

Programme outline

4 October 2022

14.00-15.15 MSK Session 1. The World at a Critical Juncture. Turning Challenges into Opportunities.

In the world full of risks and divisions who can take the leadership and responsibility to prevent global governance fragmentation and ensure a balanced and strong economic recovery? The BRICS in the Beijing Declaration reiterated support for the G20's leading role in global economic governance. Will the G20 indeed be able to overcome divisions to respond to global challenges? What are the alternatives? Can the BRICS or "BRICS plus" advance inclusive global governance (equitable and representative multipolar international order)? What are the priorities for cooperation?

Moderator

Marina Larionova, Head of the Center for International Institutions Research, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

Speakers

Pavel Knyazev, Russia's Sous-Sherpa for BRICS, Ambassador at large, Director of the Foreign Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Russia

Shen Yi, Director, Center for BRICS Research, Fudan University, China

Chatib Muhamad Basri, Professor at the Department of Economics of the University of Indonesia, Chairman of the PT Bank Mandiri, Minister of Finance of Indonesia (2013-2014), Co-Chair of the Think 20 Task Force on International Finance T20, Indonesia

Fernando José da Silva Paiva Ribeiro, Deputy Director, International Research on Political and Economic Affairs, Institute for Applied Economic Research, Brazil

Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India

Philani Mtembu, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialog, South Africa

Discussion

15.15-16.30 MSK Session 2. Challenges and opportunities for shaping inclusive global digital governance.

Digitalization can transform economies, promote economic growth and sustainable development. But the market forces will not generate digitalization-based social benefits. Creating global public goods requires cooperation and collective governance. The UN Secretary-General called to prioritize building of digital governance and proposed a Global Digital Compact as part of the Summit of the Future in 2023. However, little progress has been made since the Secretary-General's Roadmap for digital cooperation release. The BRICS expands its dialogue on a wide range of digital economy. But it needs to move from engagement to cooperation. The G7 seeks to establish the global digital order based on its standards and norms, as stated in the Policy Priorities for Germany's G7 Presidency in 2022. Risks that this new order would exacerbate the inequalities of the old Bretton-woods system are high. Digital transformation and governance gained

prominence in the G20 agenda especially since we went on-line after the pandemic broke out. But the divisions between the G20 members are likely to result in an impasse. Proposals on the future of global digital governance range from an UN-led Distributed Co-Governance Architecture (a multilayered, multilateral, multi-stakeholder and multidisciplinary framework with the UN central role) to a Digital Stability Board (or Data Stability Board) established by the G20. What can be done to ensure that emerging global digital economy governance is truly fair, reflects the interests of all countries and promotes inclusive and sustainable development?

Moderator

Victoria Panova, Vice Rector for International Relations, HSE University, Russia

Speakers

Dmitry Birichevsky, Director of the Department of Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Jiejun Zhu, Professor, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, China

André de Mello e Souza, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Applied Economic Research – IPEA, Brazil

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Binod Singh Ajatshatru, Director, BRICS Institute, India

Louise Leenen, Professor, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Discussion

5 October 2022

13.30-14.00 MSK Presentation of the BRICS Sustainable Development Goals Index

Near the mid-road towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development attainment of the SDGs is seriously disrupted by the COVID-19 and subsequent economic, social and geopolitical crises. Sustainable development is at the heart of the BRICS cooperation and the members' national policies. The members make an important contribution to the 2030 Agenda. The BRICS Sustainable Development Goals Index is intended to highlight progress made by the BRICS on the key SDGs targets and indicators since 2015 and areas where more efforts and cooperation are needed. The Pilot Edition of the Index will be presented for a discussion, the feedback received will be valuable for its continued elaboration.

Moderator

Marina Larionova, Head of the Center for International Institutions Research, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Russia

Speakers

Andrei Sakharov, Researcher, Center for International Institutions Research, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Russia

Georgy Toloraya, Deputy Chair of the Board, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia

Leonid M. Grigoryev, Chief Advisor to the Head of the Analytical Center under the Government of the Russian Federation, Expert of the Russian National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia

14.00-15.15 MSK Session 3. Priorities for advancing global sustainable development.

The multiple risks disrupted progress towards the SDGs. To recover stronger together and get 2030 Agenda implementation back on track in all its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – we need inclusive growth and equitable economic and climate governance, sustainable and secure energy, resilient and responsive health systems. This is not feasible without multi-stakeholders' cooperation and effective and pragmatic regional and global partnerships. The G20 and BRICS support the UN in coordinating global effort for the 2030 Agenda, but the inequalities are huge and growing. How to harness new drivers for development and create development-enabling environment? Is it possible to forge truly effective development partnerships? Do we need new institutions to support implementation of the Paris Agreement, like the climate club initiated by the G7? Or should we strengthen cooperation within the UN processes? What can the G20 and the BRICS do to make green transition truly inclusive?

Moderator

Natalia Volchkova, Vice-rector for scientific work, Russian Foreign Trade Academy of the Ministry for Economic Development of Russia, Assistant Professor

Speakers

Natalia Stapan, Director, Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Special Projects, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Russia

Wang Wen, Executive Dean, Professor, Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China, China

Sergey Bobylev, Head of Environmental Economics Department, Head of the Center for Bioeconomy and Eco-Innovations, Moscow Lomonosov State University, UN expert

Renato Baumann, Researcher, Institute for Applied Economic Research, Brazil

Igor A. Makarov, Head of Laboratory for Economics of Climate Change, Associate Professor, HSE University, Russia

Shruti Jain, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India

Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa

Discussion

15.15-15.45 MSK In Conversation with Thought Leaders. Reflections on the Future of Multilateralism.

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