



## EVENTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S 2018 BRICS CHAIRSHIP

JANUARY		
MEETING/EVENT	DATES	VENUE
Exchange of Tax Information/Beneficial Ownership training for BRICS and African countries (outreach activity)	29 January – 2 February	Pretoria
FEBRUARY		
MEETING/EVENT	DATES	VENUE
BRICS Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation Working Group Meeting	2 February	Vienna, Austria
First Meeting of the BRICS Sherpas and Sous-Sherpas	4 – 6 February	Cape Town

		(Taj Hotel)
First Meeting of the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group	26 February	Buenos Aires, Argentina
<b>MARCH</b>		
<b>MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI)	28 February – 02 March	Johannesburg
3rd BRICS TB Research Meeting	13 – 14 March	New Delhi, India
Ninth Technical National Statistics Offices of the BRICS Offices	13 – 15 March	Pretoria
Meeting of BRICS Finance Deputies BRICS Bond Fund (BBF) Working Group	17 – 20 March	Buenos Aires, Argentina
BRICS Working Group: automotive markets (TBC)	20 – 23 March	New Delhi, India
<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
Meeting of BRICS Energy Efficiency & Energy Saving Working Group	12 – 13 April	Cape Town
Meeting of Customs Experts	16 – 17 April	Durban
International conference “Digital transformation: IP and block chain technologies” with participation	16 – 17 April	Moscow, Russia

of the BRICS Heads of the IP Offices organized under the BRICS aegis		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Customs Cooperation Committee	18 – 19 April	Durban
Meeting of BRICS Finance Deputies  BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG)  BBF Working Group  BRICS CRA Standing Committee	18 – 20 April	Washington DC USA
Meeting of the Heads of BRICS Competition Authorities (TBC)  Meeting of Working Group : Pharma	18 – 20 April	Moscow, Russia
Second Meeting of the BRICS Sherpas/Sous-Sherpas	24 – 26 April	Bela Bela, Limpopo
<b>MAY</b>		
<b>MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
Sherpas/Sous-Sherpas/Senior Officials' meeting preceding the Meeting of the BRICS Deputy Ministers (Special Envoys) on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)	6 – 7 May <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Pretoria
Meeting of the BRICS Deputy Ministers (Special Envoys) on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)	8 – 10 May	Pretoria

3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Geospatial Sciences and its Applications	7 – 8 May	Cape Town
3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Prevention and Monitoring of Natural Disasters	9 – 10 May	Cape Town
First Labour & Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting	7 – 10 May	Mpumalanga
<p>Technical Engagements of CGETI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Meeting of the BRICS Intellectual Property Rights Cooperation Mechanism</li> <li>• Second Meeting of the BRICS E-commerce Working Group</li> <li>• First Meeting of the BRICS Trade Promotion Working Group</li> <li>• Meeting of Technical Experts In Technical Regulations, Standards, Conformity Assessment, Metrology And Accreditation</li> <li>• Workshop on Trade in Services Statistics</li> </ul>	10 May	East London
18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI)	11 -12 May	East London
3 <sup>rd</sup> BRICS Water Forum	11 – 12 May	Western Cape
Meeting of the BRICS Environmental Affairs Working Group Meeting	14 – 16 May	Pretoria
Meeting of Discussion Group on International Cooperation	15 – 19 May	Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Security in the use of ICTs Working Group	16 – 17 May	Cape Town
Meeting of the BRICS Senior Officials Environmental Affairs	17 May	Durban
Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Environmental Affairs	18 May	Durban
Meeting of the BRICS Think-Tank Council (BTTC)	28 May	Parktown (NIHSS)
Traditional BRICS business roundtable/session	24 – 28 May	Saint-Petersburg, Russia
BRICS (Second) International Festival of Theater Schools	27 May – 3 June	Moscow, Russia
Academic Forum	28 – 31 May	Johannesburg (Sandton Convention Centre)
Civil BRICS	30 – 31 May	TBC
Formal Meeting of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)	May <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	TBC
Meeting of the Quality Infrastructure (Standards, Accreditation and Metrology bodies) (e.g. NMISA, SABS, SANAS, NRCS etc.)	May <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Gauteng
BRICS Meeting on Health on the margins of World Health Assembly	May <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Geneva, Switzerland
BRICS Dialogue on Peacekeeping	May <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	TBC

## JUNE

MEETING/EVENT	DATES	VENUE
Third BRICS Sherpa/Sous-Sherpa Meeting	2 – 3 June	Pretoria
Second Stand-Alone Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations	4 – 5 June	Pretoria
Meeting of BRICS Energy Ministers	6 – 8 June	Ekurhuleni
Meeting of Experts on Tax Matters	18 – 19 June	Cape Town
Meeting of the Heads of Tax	20 – 21 June	Cape Town
The 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Agriculture Cooperation Working Group	20 June	Nelspruit
The 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Agriculture and Agrarian development	21 June	Nelspruit
Agricultural Field Visits	22 June	TBC
3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Customs Cooperation Committee	26 June	Brussels, Belgium
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group	26 June	Paris, France
Young Diplomats Forum	25 – 29 June	Pretoria
3 <sup>rd</sup> BRICS Young Scientists Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BRICS Young Innovator Prize</li> <li>• BRICS Young Programmer Competition</li> <li>• BRICS Young Women Dialogue on STI</li> </ul>	25 – 30 June	Durban
Meeting of the BRICS National Security Advisors	28 – 29 June	Durban

