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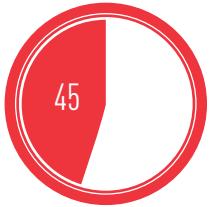
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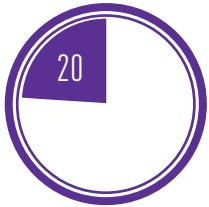
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BRICS member countries occupy **30%** of the Earth's territory



The BRICS countries represent **45%** of the world population



Account for **20%** of world GDP, or US \$15.4 trillion



Over the past decade, the economies of the BRICS members have expanded by a factor of more than **4.2**



BRICS countries contribute half of world economic growth



LETTER FROM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION SERGEY LAVROV



To the Participants of the Inaugural Conference of the National Committee for BRICS Research

I warmly greet the participants of the inaugural conference of the National Committee for BRICS Research.

Creating such a nationwide scientific association is a vital necessity. It was Russia that in 2006 initiated the establishment of a forum of states which quickly became a factor of global importance. BRICS now is 25% of the world's GDP (at purchasing power parity of national currencies), 30% of the Earth's territory, and 45% of the world's population.

For our country, cooperation in this five-nation format is one of its foreign policy priorities. Participation in an interstate grouping of such vast magnitude should help create more favorable external conditions for economic modernization and elevating Russia's international standing in the emerging multipolar world.

The Third BRICS Summit, held recently in China, marked an important stage in its further strengthening, as witnessed by the considerable set of agreements on political, economic and financial matters as well as the extensive Plan of Action, approved by the leaders. It gives much importance to the development of links between research centers that study BRICS-related problems.

I am sure that the National Committee for BRICS Research being set up in our country will be an important partner for Russian diplomacy in understanding trends in the development of this association of states, and will help with the elaboration of a long-term course of action of Russia and its BRICS partners in the world of the XXI century. I wish the participants of the conference every success in their work.

S. LAVROV

Moscow, September 13, 2011

The creation of BRICS, initiated in 2006 by the Russian Federation, has been one of the most significant geopolitical events at the start of the new century. In a short while, the association managed to become an important factor of world politics. The establishment of BRICS reflects an objective trend in the global development, the one towards the formation of a polycentric system of international relations, which is increasingly characterized by the use of non-institutionalized mechanisms of global governance and network-based diplomacy, and the growing economic interdependence of states. <...>

For the Russian Federation, the cooperation in the BRICS format is a key long-term foreign policy vector. <...>

Taking into account the novel and complex nature of issues related to the Russian Federation's participation in BRICS, an important task of relevant institutes of the Russian Academy of Sciences is to engage in an in-depth study of economy and domestic and foreign policy of BRICS countries and to develop in that context an independent area of research of this inter-state association. Particular attention should be paid to providing comprehensive assistance to the National Committee for BRICS Research.

Concept of Participation of the Russian Federation in BRICS
Approved by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin
February 9, 2013

The institutions of global governance and international cooperation formed after World War II are experiencing a crisis of legitimacy. No alternative, however, yet exists to replace them at the global level. The need for international regulation is an incentive to the formation and development of alternative associations, BRICS being one of them. At present, new foundations of global governance are being established, and there is no doubt that the future belongs to a polycentric world.

“Russia is a dedicated follower of the method of network diplomacy, envisaging the creation of flexible, including mutually intersecting, unions of countries in accordance with their mutual interests. One of the most successful examples of the formation of this kind of union, with participation by countries located on different continents, is BRICS.”

**Extract from the article by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov,
“Russia’s Foreign Policy Philosophy” (International Affairs magazine, №3, 2013)**

The BRICS group began to take shape in 2006, on Russia's initiative. Three years later, its first summit took place in Yekaterinburg. It was preceded by the first conference of BRICS scholars and politicians, held in Moscow in December 2008. In 2013 came the initiative to establish the BRICS Think Tanks Council, so that there could be expert consultations and other "track two" events. It became possible for research organizations in each country to discuss timely BRICS issues, coordinate their positions on fundamental questions, and present recommendations to their governments. The National Committee for BRICS Research is authorized to coordinate this work for Russia.



