

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S 2018 BRICS CHAIRSHIP

| JANUARY 2018  |                         |                                  |   |
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| MEETING/EVENT   | DATES                   | VENUE                            | REMARKS   |
| Exchange of Tax Information/<br>Beneficial Ownership training for<br>BRICS and African countries<br>(Outreach Activity) | 29 January – 2 February | Pretoria<br><br>(Sheraton Hotel) |   |
| FEBRUARY 2018   |                         |                                  |   |
| MEETING/EVENT   | DATES                   | VENUE                            | REMARKS   |
| First Meeting of the BRICS Sherpas<br>and Sous-Sherpas  | 4-6 February            | Cape Town                        | <i>Discussion of the general principles<br/>and priorities for the 10th BRICS<br/>Summit under the auspices of South<br/>Africa's Chairship</i> |
| MARCH 2018  |                         |                                  |   |
| MEETING/EVENT   | DATES                   | VENUE                            | REMARKS   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contact Group on<br>Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI)                                   | 28 February – 2 March   | Gauteng                          |   |

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| Meeting of BRICS Deputy Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors<br><br>BRICS BBF Working Group<br><br>BRICS Governing Council | 17-20 March                             | Buenos Aires, Argentina     | <i>On margins of G20 Deputies and FMCBG Meeting</i>  |
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| <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Industry Experts</i>  | <i>March<br/>(date to be confirmed)</i> | <i>Gauteng</i>              |  |
| <b>APRIL 2018</b>  |   |                             |  |
| <b>MEETING/EVENT</b>   | <b>DATES</b>                            | <b>VENUE</b>                | <b>REMARKS</b>   |
| Meeting of the BRICS Deputy Ministers (Special Envoys) on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)                                  | 17-19 April                             | Cape Town                   |  |
| Meeting of Customs Experts   | 16-17 April                             | Durban                      |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Customs Cooperation Committee   | 18-19 April                             | Durban                      |  |
| Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors<br><br>BRICS BBF Working Group<br><br>BRICS CRA Standing Committee   | 19-20 April                             | Washington, D.C.<br><br>USA | <i>On the margins of the spring meetings of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund (IMF)</i> |
| Counter-Terrorism Working Group  | 19-20 April                             | Durban                      |  |
| Second Meeting of the BRICS Sherpas/Sous-Sherpas   | 24-25 April                             | Limpopo                     | Preparations for the 10 <sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit   |
| Meeting of BRICS Energy Efficiency & Energy Saving Working Group   | April<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>  | East London                 |  |

| MAY 2018   |                                      |                     |   |
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| MEETING/EVENT  | DATES                                | VENUE               | REMARKS   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Geospatial Sciences and its Applications       | 7-8 May                              | Western Cape        |   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Prevention and Monitoring of Natural Disasters | 9-10 May                             | Western Cape        |   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> BRICS Water Forum  | 11-12 May                            | Western Cape        |   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI)                   | 10 – 12 May                          | East London         | <i>Preceded by the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Trade Promotion</i> |
| Environmental Affairs Working Group Meeting  | 14-16 May                            | Durban              |   |
| Cyber Security Working Group   | 16-17 May                            | Cape Town           |   |
| Senior Officials Meeting Environmental Affairs   | 17 May                               | Durban              |   |
| Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Environmental Affairs  | 18 May                               | Durban              |   |
| BRICS Dialogue on Peacekeeping   | May<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i> | TBC                 |   |
| Meeting of the BRICS Think-Tank Council (BTTC)   | 28 May                               | Parktown<br>(NIHSS) |   |

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| Academic Forum   | 28-31 May                             | Johannesburg               |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Industry Experts  | May<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>  | Port Elizabeth/East London |  |
| Meeting of the Quality Infrastructure (Standards, Accreditation and Metrology bodies) (e.g. NMISA, SABS, SANAS, NRCS etc.) | May<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>  | Gauteng                    |  |
| BRICS meeting on Health on the margins of World Health Assembly  | May<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>  | Switzerland                |  |
| Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Disaster Management  | May<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>  | TBC                        |  |
| BRICS Friendship Cities and Local Government Cooperation Forum   | May<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>  | TBC                        |  |
| <b>JUNE 2018</b>   |                                       |                            |  |
| <b>MEETING/EVENT</b>   | <b>DATES</b>                          | <b>VENUE</b>               | <b>REMARKS</b>   |
| Third BRICS Sherpa/Sous-Sherpa Meeting   | June<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i> | TBC                        | <i>Preparations for the 10<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit and Negotiation of the Media Statement for the Second Stand-Alone Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations</i> |
| <i>Second Stand-Alone Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations</i>                        | <i>4-5 June</i>                       | <i>TBC</i>                 |  |
| Meeting of Experts on Tax Matters  | 18-19 June                            | Cape Town                  |  |

