BRICS INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SYMPOSIUM

DRAFT PROGRAMME

The Symposium will convene senior officials from BRICS governments, industry experts, academics, senior representatives from Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), amongst other interested stakeholders. The purpose is to exchange knowledge and foster a collaborative discourse on issues related to the promotion of greater private sector participation in public infrastructure development and delivery in support of economic growth and development. In addition, the Symposium will discuss ways to advance the use of green, transition and sustainable finance in public infrastructure investments.

Ultimately, the Symposium seeks to contribute towards the stimulation of infrastructure investments which are at the core of human, social, environmental, and economic development, where scale, innovation and sustainability are critical elements to consider in advancing the BRICS countries infrastructure agenda.

DAY 1

28 SEPTEMBER 2023

TIME	PROGRAMME/AGENDA ITEM
12:00 – 12:45	**OPENING SESSION**
12:45 – 14:45	**SESSION 1: UNPACKING THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LANDSCAPE: OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS** **LEAD SPEAKER:** **PANELLISTS: TBC**
14:45 - 15:00	**BREAK**

Unpacking the infrastructure development landscape: opportunities and risks

The session will discuss the current trends in infrastructure investments across the BRICS countries; common barriers to infrastructure development and the uptake of private sector participation; and explore opportunities that may be leveraged to change the outcomes.

15:00 – 16:30	**SESSION 2: PARTNERSHIP MODELS TO SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT** **LEAD SPEAKER: RUSSIA & INDIA** **PANELLISTS: TBC**

Partnership Models to Support Infrastructure Investment
The session will use BRICS country case studies to discuss how these instruments can be promoted as effective partnership models and what underpins their success. Further, the session will explore other partnership models that can enable greater private sector participation and what regulatory reforms it would take to enable these.

16:30 – 16:40	**WRAP UP AND CLOSING REMARKS**

DAY 2

29 SEPTEMBER 2023

Time	Programme/Agenda Item
11:50 – 12:00	**OPENING REMARKS**
12:00-13:00	**SESSION 3: SHOWCASING THE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES TO ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES** **LEAD SPEAKER:** **PANELLISTS: TBC**

Showcasing the use of digital technologies to address infrastructure development issues
The session will use BRICS case studies to highlight the tools, approaches and practices used to develop a robust pipeline. The session will also seek to understand the upstream areas that need to be strengthened to facilitate greater private sector participation.

13:00 – 14:30	**SESSION 4: FINANCING GREEN, TRANSITION AND SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS** **LEAD SPEAKER: BRAZIL & CHINA**

PANELLISTS: TBC

14:30-14:45 **BREAK**

Financing Green, Transition and Sustainable Projects
The session will delve into how green, transition and sustainable finance can be accessed, unpacking the key prerequisites and critical success factors. From this discussion, BRICS governments will gain insights into the levers needed to tap into green, transition and sustainable financing to support sustainable and resilient growth and development; and elicit a reflection on the considerations and trade-offs needed.

14:45 – 15:45 **SESSION 5: THE ROLE OF THE NDB IN SUPPORTING BRICS COUNTRIES ADVANCE THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE AGENDAS**

LEAD SPEAKERS: NDB

PANELISITS: TBC

The role of the NDB in advancing the infrastructure agenda of emerging and developing economies
The session will unpack the role that the NDB can play in advancing the infrastructure development agenda and plans of the BRICS countries. The session will also discuss the evolving MDB landscape and how the NDB can work closely with other MDBs and stakeholders to advance the agenda of emerging and developing economies.

15:45 – 16:45 OPEN DISCUSSION AND CLOSING