The National Committee for BRICS Research was established as a non-profit partnership by the Russkiy Mir Foundation in collaboration with the Russian Academy of Sciences, with support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. This was done pursuant to the plan of action approved by the President of the Russian Federation for implementation of agreements reached at the BRICS Summit in Sanya (China).

The primary goal of this committee is to promote Russia's position and its expert assessments internationally, and to coordinate the activities of leading research organizations and experts regarding BRICS.

With Russia's chairmanship of BRICS in 2015, the committee's work has acquired special importance. The NCR BRICS is an integral part of all the main activities being conducted by the Russian Federation in the framework of its BRICS chairmanship.

The National Committee for BRICS Research is run by its **Academic Council**, which determines the main areas of work and the research strategy, and its **Board**.

Chairman of the Presidium of the Academic Council – **Mikhail Titarenko**

Vice-chairman of the Presidium of the Academic Council of the National Committee for BRICS Research – **Vladimir Davydov**

Chairman of the Administration – **Vyacheslav Nikonov**

Executive Director of the Administration – **Georgy Toloraya**



THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The members of the Academic Council provide scientific and methodological guidance for the projects agreed upon by a General Meeting of the members of NCR BRICS for implementation in the framework of its statutory activity.

Members of the Academic Council are approved for a five-year term, at a General Meeting of NCR BRICS. The members are selected from among prominent Russian and foreign scientists, officials and public figures.

PRESIDIUM OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Mikhail Titarenko – Doctor of Philosophy, Professor, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Chairman of the Presidium of the Academic Council of the National Committee for BRICS Research

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Vadim Lukov – Doctor of History, Ambassador-at-large, Coordinator of G20 and BRICS Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Igor Morgulov – Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Vyacheslav Nikonov – Doctor of History, Professor, Chairman of the Committee on Education of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Administration of the National Committee for BRICS Research

Sergey Ryabkov – Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Russian BRICS Sherpa

Anatoly Torkunov – Doctor of Political Science, Professor, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Rector of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, the university of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

BOARD

Vyacheslav Nikonov – Doctor of History, Professor, Chairman of the Committee on Education of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Board of the National Committee for BRICS Research

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Georgy Toloraya – Doctor of Economics, Professor, Executive Director

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Conduct and coordination of research on the role of the BRICS countries in world politics and the international economy
- Organization of an integrated academic and information space within BRICS
- Providing expertise to support Russia's foreign policy and external economic relations with other BRICS countries
- Promotion of the Russian position and assessments on BRICS-related issues in the international expert community
- Creation of channels for consultation with BRICS member countries, as well as other countries and international organizations, on both the political and expert levels
- Participation in international organizations and events on issues relevant to BRICS
- Support for research on BRICS by Russian scientists and academic organizations
- Support for young researchers and assistance in training a pool of specialists for the future
- Membership in the BRICS Think Tanks Council
- Arrangement of multilateral and bilateral research exchanges with the member nations of the association
- Publishing
- Organization and conduct of competitions and international educational programs for university and graduate students
- Cooperation with civil society and youth organizations

COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The National Committee for BRICS Research actively cooperates with the Presidential Administration of Russia, the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Development, the Ministry of Finance, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, and other ministries and agencies.

The National Committee for BRICS Research has prepared an analytical monograph titled Russia's Strategy in the BRICS: Goals and Instruments and several other conceptual reports and publications, commissioned by leading agencies.

Bringing together prominent Russian scholars and experts, the NCR BRICS continuously prepares analytical and reference material, as well as recommendations, on ways to develop and improve BRICS. This material is also used in preparing for BRICS summits.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS



- Since 2011 the NCR BRICS has become a regular participant in the Russian-Indian and Russian-Chinese dialogues
- Russian-Chinese conference, “The Potential for Collaboration between Russia and China in BRICS and Multilateral Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region” (Moscow, December 2011)
- IV BRICS Academic Forum and BTTC meeting (New Delhi, India, March 2012)
- Conference, “The Strategic Priorities of BRICS as an International Association” (Moscow, October 2012)



- V BRICS Academic Forum and BTTC meeting (Durban, Republic of South Africa, March 2013)
- International conference on “BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Development” (held jointly with the Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia, Moscow, May 2013)
- Euro-BRICS expert dialogue, “Euro-BRICS Collaboration” (Moscow, May 2013)
- Conference, “The Long-term Strategy of BRICS and Russia’s Position” (Moscow, June 2013)

