



**THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON COOPERATION IN YOUTH AFFAIRS  
BETWEEN**

**THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE FEDERATIVE  
REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL,**

**THE FEDERAL AGENCY FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN  
FEDERATION,**

**THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
INDIA,**

**ALL-CHINA YOUTH FEDERATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,**

**THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
SOUTH AFRICA,**

**THE MINISTRY OF SPORT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA,**

**THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF  
EGYPT,**

**THE FEDERAL YOUTH AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,**

**THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA,**

**THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
INDONESIA**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS OF THE ISLAMIC  
REPUBLIC OF IRAN.**



## THE PREAMBLE

The General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of India, the All-China Youth Federation of the Peoples' Republic of China, the National Youth Development Agency in the Republic of South Africa, the Ministry of Sport of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Ministry of Youth And Sports of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Youth Authority of the United Arab Emirates, the Ministry of Women And Social Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Ministry of Youth And Sports of the Republic of Indonesia And the Ministry of Youth Affairs And Sports of the Islamic Republic of Iran, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party" under this Memorandum of Understanding hereinafter referred as "MoU".

**REITERATING** the importance of youth cooperation in the context of BRICS.

**REAFFIRMING** the comprehensive vision established in the declarations of BRICS' Summits, including the Declaration of Fortaleza (Brazil) after the Sixth BRICS Summit in 2014 and the Kazan Declaration after the 16th BRICS Summit in 2024.

**INTENDING** to strengthen further communication in youth affairs between the BRICS countries for accelerating and sustaining social-economic development.

**RECOGNISING** the importance of dialogue based on principles of willing participation, equality, reciprocity and availability of resources aimed at developing cooperation among BRICS countries;



**NOTING** the non-binding nature of this MoU and reaffirming the sovereign right of each Party to implement provisions in accordance with their respective national legal and institutional frameworks;

**Have come to a mutual understanding** on the following:

#### **ARTICLE 1**

##### **The competent and authorized bodies for the implementation of the MoU**

The competent and authorized bodies responsible for the implementation of the present MoU are the following organizations:

- a) On behalf of the Federative Republic of Brazil - the General Secretariat of the Presidency of Brazil;
- b) On behalf of the Russian Federation - the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs;
- c) On behalf of the Republic of India - the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports;
- d) On behalf of the People's Republic of China - the All-China Youth Federation;
- e) On behalf of the Republic of South Africa - the National Youth Development Agency of the Republic of South Africa;
- f) On behalf of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - the Ministry of Sport;
- g) On behalf of the Arab Republic of Egypt – the Ministry of Youth and Sports;
- h) On behalf of the United Arab Emirates – the Federal Youth Authority of the United Arab Emirates;
- i) On behalf of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia – the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs;
- j) On behalf of the Republic of Indonesia – the Ministry of Youth and Sports;
- k) On behalf of the Islamic Republic of Iran – the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.



**Sole paragraph:** This MoU will be open to the accession of new members, subject to unanimous and formal (written) approval by the current member Parties. The Parties may also consider a simplified “non-objection” process by consensus, if deemed appropriate in the future.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Goals**

The main goals of the present MoU are:

- a) to strengthen the comprehension, cooperation and friendship between the youth of BRICS countries;
- b) to promote climate action between the youth of BRICS Countries;
- c) to encourage humanitarian cooperation between the youth of BRICS countries;
- d) to form a network of cooperation in the field of youth policy between BRICS countries, recognizing diverse cultural perspectives and approaches, where applicable, within national contexts ensuring the participation of indigenous, traditional and local communities knowledge systems;
- e) to promote outreach of BRICS countries with partner countries on youth affairs;
- f) to develop a general approach within other multilateral systems of youth affairs.