BRICS Friendship Cities and Local Government Cooperation Forum	28 – 29 June	East London
Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Disaster Management	29 June – 1 July	East London
Fourth Round of the BRICS Policy Planning Consultations	June	TBC
First Meeting of MFA Spokespersons of the BRICS Countries	June	TBC
Youth Forum	June	East London (East London International Convention Centre)
International IT-Forum with participation from BRICS and SCO countries	June <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia
<b>JULY</b>		
<b>MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Senior Officials Meeting	2 July	Durban
6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Science, Technology and Innovation	3 July	Durban
3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Industry Experts	3 July	Gauteng
3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of BRICS Industry Ministers	4 July	Gauteng
19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI)	2 – 4 July	TBC

8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of BRICS Trade Ministers	5 July	TBC
BRICS Network University Conference	5 – 7 July	Cape Town
Meeting of BRICS Senior Officials on Education	9 July	Cape Town
Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Education	10 July	Cape Town
ICTI – International Conference on Transport Infrastructure	9 – 10 July	Pretoria
Meeting of BRICS Finance Deputies Meeting of FMCBG BBF Working Group Meeting BRICS CRA Standing Committee Meeting	19 – 22 July	Argentina
Annual Meeting of the BRICS Business Council	22 – 23 July	Durban
Fourth BRICS Sherpa/Sous-Sherpa Meeting	20 – 24 July	Johannesburg
Meeting of BRICS Finance Deputies and FMCBG	24 – 25 July	Johannesburg
BRICS Business Forum	25 July	Sandton
10 <sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit	25 – 27 July	Johannesburg (Sandton Convention Centre)
BRICS Cultural Festival	25 – 27 July <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Johannesburg (Sandton Convention Centre)
3 <sup>rd</sup> BRICS Film Festival 2018	22 – 28 July	Durban



Second Labour & Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting	30 July – 1 August	Durban
BRICS TB Research Network	July <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Durban
Meeting of the BRICS Health Senior Officials	July <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Durban
8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Health	July <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Durban
Third BRICS Media Forum	July <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	TBC
<b>AUGUST</b>		
<b>MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
Meeting for BRICS Ministers for Labour & Employment (LEMM)	2 – 3 August	Durban
BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Women's Forum	2 – 3 August	Pretoria
Agri-business Roadshow	22 – 23 August	TBC
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
"New Wave" and "New Wave Junior" International Contests of Young Pop Singers	3 – 9 September	Sochi, Russia

Meetings of the BRICS Working Groups (Competition) Meeting of Heads of Authorities	5 – 7 September <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Pretoria
Third BRICS SoE Forum on Governance and Reform	6 – 7 September	Durban
4 <sup>th</sup> BRICS Ministers of Communications Meeting	14 – 16 September	Durban (Durban International Conference Centre)
4 <sup>th</sup> Business to Business (Industry Dialogue) Meeting	14 – 16 September	Durban (Durban International Conference Centre)
3rd Working Group on ICT Cooperation (Senior Officials) Meeting	14 – 16 September	Durban (Durban International Conference Centre)
2nd BRICS Public-Private Dialogue “Women and Economy”	20 – 21 September	Saint-Petersburg
Fifth Meeting of BRICS Sherpas/Sous Sherpas	24 – 25 September	New York, USA
Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations	27 September	New York, USA
Second BRICS Skills Competition	September <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Johannesburg
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
<b>MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors	11 October	Bali, Indonesia

BRICS CRA Governing Council Meeting		
BRICS BF Working Group meeting		
3 <sup>rd</sup> BRICS Ministers of Culture Meeting 2018	October <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Durban
Meeting of Working Group: Digital Markets	October <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Brazil
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
Sixth Meeting of BRICS Sherpas/Sous-Sherpas	November <i>(first week)</i>	TBC
BRICS Space Agencies Forum	6 – 7 November	Gauteng  (CSIR Conference Centre)
BRICS Astronomy Conference	8 – 11 November	Sutherland  (SALT – Southern African Large Telescope)
Seventh Meeting of BRICS Sherpas/Sous-Sherpas	November <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Buenos Aires,  Argentina
Informal Meeting of the BRICS Leaders	November <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Buenos Aires, Argentina
BRICS STI Brokerage Event	November <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	TBC

DECEMBER		
MEETING/EVENT	DATES	VENUE
BRICS Science Academies Dialogue	3 – 4 December	Johannesburg (University of Johannesburg)
BRICS STI Advisory Councils Roundtable	5 December	Pretoria (University of Pretoria)
BRICS STI Technology Transfer and SMME Forum	3 – 6 December	Pretoria (Innovation Hub)
BRICS Meeting of Officials and Experts on Population Matters	3 – 7 December	Pilanesberg, Rustenburg
Meetings of all BRICS Working Groups – (Competition)	December <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Moscow, Russia