- Joint symposium with the China Center for Contemporary World Studies (Beijing, China, September 2013)
- Conference on BRICS Perspectives (held jointly with the Russian International Affairs Council, Moscow, September 2013)
- International conference, “Complementarity of National Economies and Collaboration in the Framework of BRICS” (Moscow, October 2013)
- Conference, “BRICS Trade and Economic Cooperation” (held jointly with the Russian Foreign Trade Academy, Moscow, November 2013)
- Russian-Chinese conference, “Prospects and Challenges of BRICS Development” (held jointly with the Development Research Center of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, Moscow, February 2014)
- Research expedition, “Brazil in BRICS” (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, January, 2014)
- Conference, “Russia-China: Main Trends of Financial Relations – 2014” (Moscow, February 2014)



- VI Academic Forum and BTTC meeting (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 2014)
- Young scientists conference, “BRICS: Strategy and Prospects for Development” (finale held in Moscow, April 2014)
- BRICS Young Leaders International Forum at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) (Moscow, April 2014)
- IV International Conference on “BRICS: Cooperation for Development” (held jointly with the Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia, Moscow, May 2014)
- Seminar, “Economic Development Prospects of the BRICS Countries” (Moscow, May 2014)
- International conference, “New Aspects of Russian Policy in BRICS” (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 2014)
- VI Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (Bali, Indonesia, August 2014)
- Conference on Problems of International Relations in Asia and the Role of BRICS (held jointly with the China Center for Contemporary World Studies, Beijing, China, September 2014)





- Session on “BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Development” at the WTO Public Forum 2014 (Geneva, October 2014)
- Strategic planning dialogue, “The Return of Geopolitical Competition” (Copenhagen, October 2014)
- International conference, “Youth Views of the Future of Cooperation and Interaction of the BRICS Countries” (Moscow, October 2014)
- Video conference Moscow–Brasilia, “Russia–Brazil: a Topical Agenda and Prospects for Cooperation” (Moscow, October 2014)



- Multimedia press conference, “BRICS: Prospects for Its Rise” (Moscow, November 2014)
- International Symposium on Global Governance and the Possibilities for BRICS Countries to Improve It (Beijing, November 2014)
- II International Conference on “Global Management: Nominal, Real And Alternative Structures” (Moscow, November 2014)
- BTTC meeting (Beijing, November 2014)
- International conference, “Global Security on the BRICS Agenda in 2015: the Road from Fortaleza to Ufa” (Moscow, December 2014)



- IX Civilizational Forum. “Prospects and Strategic Priorities for the Rise of BRICS” (Moscow, December 2014)
- Youth round table, “Prospects for the Development and Interaction of BRICS and the EAEU: the Vision of the New Generation” (Moscow, December 2014)
- ISA Global South Caucus Conference 2015 (Singapore, January 2015)
- Gaidar Forum 2015, “Russia and the World: a New Vector”. Panel discussion, “BRICS: a View from Within” (Moscow, January 2015)



- Video conference Moscow–Beijing, “BRICS: Strategic Priorities of the Russian Presidency” (Moscow, January 2015)
- Seminar on BRICS at the Institute for Democracy and Cooperation (New York, USA, January 2015)
- Video conference Moscow–Delhi, “The Russian BRICS Presidency: Strategic Priorities” (Moscow, January 2015)
- BRICS International Youth Forum (New Delhi, India, January 2015)
- BRICS New-Generation Civic Forum (Moscow, February 27–March 2, 2015)

- Multimedia press conference, “The Involvement of Civil Society in the Process of Russia’s BRICS Presidency” (Moscow, March 16, 2015)
- Youth round table, “Russia in the EAEU and BRICS: Innovational Breakthrough” (Moscow, March 25-26, 2015)
- International conference, “The World Land-Bridge: Peace on Earth, Good Will towards All Men” (Melbourne, Australia, March 28-29, 2015)



THE BRICS THINK TANKS COUNCIL

In the framework of the V BRICS Academic Forum in Durban in March 2013, there was a five-way meeting of representatives of BRICS national expert centers. The conferees recognized a significant contribution by Russia to the development of the BRICS concept for the previous year (2012), an experience which could be applied in their own countries. During the Academic Forum, the Declaration on Organizing the BRICS Think Tanks Council was signed, with Vyacheslav Nikonov, Chairman of the Administration of the NCR BRICS, representing Russia.



