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Venue: Pier Mauá, Warehouse 5

Address: Avenida Rodrigues Alves, 10 – Centro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Time	Session
07:30 a.m. - 09:00 a.m.	Credentials
09:00 a.m. - 09:40 a.m.	Opening Session Speakers: Ricardo Alban , President of Brazilian Confederation of National Industry (CNI) Francisco Gomes Neto , BBC Chair and CEO of Embraer Mônica Monteiro , WBA Chair and Vice-president of New Business at Times Brasil Aloizio Mercadante , BNDES President Eduardo Paes , Mayor of Rio de Janeiro City Décio Lima , President Director of the Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (SEBRAE) (TBC)
09:45 a.m. - 09:55 a.m.	Session on Global Logistics Platform Speakers: HE Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Group CEO & Chairman DP World HE Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister of State for Foreign Trade of United Arab Emirates
10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Panel “Strengthening Trade and Food Security in BRICS” <i>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.</i> Speakers: Andrey Guryev , President at Russian Fertilizer Association HE Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem , Group CEO & Chairman DP World Alaa Ezz , Secretary General at Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce Bruno Ferla , Vice-President M&A, Legal Intl, Corp. Affairs, & ESG at BRF Busi Mabuza , Chairperson of the Board at Industrial Development Yu Xubo , Chairman of China General Technology Group Holding Co Ltd (Genertec) Moderator: Daniel Azevedo, Managing Director and Senior Partner BCG Brasil
10:55 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Panel “Strategies for Energy Transition and Decarbonization in BRICS” <i>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.</i> Speakers: Ambassador André Corrêa do Lago , President of COP30 Gustavo Pimenta , CEO of Vale (TBC)

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	<p>Jai Shroff, Global CEO of UPL</p> <p>Marianne Ghali, Managing Director of Qalaa Holdings and Grandview Investment Holdings</p> <p>Mpumi Mpofu, CEO of Airports Company of South Africa (ACSA)</p> <p>Zhao Haiying, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of China Investment Corporation (CIC)</p> <p>Rizwan Soomar, CEO DP World Subcontinent & MENA</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ricardo Mussa, SBCOP Chair</i></p>
11:50 a.m. - 12:40 a.m.	<p>Panel “Skills Development for the green and digital transition in BRICS”</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Fausto Augusto Junior, President of Conselho Nacional do Sesi</p> <p>Majid Ghassemi, CEO, Bank Pasargad</p> <p>Onkar Kanwar, Chairman, Apollo Tyres Ltd.</p> <p>Mohamed Abu Hamra, COO Digital Technology DP World</p> <p>Qlu Guangyu (Tony), CEO of Keeta</p> <p><i>To be defined, Russia</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Andrea Almeida, Vice President of Finance and Investor Relations at Cemig</i></p>
12:40 a.m. - 02:00 p.m.	<p>Networking Lunch</p> <p><i>Lunch will be offered to all invitees at the venue.</i></p>
02:00 p.m. - 02:10 p.m.	<p>Keynote</p> <p>Speaker: To be defined, Sesi</p>
02:15 p.m. - 02:25 p.m.	<p>Technology Innovation Driving Green and Sustainable Development in the Construction Machinery Industry</p> <p>Speaker: Li Han Guang, President of XCMG Brasil</p>
02:30 p.m. - 03:20 p.m.	<p>Panel “Financing strategies for BRICS development agenda”</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Aguinaldo Barbieri, Regional Director of the New Development Bank (NDB) in Brazil</p> <p>Francisco Lassalvia, Vice-President of Banco do Brasil</p> <p>Margarete Coelho, Director at SEBRAE</p> <p>John W.H. Denton, Secretary General at International Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Lebogang Zulu, Board Chairperson of Africa Women’s Bank</p> <p>Yang He, President, ICBC Modern Finance Research Institute</p> <p>Raj Jit Singh Wallia, CEO & MD DP World Central Asia</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Janmejaya Sinha, Chairman BCG India</i></p>
03:30 p.m. - 04:15 p.m.	<p>Awards Ceremony</p> <p>BRICS Solutions Awards</p>

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	BRICS Women's Business Alliance Startup Contest
04:15 p.m. - 05:00 p.m.	Coffee & Networking
05:00 p.m. - 07:00 p.m.	BRICS Presidential Panel <i>The Heads of State of BRICS member countries have been formally invited to attend the BRICS Business Forum and deliver a speech. Confirmations of participation are currently underway.</i>
07:00 p.m.	Closing

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