**Sole paragraph:** the Parties will create a working group to establish measurable indicators to assess the impact of the goals of this MoU.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **Areas of Cooperation**

The main areas of Cooperation within the present MoU will include but will not be limited to the following areas:

- a) Education, Training and Skills;
- b) Youth Entrepreneurship;
- c) Science, Technology, and Innovation;
- d) Social and Culture Participation, Social Work, and Volunteering;
- e) Development, Combating Poverty, Hunger and Inequalities;
- f) Health Youth and Sports;



- g) Youth, Environment, and Sustainability;
- h) Interfaith Youth Dialogue;
- i) Youth Exchange;
- j) Youth Inclusion;
- k) Any other areas of Cooperation within the goals of this MoU as mutually decided by the Parties in writing.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

##### **Implementation Mechanisms**

The **Implementation Mechanisms** of this MoU includes but is not limited to the following:

##### **a) Exchange and Skills Development Programmes**

- i) Short-term professional and leadership exchanges for youth workers, policymakers, and subject matter experts;
- ii) Reciprocal study visits and fellowship programs in priority sectors.

##### **b) Institutional Knowledge Management**

- i) Coordinate a rolling calendar of joint activities;
- ii) Facilitate real-time documentation sharing;
- iii) Annual compilation and publication of comparative youth policy analyses.

##### **c) Monitoring and Evaluation Framework**

- i) Development of standardized metrics to assess;
- ii) Case studies of successful disciplines;
- iii) Policy recommendations.

##### **d) Civil Society Cooperation**

- i) Structured mechanisms for youth NGO partnership and co-creation in accordance with national regulatory frameworks and subject to domestic policy prerogatives.

##### **e) Special Initiatives**

- ii) Joint youth innovation challenges addressing common priorities;
- iii) BRICS Youth Volunteer Corps for humanitarian and development projects, on a voluntary basis and aligned with national systems for youth volunteering.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

##### **Intellectual Property Rights**

- a) Any Intellectual Property Rights (hereinafter referred to as “IPR”) brought in by a Party for the implementation of this MoU will remain the property of that Party. That Party will assure that the IPR did not result from the infringement of any third Party’s legitimate rights and will be liable for any claim made by a third Party on



the ownership and legality of the use of the IPR which is brought in by the aforementioned Party for the implementation of this MoU.

b) The IPR resulting from any activity within the framework of this MoU will be jointly owned, in accordance with the procedures established in the laws and regulation in force in each Party, and with international agreements to which the Parties are party to.

c) The IPR on materials that will be jointly developed and owned under this MoU can be used by any Party without requiring prior consent from any other Party.

d) The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of a Party in any publication, document and/or paper is prohibited without the prior written approval of that Party.

## **ARTICLE 6 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The financing of cooperation programs and projects will be jointly decided upon by the Parties in advance through consultations and consensus of all members in accordance with the respective domestic laws of the Parties and their budgetary capabilities.

## **ARTICLE 7 SETTLEMENT OF DISCREPANCIES**

Any discrepancies among the Parties related to the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be settled through consultations or direct negotiations between the Parties through the official diplomatic channels.

## **ARTICLE 8 CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Parties will not use the information and documents exchanged between them



except for the purposes for which they were intended according to what they agreed upon in writing, and not to transfer it to any third Party without a written consent of the Party that provided it.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **Coordinating Bodies**

The cooperation on youth matters between BRICS countries will be structured as follows:

#### **1. The BRICS Ministers and Heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs Meeting:**

1.1 The BRICS Ministers and Heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs Meeting convened by the heads of the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of India, the All-China Federation of the People's Republic of China, the National Youth Development Agency in the Republic of South Africa, the Ministry of Sport of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Youth Authority of the United Arab Emirates, the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Ministry of Youth And Sports of the Republic of Indonesia and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Islamic Republic of Iran, every two (2) years, and whenever warranted (rotating amongst BRICS member states). The main functions of the BRICS Ministers and Heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs Meeting are the following:

a) to promote cooperation in the field of youth policy of BRICS in priority areas referred to in Article (3) of this MoU;



- b) to review the progress of cooperation in the field of youth policy pursuant to this MoU, as well as identify new areas of mutual interest;
- c) to co-operate on youth policy with the working groups and experts of the BRICS countries to ensure effective implementation of this MoU;
- d) to exchange information on the latest developments in the state youth policy, as well as identify common challenges of the BRICS countries in the field of state youth policy.

