister of Communication, Ms Nomvula Mokonyane Addressing BRICS Media Forum

This 2018 BRICS Media Forum was jointly held by Xinhua News Agency and Independent Media.

Under the theme "BRICS Media Cooperation Fostering an Inclusive, Just World Order", consensus was reached after in-depth exchanges were held on the following topics:

- strengthening the BRICS narrative: media's role and responsibility
- imagining a shared global future forged by constructive and development journalism: seeking ways to enhance cooperation among the new media in BRICS countries and BRICS Media
- BRICS media and Africa

The week in review



Telecommunications and Postal Services Minister, Siyabonga Cwele, participated in a BRICS outreach programme in Uptington in the Northern Cape on, 19 July 2018



The Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Luwellyn Landers, participated in a media blitz on 19 July 2018, where he was interviewed on several radio and television stations on the upcoming BRICS Summit



The Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Regina Mhaleu, gave the closing address at the Fourth BRICS Youth Forum and attended a BRICS outreach programme as part of the Nelson Mandela Day celebrations in Bela Bela, Limpopo on 18 July 2018.



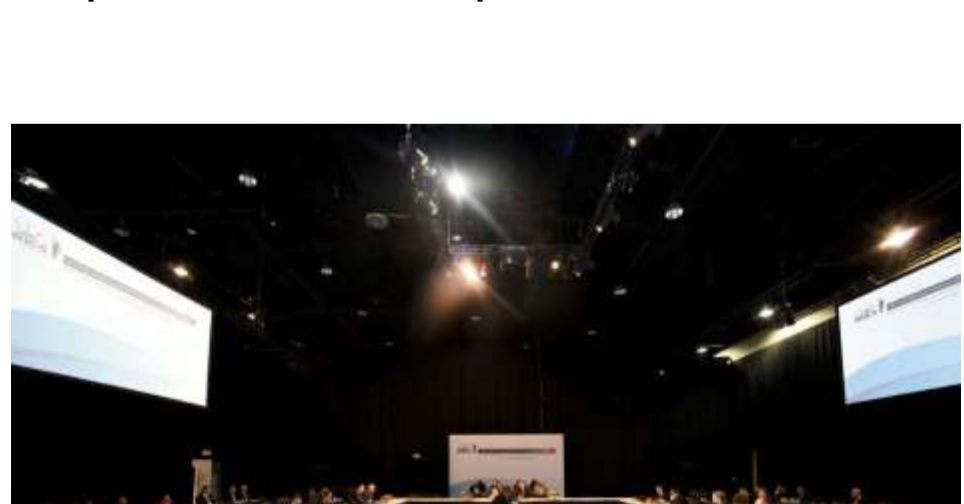
South Africa's BRICS Sherpa and Deputy Director-General: Asia and the Middle East at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, Prof. Anil Sooklal participated in a business roundtable discussion at the Richards Bay Industrial Development Zone on 17 July 2018



BRICS Media Roundtable, Invest SA, Sandton, 19 July 2018



Pre-Summit meeting of the BRICS Sherpas/Sous-Sherpas held in Sandton, 19 – 24 July 2018



Not to miss

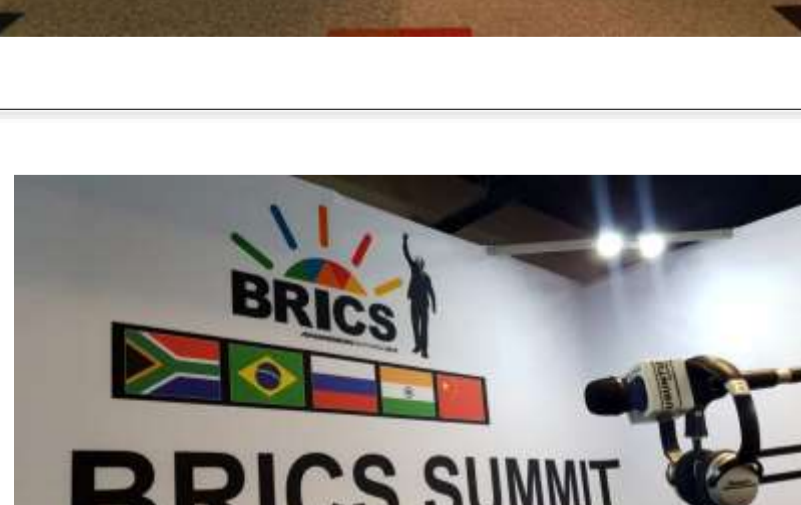
- More than a thousand delegates from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) will gather at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg on Wednesday, 25 July 2018, for the BRICS Business Forum, which will take place as part of the 10th BRICS Summit.
- Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Iqbal Survé, and the Chairperson of the BRICS Business Council, Dr Iqbal Survé, will brief media on the work of the BRICS Business Forum and the BRICS Business Council. The briefing follows the successful hosting of the Sixth Annual BRICS Council Meeting in Durban and will take place on the sidelines of the BRICS Business Forum. The two events are part of the 10th BRICS Summit that is hosted by South Africa under the theme "BRICS in Africa: Collaboration for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution".

Date: Wednesday, 25 July 2018

Time: 11:00

Venue: Media Centre, Sandton Convention Centre

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