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| 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                  | <i>On the margins of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) meeting</i> |
| Young Diplomats Forum  | 25-29 June                            | Johannesburg and Durban<br><br>TBC |   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> BRICS Young Scientists Forum<br><br><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                             |   |
| Fourth Round of the BRICS Policy Planning Consultations  | June<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i> | TBC                                |   |
| First Meeting of MFA Spokespersons of the BRICS Countries  | June<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i> | TBC                                |   |
| Meeting of BRICS Energy Ministers  | June<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i> | Free State                         |   |

| JULY 2018   |            |           |   |
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| MEETING/EVENT   | DATES      | VENUE     | REMARKS   |
| 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    | <i>Theme: Leveraging BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation to Enhance Inclusive Growth and Development</i> |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI)      | 2-4 July   | TBC       | <i>Preceded by the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Trade Promotion</i>                         |
| 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  |   |
| Youth Forum   | 16-20 July | TBC       |   |
| Meeting of the BRICS National Security Advisors   | 19-20 July | Nelspruit |   |

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| Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors<br><br>Meeting of BRICS Deputy Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors<br><br>BRICS BBF Working Group Meeting | 19-22 July                                     | Buenos Aires,<br><br>Argentina                  | <i>On the margins of the G20 Deputies and FMCBG Meeting</i>                  |
| Annual Meeting of the BRICS Business Council   | 21-22 July                                     | Johannesburg                                    |  |
| Fourth BRICS Sherpa/Sous-Sherpa Meeting  | 20-24 July                                     | Johannesburg                                    | <i>Negotiating the draft Summit Declaration ("Johannesburg Declaration")</i> |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit  | 25-27 July                                     | Johannesburg<br><br>(Sandton Convention Centre) |  |
| <i>BRICS Business Forum</i>  | July (1 day)<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>  | Sandton   | <i>Immediately prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit</i>                 |
| <i>Trade &amp; Investment Exhibition</i>   | July (3 days)<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i> | <i>Gauteng</i>                                  | <i>On the margins of the 10<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit</i>                    |
| BRICS Cultural Festival  | July<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>          | Johannesburg                                    | <i>On the margins of the 10<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit</i>                    |
| BRICS Skills Competition   | July<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>          | TBC   | <i>On the margins of the 10<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit</i>                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Industry Experts  | July<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>          | Gauteng   |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of BRICS Industry Ministers  | July<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i>          | TBC   |  |

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> BRICS Film Festival 2018                  | July<br>(date to be confirmed) | Durban                                | <i>On the margins of the Durban International Film Festival</i> |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> BRICS Ministers of Culture Meeting 2018   | July<br>(date to be confirmed) | TBC                                   |   |
| BRICS TB Research Network                                 | July<br>(date to be confirmed) | Durban                                |   |
| Meeting of the BRICS Health Senior Officials              | July<br>(date to be confirmed) | Durban                                |   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Health  | July<br>(date to be confirmed) | Durban                                |   |
| <b>AUGUST 2018</b>  |                                |                                       |   |
| <b>MEETING/EVENT</b>                                      | <b>DATES</b>                   | <b>VENUE</b>                          | <b>REMARKS</b>  |
| BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Women's Forum    | 2-3 August                     | Pretoria,<br>(CSIR Conference Centre) |   |
| Agri-business Roadshow                                    | 22-23 August                   | TBC                                   |   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2018</b>                                     |                                |                                       |   |
| <b>MEETING/EVENT</b>                                      | <b>DATES</b>                   | <b>VENUE</b>                          | <b>REMARKS</b>  |
| 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<br>(Durban ICC)                |   |



