BRICS BUSINESS FORUM

5 July 2025

Venue: Pier Mauá, Warehouses 5 and 4
Address: Avenida Rodrigues Alves, 10 – Centro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Time	Session
07:30 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.	**Credentials** ***Venue: Pier Mauá, Warehouse 5***
09:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	**Presidential Welcome Speech** ***Venue: Pier Mauá, Warehouse 4 (right next to warehouse 5)*** **Ricardo Alban,** President of the National Confederation of Industry (CNI) **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva,** President of the Republic of Brazil **Geraldo Alckmin**, Vice President of the Federative Republic of Brazil and Minister of Development, Industry, Trade and Services **Anwar bin Ibrahim,** Prime Minister of Malaysia
10:45 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	**Opening Session** **Speakers:** **Eduardo Paes**, Mayor of Rio de Janeiro City **Luiz Césio Caetano**, President of the Federation of Industries of the State of Rio de Janeiro (FIRJAN) **Décio Lima**, President Director of the Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (SEBRAE) **Francisco Gomes Neto**, BBC Chair and CEO of Embraer **Mônica Monteiro**, WBA Chair and Vice-president of New Business at Times Brasil **José Luis Gordon**, Director of Productive Development, Innovation and Foreign Trade at the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES)
11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	**Keynote** **Speaker: HE Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi,** Minister for Foreign Trade of the United Arab Emirates
11:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	**Session on Global Logistics Platform** **Speaker: HE Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem**, Group CEO & Chairman DP World
12:10 p.m. – 01:00 p.m.	***Venue: Pier Mauá, Warehouse 5*** **Panel "Strategies for Energy Transition and Decarbonization in BRICS"** *How can BRICS lead the way in tackling climate change? This panel brings bold ideas on low-carbon production technologies, renewables, biofuels and circular economy – with a focus on innovation and applied technology.* **Speakers:** **Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago**, President of COP30 **Jai Shroff**, Global CEO of UPL **Mr Thabani Zulu**, Chief Executive Richards Bay IDZ **Rizwan Soomar**, CEO DP World Subcontinent & MENA

	Zhao Haiying, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of China Investment Corporation (CIC) **Patrícia Daros**, Director for Nature Based Solutions at Vale **Marianne Ghali**, Managing Director of Qalaa Holdings and Grandview Investment Holdings ***Moderator:*** *Ricardo Mussa, SBCOP Chair*
01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.	**Networking Lunch** *Lunch will be offered to all invitees at the venue.*
02:10 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.	**Panel "Strengthening Trade and Food Security in BRICS"** *How can BRICS boost trade and ensure food security in a fast-changing world? This panel explores smart, secure, and seamless solutions, from digital trade and regulatory convergence to better infrastructure and logistics, to unlock new business opportunities and accelerate economic integration while ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth.* **Speakers:** **Sergey Katyrin**, President of CCI RF **Mikhail Sterkin**, PJSC PhosAgro's Deputy CEO for Sales and Marketing **Busi Mabuza**, Chairperson, Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDC) **Yu Xubo**, Chairman of China General Technology Group Holding Co Ltd (Genertec) **HE Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem**, Group CEO & Chairman DP World **Helena Araujo**, Head of Government Relations at BRF | Marfrig and Executive Director of the BRF Institute ***Moderator:*** *Daniel Azevedo, Managing Director and Senior Partner BCG Brasil*
03:05 p.m. – 03:55 p.m.	**Panel "Skills Development for the green and digital transition in BRICS"** *How can BRICS leverage the twin transition (green and digital) while ensuring inclusive growth? This panel explores how to expand reskilling initiatives in face of rapid technological change and the need to speed the green transformation. Improved digital governance, modern regulations, and investment-friendly financial policies are essential to drive innovation and close development gaps.* **Speakers:** **Fausto Augusto Junior**, President of Conselho Nacional do SESI **Majid Ghassemi**, CEO, Bank Pasargad **Qiu Guangyu (Tony)**, CEO of Keeta **Onkar Kanwar**, Chairman, Apollo Tyres Ltd. **Anna Nesterova**, Founder of Watchmaking Manufactury Palekh Watch ***Moderator:*** *Andrea Almeida, Vice President of Finance and Investor Relations at Cemig*
04:00 p.m. 04:10 p.m.	**Session on Industry, Health: Strategy and Value Creation** **Speaker: Paulo Mol,** Superintendent Director of the National Department of SESI.
04:15 p.m. – 04:25 p.m.	**Technology Innovation Driving Green and Sustainable Development in the Construction Machinery Industry** **Speaker: Li Han Guang**, President of XCMG Brasil
04:30 p.m. – 05:20 p.m.	**Panel "Financing strategies for BRICS development agenda"** *How can BRICS mobilize resources to deliver on its development priorities, with the New Development Bank (NDB) playing a central role? The discussion will examine how to expand and optimize BRICS capacity to finance sustainable high-impact projects and ensure financial inclusion across member countries.*

	Speakers: **Lebogang Zulu**, Board Chairperson of Africa Women's Bank **Raj Jit Singh Wallia**, CEO & MD DP World Central Asia **Yang He**, President of the ICBC Modern Finance Research Institute **Francisco Lassalvia**, Vice-President of Banco do Brasil **John W.H. Denton**, Secretary General at International Chamber of Commerce **Margarete Coelho**, Director at SEBRAE ***Moderator:*** *Janmejaya Sinha, Chairman BCG India*
05:30 p.m. – 06:15 p.m.	***Awards Ceremony*** *BRICS* ***Solutions Awards*** *BRICS Women's Business Alliance* ***Startup Contest***
06:15 p.m.	**Closing**

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