## **2. The BRICS Youth Council**

2.1 The BRICS Youth Council whose participation of a member of the public authority (responsible for youth policy) and the National Youth Council of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of India, the All-China Youth Federation of the People's Republic of China, the National Youth Development Agency of the Republic of South Africa, the Ministry of Sport of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Youth Authority of the United Arab Emirates, the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Indonesia and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Islamic Republic of Iran will hold meetings convened by the current presidency of the bloc, based on its establishment in accordance with the BRICS Youth Council Framework approved at the 2023 BRICS Youth Summit.

## **3. The BRICS Technical Meeting on Youth Affairs**

3.1 The BRICS Technical Meeting on Youth Affairs includes heads of organizations (or persons holding equivalent titles) from the BRICS countries as heads of delegations, national coordinators for BRICS youth policy, and other





relevant officials in this field, as well as representatives from interested governmental and public organizations. The Technical Meeting will convene once a year, and additionally whenever warranted, rotating among BRICS member states during the interval between sessions of the Meeting of Ministers and Heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Policy. Its responsibilities include:

- a) Overseeing the preparation, compilation, and publication of an annual report summarizing the activities, challenges, and achievements of BRICS youth cooperation, subject to input availability and consensus by member states, establishing this as a requirement to track progress and inform future initiatives;
- b) Considering other pertinent issues on the agenda that deserve attention from BRICS countries;
- c) Developing the agenda for the Meeting of Ministers and Heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs;
- d) Proposing recommendations to be submitted to the Meeting of Ministers and Heads of Executive Authorities on Youth Affairs to enhance the effective implementation of this MoU.

#### **4. Troika - Executive Coordination**

4.1. The Troika will be established with the aim of carrying out executive coordination of the work in the field of youth policy in BRICS, consisting of the current presidency of the bloc, the previous presidency and the incoming presidency (taking into account the rotation of the bloc), with responsibility for leading the work of the BRICS Youth Council, together with the national coordinators for youth affairs and designated authorities responsible for the transitions of presidency. The Troika will meet as often as necessary throughout the year, with additional meetings as necessary. Its responsibilities will include:

- a) Coordinating strategic priorities, annual agendas and preparatory structures for



BRICS youth initiatives in consecutive presidencies in order to ensure political coherence and operational continuity;

- b) Facilitate smooth transitions between presidencies by organizing structured handovers, including the transfer of documentation, institutional knowledge and lessons learned from previous mandates;
- c) Develop joint work plans to align actions with the long-term vision of BRICS youth cooperation, ensuring alignment with ministerial guidelines and the outcomes of Ministerial and Technical Meetings;
- d) Resolve procedural, logistical or diplomatic challenges that arise during presidency transitions through consensual dialogue and proactive mediation;
- e) Collaborate with the BRICS Technical Meeting on Youth Affairs to integrate transition-related insights into annual reports and ensure accountability in inter-presidential initiatives;
- f) Propose reforms to the BRICS Youth Council or Ministerial Meetings to streamline governance processes, enhance institutional memory and strengthen inter-presidential collaboration.
- g) Organize joint briefings and training sessions for the new Chairs to familiarize them with BRICS protocols, ongoing projects and stakeholders' expectations.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **Final provisions**

1. The present MoU will be effective for implementation immediately after its signing by the Parties.
2. This MoU will be applied for five (5) years and may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties. Parties may also agree on review cycles during the Technical Meeting. Parties with mutual written consent may renew or extend this MoU.
3. Either Party may notify the other Parties of its intention to terminate the application of the present MoU. In this case, termination will take effect six (6) months after the date of notification and will not affect the ongoing activities in the



framework of cooperation, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.

4. The Parties or their authorized organizations may enter into additional agreements regulated by the terms of this MoU.

5. The present MoU is not an international treaty and does not impose legal or any rights and obligations on the Parties, regulated by international law. It will be implemented in good faith, without prejudice to national sovereignty or domestic legal systems of the Parties.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Parties/Countries to sign this MoU,**

**ON 10th June, 2025 in one original copy in the English language.**

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