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| 4th Business to Business (Industry Dialogue) Meeting   | 14-16 September                            | Durban<br>(Durban ICC) |   |
| 3rd Working Group on ICT Cooperation (Senior Officials) Meeting  | 14-16 September                            | Durban<br>(Durban ICC) |   |
| Fifth Meeting of BRICS Sherpas/Sous Sherpas  | September<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i> | New York, USA          | <i>On the margins of UNGA 73</i>                  |
| Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations  | September<br><i>(date to be confirmed)</i> | New York, USA          | <i>On the margins of UNGA73</i>                   |
| <b>OCTOBER 2018</b>  |  |                        |   |
| <b>MEETING/EVENT</b>   | <b>DATES</b>                               | <b>VENUE</b>           | <b>REMARKS</b>                                    |
| Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors<br><br>BRICS CRA Governing Council Meeting<br><br>BRICS CRA Governing Council Meeting – (test run of linked portion) | 11 October                                 | Bali,<br><br>Indonesia | <i>On the margins of G20 FMCBG Working Dinner</i> |
| <b>NOVEMBER 2018</b>   |  |                        |   |
| <b>MEETING/EVENT</b>   | <b>DATES</b>                               | <b>VENUE</b>           | <b>REMARKS</b>                                    |
| Sixth Meeting of BRICS Sherpas/Sous-Sherpas  | November<br>(first week)                   | TBC                    | <i>Presentation of Handover Report</i>            |
| BRICS Space Agencies Forum   | 6-7 November                               | Gauteng                |   |

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| BRICS Astronomy Conference                                   | 8-11 November                      | Sutherland<br>(SALT – Southern African Large Telescope) |  |
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| Seventh Meeting of BRICS Sherpas/Sous-Sherpas                | November<br>(date to be confirmed) | Buenos Aires,<br>Argentina                              | <i>Prior to the G20 Summit to negotiate the Media Statement to be issued by the BRICS Leaders following their Informal Meeting</i> |
| Informal Meeting of the BRICS Leaders                        | November<br>(date to be confirmed) | Buenos Aires, Argentina                                 | <i>On the margins of the G20 Summit</i>  |
| BRICS STI Brokerage Event                                    | November<br>(date to be confirmed) | TBC   |  |
| <b>DECEMBER 2018</b>   |                                    |   |  |
| <b>MEETING/EVENT</b>   | <b>DATES</b>                       | <b>VENUE</b>  | <b>REMARKS</b>   |
| BRICS Science Academies Dialogue                             | 3-4 December                       | Pretoria<br>(CSIR Conference Centre)                    |  |
| BRICS STI Technology Transfer and SMME Forum                 | 3-6 December                       | Pretoria<br>(University of Pretoria)                    |  |
| BRICS STI Advisory Councils Roundtable                       | 5 December                         | Pretoria<br>(Innovation Hub)                            |  |
| BRICS Meeting of Officials and Experts on Population Matters | 3 – 7 December                     | Pilanesberg,<br>Rustenburg                              |  |

| ANNEXURE  |                                 |  |  |
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| MEETING/EVENT   | DATES                           | VENUE                                  | REMARKS  |
| International conference “Digital transformation: IP and blockchain technologies” with participation of the BRICS Heads of the IP Offices organized under the BRICS aegis | 16-17 April                     | Moscow, Russia                         |  |
| Presentation of the BRICS Orchestra   | April<br>(date to be confirmed) | Moscow and Saint-Petersburg,<br>Russia |  |
| Traditional BRICS business roundtable/session   | 24-28 May                       | Saint-Petersburg, Russia               | <i>On the margins of Saint-Petersburg International Economic Forum</i> |
| BRICS (Second) International Festival of Theater Schools  | 27 May – 3 June                 | Moscow, Russia                         |  |
| International IT-Forum with participation from BRICS and SCO countries  | June<br>(date to be confirmed)  | Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia                |  |
| “New Wave” and “New Wave Junior” International Contests of Young Pop Singers  | 3-9 September                   | Sochi, Russia                          |  |
| 2nd BRICS Public-Private Dialogue “Women and Economy”   | 20-21 September                 | Saint-Petersburg                       | <i>On the margins of the 2nd Eurasian Women’s Forum</i>                |
| International Forum “Engaging Citizens in Community Infrastructure Development”   | TBC                             | TBC                                    |  |