



## **Joint Statement BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Group**

We, the BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Ministers and High Authorities convened under the current Brazilian presidency, reaffirm our commitment to strengthening disaster risk governance, resilience, and cooperation based on solidarity among our countries.

In 2015, BRICS countries recognized the impact of the losses due to disasters and the need for joint efforts to build resilient infrastructure and agreed to cooperate on various initiatives covering natural and man-made disasters. Since then, Ministers for Disaster Management adopted the St. Petersburg Declaration (Russia - 2016), the Udaipur Declaration (India - 2016), the Moscow Declaration (Russia - 2020), and the Kazan Declaration (Russia - 2024). The BRICS Joint Task Force on Disaster Risk Management was created and Ministers have met every year to consolidate joint efforts in disaster management.

During the Brazilian Presidency, we welcome new BRICS members and recognize that the frequency and intensity of disasters, exacerbated by climate change, have caused negative socioeconomic impacts that pose critical challenges for the Global South, increasing poverty and delaying development with social justice. To enhance our capacity to address this scenario and achieve the objectives of the Sendai Framework, we recognize the need to advance prevention with actions related to infrastructure, planning and communication to reduce the impacts of disasters and adapt to climate change, based on four principles: (i) integrating developmental and social justice dimensions into all areas of disaster risk reduction; (ii) strengthening the prevention approach as set out in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030; (iii) guiding strategies connected to the climate agenda; and (iv) advancing sustainable resilience.

With the aim of strengthening governance and to set out concrete actions to foster cooperation in disaster risk reduction within BRICS, in line with the 10 priorities set out in the Kazan Declaration, we decide to welcome the Working Plan 2025-2028, based on four cross-cutting priorities: Addressing inequalities to reduce vulnerabilities; Robust EWS and Anticipatory response capability; Resilient infrastructure; and Integrating Traditional, Local and National Knowledge into DRR Systems.

With the aim of reflecting on a more comprehensive and strategic approach, aligned with international references such as the Sendai Framework, we have also agreed to update the group's name to better represent its mission and scope within the context of BRICS multilateral cooperation. The group will now be known as the BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Group.

Recognizing the importance of technical coordination and alignment with international efforts, we welcome the UNDRR – United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction as a knowledge partner of the group.

We renew our commitment to promoting equity, resilience, and coordinated action in the face of the growing challenges posed by disasters.