

DECLARATION

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BRICS THINK TANKS COUNCIL

We, the BRICS Think Tanks Council (BTTC) wish to celebrate the bonds between BRICS countries by declaring our mutual intention to enhance cooperation in research, knowledge sharing, capacity building and policy advice;

Recalling the 2011 Sanya Action Plan, which called for the enhancement of existing cooperation programmes through the holding of BRICS Think Tanks symposiums and the establishment of a council of research centres of all BRICS countries;

Cognisant of the 2012 Delhi Action Plan, which directed new areas for cooperation;

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding for Enhancing Cooperation BRICS Academic Institutions signed in New Delhi on 6 March 2012, which aims to strengthen cooperation between the BRICS academic institutions;

Emphasising the need for further collaboration and cooperation among BRICS Think Tanks Council (BTTC) members and other institutions;

We hereby declare that:

1. The BRICS Think Tanks Council (BTTC) is established comprising the following institutions:

Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil

National Committee for BRICS Research (NRC/ BRICS), Russia

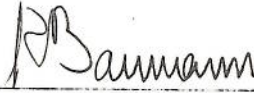
Observer Research Foundation (ORF), India

China Centre for Contemporary World Studies (CCCWS), China

Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), South Africa

2. This BRICS Think Tanks Council (BTTC) will form the platform for the exchange of ideas among researchers, academia and think tanks. The BRICS Think Tanks Council (BTTC) will be responsible for convening the BRICS Academic Forum;
3. The policy recommendation and guidance provided by the council will be presented to the BRICS Leaders for consideration;
4. The functions and modalities of cooperation will be further elaborated at the mid-term meeting in October 2013.

Signed at Durban this day 11 of March 2013.



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