



## Summit of the Heads of BRICS National Statistical Offices

June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

City of Fortaleza, Brazil

### JOINT STATEMENT

### BY THE BRICS' HEADS OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICES

#### Preamble

The meeting was attended by the delegations of the following BRICS countries (in parentheses the head of delegation – Official Position): **Brazil** (Mr. Marcio Pochmann – President, Andrea Diniz da Silva – Head of International Relations, Cimar Azeredo – Assessor to the President), **China** (Mr. Mao Shengyong, Deputy Commissioner, National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS), Mr. Zheng Xuegong, Director-General, Department of National Accounts, NBS, Ms. Yu Qiumei, Director-General, International Statistical Information Center, NBS, Ms. Jin Yu, Deputy Director, Division of Bilateral Relations, Department of International Cooperation, NBS), **Egypt** (General. Akram Ahmed Elgouhary - CAPMAS Vice President, Mrs. Rana Mohamed Salaheldin - Head of Information Technology Sector., Mrs. Shaymaa Wael Rabie - International Cooperation Specialist), **India** (Dr. Saurabh Garg, Secretary, MoSPI , Ms. Puja Singh Mandol, Additional Secretary, MoSPI , Mr. S. C. Malik, Additional Director General, MoSPI , Ms. Shobha Sharma, Joint Director, MoSPI), **Indonesia** (Amalia Adininggar Widyasanti - Chief Statistician, Head of Delegation, M. Nashrul Wajdi - Delegate, Ketut Krisna - Delegate - Mr. Yogie Yohanes – Delegate), **Russia** (Mr. Sergei Egorenko, Deputy Head of Rosstat, Mr. Vladimir Nekrasov, Director General of LLC), **South Africa** (Ashwell Jenneker - Deputy Director General, Statistical operations and Provincial coordination, and **United Arab Emirates** (Hanan Ahli - Managing Director of the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre (FCSC)). The agenda was approved by the delegations, following the discussions and decisions that together make this joint statement.

#### Statement

Recognizing the importance of data, statistics and information for effective decision-making and evidence based policy formulation, we, the Heads of BRICS' National Statistical Offices, express our gratitude to the Federative Republic of Brazil as the host of the 17<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Heads of BRICS National Statistical Offices. Further, we welcome the Republic of India to host the next edition of the Summit of the Heads of BRICS National Statistical Offices. We also welcome the proposal to organize a Workshop on the Production of Indicators for the Digital Age, focusing on selected indicators across four key dimensions: digital development, digital economy, digital governance and digital inclusion, as a valuable step towards strengthening statistical cooperation within BRICS; we support the creation of an Observatory on National Experiences in Economic Development, Poverty Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation aimed at fostering a more comprehensive understanding and facilitating the exchange of best practices among BRICS countries; we recognize the importance of having an International Training Centre and propose the creation of a working group to develop a



detailed proposal, to be presented at the first meeting under India's BRICS Presidency; we endorse the proposal of creating the BRICS Statistical Journal and the creation of a working group to develop the editorial policy and strategic direction for the proposed Statistical Journal; and we congratulate Brazil and all the contributing countries for the Joint Statistical Publication Snapshot.