Since its establishment, the BRICS Think Tanks Council has carried out a range of international expert consultations and roundtable discussions, and has become an international academic organization making an increasingly significant impact on world politics.

The VI BRICS Academic Forum was held by the BRICS Think Tanks Council in March 2014 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation assigned NCR BRICS to organize Russia's participation. Russia was represented by a delegation of leading experts, headed by Vyacheslav Nikonov.

A regular meeting of the BRICS Think Tanks Council was held in the run-up to the Forum. This meeting adopted a document on long-term BRICS development, preparation of which had been assigned to the BRICS Think Tanks Council by the BRICS member-country leaders at their New Delhi summit in 2012. The Russian delegation also took part in a roundtable discussion on issues of economic policy collaboration, organized for the BRICS country representatives by Brazil's Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA).





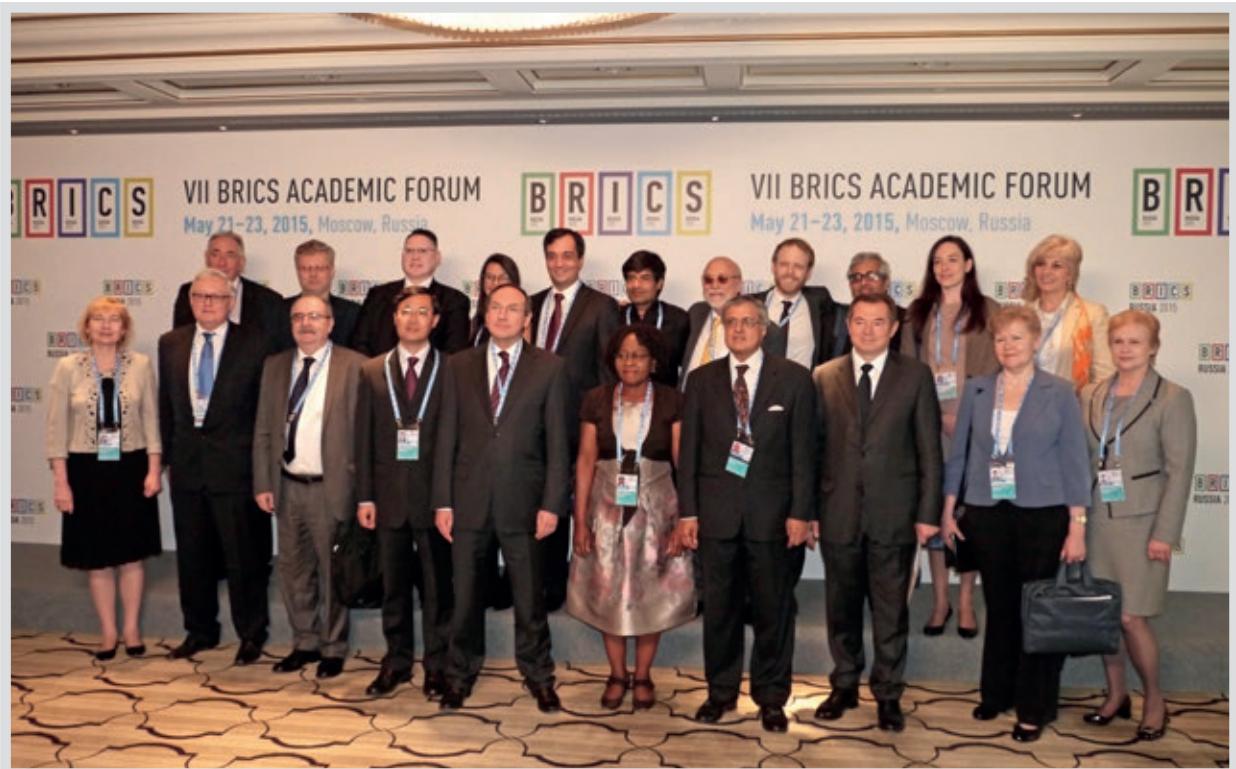
The Forum resulted in the adoption of an array of documents for the BRICS Head of States Summit in Fortaleza (July 2014), including options for preparing an extended version of a long-term BRICS strategy. At the Summit in Fortaleza, the leaders of the countries emphasized the importance of work of the BRICS Think Tanks Council. In particular, Article 20 of the Fortaleza Declaration states: “Based on the documents tabled and informed by input of the BRICS Think Tanks Council (BTTC), we instruct our Sherpas to advance discussions with a view to submit their proposal for endorsement by the next BRICS Summit.” The leaders also welcomed the BTTC study “Towards a Long-Term Strategy for BRICS: Recommendations by the BRICS Think Tanks Council.” In addition, they noted the decision made by the BTTC at its meeting in Rio de Janeiro in March 2014, to focus on five key areas that are expected to be included in the long-term strategy of collaboration of the BRICS countries. The BRICS Think Tanks Council was “encouraged to develop strategic pathways and action plans that will lead to the realization of this long-term strategy.”



