



**JOINT DECLARATION OF THE
III BRICS HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON
CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

28th May 2025



The BRICS High-Level Officials on Climate Change and Sustainable Development met on 28 May 2025 in Brasília, Brazil, determined to show the way to a better future on a more prosperous, more inclusive planet, where every generation can thrive under a stable climate system.

2. The BRICS High-Level Officials highly commended the work carried out by member countries under the BRICS Contact Group on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (CGCCSD). Understanding the urgency and seriousness of climate change, they adopted the **BRICS Climate Leadership Agenda**, comprising the documents listed below, as a statement of resolve to exercise collective leadership through mutual empowerment, by advancing solutions that support BRICS development needs and priorities, while accelerating action and enhancing cooperation towards the full implementation of the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement.

3. The BRICS High-Level Officials reviewed the **Leaders' Framework Declaration on Climate Finance** as drafted by the CGCCSD and the BRICS Ad Hoc Negotiating Group on Climate Finance (NGCF). Committed to multilateralism and international cooperation and determined to lead a global mobilization for a fairer and more sustainable International Monetary and Financial System, they endorsed the draft Declaration (included in Annex I) and submitted it, through the BRICS Sherpas Meeting, for adoption at the XVII BRICS Summit on 6 and 7 July 2025. They also instructed the NGCF to finalize the Declaration's Annex setting out the BRICS Cooperation Framework for Enhancing Financing for Climate Action in time for its adoption at the XVII BRICS Summit.

4. The BRICS High-Level Officials adopted the **BRICS Report on Intellectual Property Options to Enhance Climate Change Related Technology Cooperation** (included in Annex II). They appreciated its studies as a promising mapping of climate change related IP arrangements with potential for future consideration by BRICS member countries, with the aim of supporting and accelerating the development and transfer of technology as a critical enabler of climate action. They urged developed countries to take all practical steps to promote, facilitate and finance, as appropriate, the transfer of or access to, environmentally-sound technologies and know-how to other countries, particularly developing countries, to implement the UNFCCC.

5. The BRICS High-Level Officials adopted the **Terms of Reference for the BRICS Laboratory on Trade, Climate Change and Sustainable Development** (included in Annex III). Recognizing the opportunities and challenges presented by measures of a hybrid legal nature combining trade and environmental dimensions, they expressed strong concern and opposed the increasing use of unilateral trade measures introduced in the context of environmental objectives and welcomed the establishment of the BRICS Laboratory for Trade, Climate Change and Sustainable Development as a platform for facilitating collaboration on mutually supportive approaches to trade and environmental policy, ensuring that BRICS members can better harness the benefits of trade, jointly respond to unilateral measures and contribute to global efforts against climate change.

6. The BRICS High-Level Officials adopted the **BRICS Principles on Fair, Inclusive and Transparent Carbon Accounting in Product and Facility Footprints** (included in Annex IV). They appreciated such Principles as an important BRICS contribution towards a more balanced international approach to guide the design of carbon accounting-based systems, standards and methodologies. They also underscored the value of identifying knowledge gaps that could be addressed through further work, such as the contextualization of these principles within specific sectors and for all greenhouse gases and their potential for supporting policy frameworks involving carbon accounting. They urged developed countries to provide support to developing countries for capacity building on carbon accounting, in line with the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement.

7. BRICS High-Level Officials adopted the **Terms of Reference for the BRICS Climate Research Platform** (included in Annex V). They welcomed its establishment as a meaningful contribution to enhance the scientific and expert exchange of views, knowledge and best practices among BRICS member countries.

8. BRICS High Level Officials recognized the important role of carbon markets as one of the drivers of climate action, and encouraged enhancing cooperation and sharing experiences in this field. They welcomed the BRICS Carbon Markets Partnership, established under the 2024 Russian BRICS Chairship, as a platform dedicated to sharing knowledge, experiences and case studies of developing carbon markets and discussing the potential intra-BRICS cooperation on carbon markets to exchange views on potential

cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement among the BRICS countries.

9. BRICS High-Level Officials reiterated their commitment to working together to ensure the success of the **XVII BRICS Summit**. They expressed their full support for South Africa's **G20 Presidency** and welcomed India's candidacy to host **COP 33** in 2028. They underscored their full commitment to a **successful COP30** that will revitalize multilateral climate diplomacy and catalyze the transition from negotiations into transformative, inclusive action to implement the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement.

10. Proud of the determination, strength and resourcefulness of BRICS countries that made possible the outcomes listed above, the BRICS High-Level Officials on Climate Change and Sustainable Development invited the world to witness how, through dialogue, solidarity and a shared purpose, multilateralism and Global South cooperation are shaping a more inclusive and sustainable governance for a better future.





ANNEX I – Leaders’ Framework Declaration on Climate Finance

ANNEX II – Report on IP Options to Enhance Climate Change Related Technology Cooperation

ANNEX III – BRICS Laboratory for Trade, Climate Change and Sustainable Development - Terms of Reference

ANNEX IV – BRICS Principles for Fair, Inclusive and Transparent Carbon Accounting in Product and Facility Footprints

ANNEX V - BRICS Climate Research Platform – Terms of Reference