VII BRICS ACADEMIC FORUM

«Cooperation for growth, security and prosperity»

VII BRICS Academic forum, organized by NRC BRICS as a part of a program of Russian Federation presidency in BRICS took place in a downtown Four Seasons Hotel, Moscow on 22-23 May 2015.



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov welcomed the Forum. In his speech the Minister underlined the contribution of the expert community into developing of BRICS union. Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation and Russia's Sherpa in BRICS Sergey Ryabkov, Chairman of the State Duma Committee on Education and of the Russian National Committee on BRICS Research Vyacheslav Nikonov, Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Affairs in the State Duma Konstantin Kosachev and Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation Sergey Glaziev made their presentations. The delegates of BRICS countries representing national coordination centers, as well as leading Russian experts, representatives of academic, educational and civic society organizations numbering more than 200 took part in the Forum.



The agenda of the forum included such issues as building a fair world order, rule of international law, peace and security, role of international institutions, reform of the international financial system and future of the BRICS-born institutions, social problems, trade, strategy of economic partnership and sustainable inclusive development.

The outcome of the VII BRICS Academic forum:

- Finalization of the report “BRICS Long-Term strategy” for the BRICS leaders’ summit in Ufa, Russian Federation.
- Adoption of recommendations to the summit of BRICS leaders in Ufa, Russian Federation.
- Announcement of a joint research prognostic project “BRICS – 2025: The Jubilee Goals”.



VII BRICS Academic forum enjoyed wide attention. More than 160 media from Russia and abroad monitored the Forum. Four Russian federal channels: Channel One, Russia-24, Russia Today and REN-TV, carried on online translation of the opening ceremony of the VII BRICS Academic forum.



PUBLISHING

The National Committee for BRICS Research prepares and publishes scholarly studies on BRICS activities, written by leading Russian specialists. Innovative doctrines have been introduced by the National Committee for BRICS Research, concerning the global role of the BRICS member nations and the compatibility of their national interests, cooperation on international security, the formation of a global governance framework, and reform of the international financial and economic system. Other topics receiving attention include Russia's national interests within the BRICS association, and the opportunities which collaboration with BRICS partners offers our country.

“The Strategy of Russia in BRICS: Goals and Instruments”

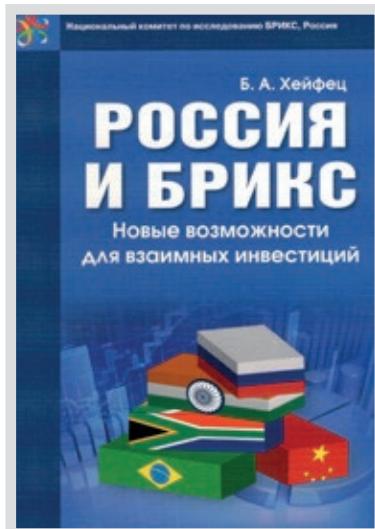
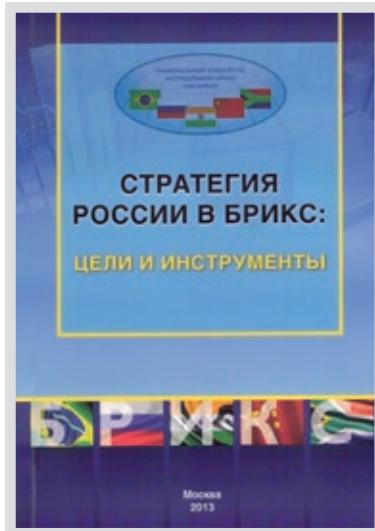
“BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Development”

“Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa: a Strategy for Subsoil Resource Use”

B.A. Kheyfets, “Russia and BRICS: New Opportunities for Mutual Investments”

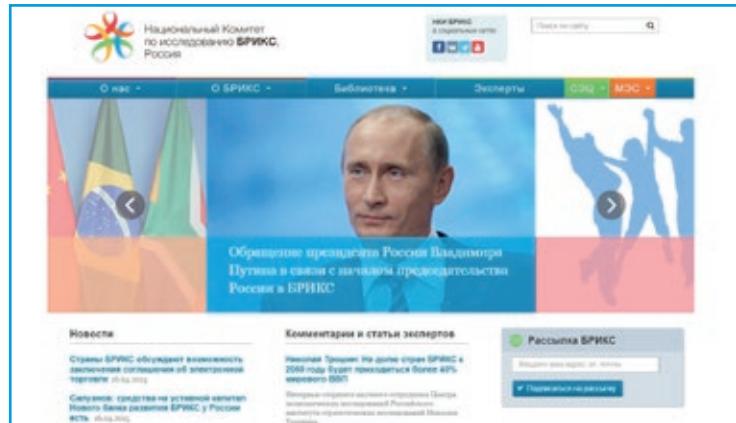
“Perspectives and Strategic Priorities for the Rise of BRICS”

“BRICS: Cooperation for Development”



WEBSITE

In 2014 the National Committee for BRICS Research launched www.nkibrics.ru, its official website, which became the first integrated media space in Russia, devoted to the BRICS countries. Daily the NCR BRICS team of experts posts fresh news, scientific articles, announcements and press releases about the latest BRICS-related events. The site provides access to key documents concerning what the BRICS countries are doing, publications of top Russian experts on BRICS, and comprehensive information on NCR BRICS activities. The website is widely used by representatives of government institutions, academic circles, the mass media, civil society, young leaders, and university and graduate students searching for the most reliable and current information about the BRICS countries. Development of this integrated media space has been one of the key priorities of NCR BRICS, since it directly promotes the nationwide coordination of BRICS research.



THE BULLETIN

The National Committee for BRICS Research publishes its Bulletin, which includes the main news, analytical materials, and publications on BRICS issues in the Russian and foreign mass media.

The Bulletin is a monthly webzine which is sent to public offices, ministries and agencies, and academic, youth and civic organizations of the Russian Federation, as well as to the members of the Academic Council, the NCR BRICS Administration, politicians, experts and businessmen.

Materials of the Bulletin are available on the website of the National Committee for BRICS Research, www.nkibrics.ru.

CONTESTS AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

In May 2013 the National Committee for BRICS Research announced the Russian Competition “BRICS – Strategy and Prospects for Development” for university and graduate students and young scientists.

The competition had three categories:

- BRICS and a multipolar international security system
- BRICS and the global financial and economic architecture
- Humanitarian and international cooperation in the BRICS framework

The Chairman of the Jury was Vyacheslav Nikonov (Chairman of the Committee on Education of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Chairman of the Administration of the National Committee for BRICS Research)



The competition attracted substantial interest, with 42 works presented by participants from 22 universities, institutes and scientific organizations of the Russian Federation. It encompassed 11 Russian cities, including St. Petersburg, Vladivostok, Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Tomsk and Samara.

Every participant received an honorary diploma; winners were awarded monetary prizes.

In January 2014 the People's Friendship University of Russia (PFUR) and the National Committee for BRICS Research jointly organized the first International Study Program, which the project coordinators termed a scientific expedition. More than 20 students of the PFUR Department of Economics took part in the expedition. That year's BRICS host country, Brazil, was chosen as the venue. The students met scientists, public figures, and businessmen; they visited universities and manufacturing companies, and saw historical and natural attractions in the country.

COOPERATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

The National Committee for BRICS Research offers civil society organizations in Russia an opportunity to express their position on pressing issues of cooperation among BRICS member countries. In July 2013, meetings of initiative groups on the promotion of the position of civil society were held, as proposed by leading nongovernmental organizations. The main theme that interested the NGOs was the establishment the BRICS New Development Bank. Basic principles of civic responsibility in BRICS initiatives were presented in October during an NCR BRICS Conference on the complementarity of the economies, and trade and economic cooperation, among the five countries.

The civil society dimension of BRICS reached a new level of development in October 2014, when the first conference of the working group of Russian NGOs on BRICS and G20 issues was held at the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The main objective of the conference was to establish the BRICS Civil Society Platform in Russia, discuss the outreach program of Russia's upcoming chairmanship of BRICS, and approve the Concept of the BRICS Civil Society Forum, which is included on the list of official events within the framework of Russia's BRICS chairmanship in 2015.

Civil BRICS is an innovative political process, being implemented for the first time in the framework of the BRICS Summit in 2015, the year of the Russian presidency. The main goal of Civil BRICS is to ensure a constructive dialogue between representatives of civil society, not only within the partner countries, but also with invited countries, on critical social issues – health, education, culture, development, urbanization, finance, conflict regulation etc.

The Civil Society Platform – the main event of the Civil BRICS process – will bring together 500 civil society representatives from BRICS countries, as well as from invited countries (Argentina, Mexico, Indonesia, Egypt). On the agenda: an exhibition of civic initiatives, an ethnovillage, open discussion platforms, working group meetings, expert panel discussions and plenary sessions. The NCR BRICS is the designated project coordinator; a special staff has been set up, including NCR BRICS officials, under the Presidential Council on Civil Society and Human Rights.

THE BRICS YOUTH EXPERT SOCIETY

The National Committee for BRICS Research also cooperates with the BRICS Youth Expert Society (“BRICS YES!”), which was created on the initiative of students and graduate students from Russian universities. Under the guidance of NCR BRICS, young researchers are working to establish a constructive dialogue between countries in the sphere of science. They are promoting collaboration between young scientists and politicians to ensure sustainable development of this group in future.

There are three areas of work: intercultural, political, and financial and economic cooperation among Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. The winners of the competition “BRICS – Strategy and Prospects for Development” are also involved.

The First Conference of the BRICS Youth Expert Society was held in October 2014. Young scientists discussed new models of financial and economic cooperation among the BRICS countries, and prospects for the development of dialogue among these countries. The most interesting reports will be published by the National Committee for BRICS Research. This conference resulted in a range of recommendations from the youth community, which are to be officially presented to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Quarterly summary reports on the work of the three working groups are available on the NCR BRICS website in the special section on the BRICS Youth Expert Society.

In the course of the year, the BRICS Youth Expert Society is conducting meetings, conferences and briefings on a wide range of political and economic issues of BRICS activities. A BRICS International Youth Academic Conference is planned to be held during the year of Russia's BRICS chairmanship, with the participation of officials and representatives of the expert and business communities from BRICS member countries.

The main objective of the BRICS youth platform is to consolidate the position of young people from these countries, and strengthen the basis for cooperation between the BRICS member states, with the help of youth diplomacy, academic collaboration and expanded dialogue of young scientists from the leading developing countries of the world.

PARTNERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR BRICS RESEARCH

- The Institute of Economics of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- The Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- The Institute of Latin America of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- The Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- The Institute of the USA and Canada of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- The Institute of Africa of the Russian Academy of Sciences
- Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- St. Petersburg State University
- Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
- The Institute of World Economy and Business of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
- The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration
- Fudan University (China)
- Civil BRICS
- The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation
- The Russian International Affairs Council

- The Gorchakov Fund
- The SKOLKOVO Institute for Emerging Market Studies of the Moscow School of Management
- The Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA – Instituto de Pesquisa Economica Aplicada) (Brazil)
- Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)
- China Center for Contemporary World Studies (CCCWS)
- Observer Research Foundation (ORF)
- Rossiyskaya Gazeta
- BRICS Business Magazine
- International Organisations Research Journal
- Za rubezhom magazine
- Index bezopasnosti (Security Index) magazine
- Strategiya Rossii (Russia's Strategy) magazine
- The BRICS Post news agency

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