

Pre BRICS Summit Workshop Programme

Building BRICS: Crafting an alternative global order?

Entry points for civil society

16-August 2023

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2023		
10H00	Welcome Remarks	<p>Moderator: Jeggan Grey-Johnson, Advocacy Manager, Open Society – Africa Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)</p> <p>George Kegoro, Director Policy & Engagement, OS Africa</p> <p>Statements: Dr Ibrahima Aidara, Deputy Regional Director, OS Africa</p>
10H30	<p>Session 1 BRICS- The ambition, current realities and the near future</p> <p><i>What triggered BRICS? What stage is BRICS at today? What is the impact in global order & dynamics with emerging powers and BRICS members? What impact would powerful BRICS have on existing AU partnerships with the global north?</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Jeggan Grey-Johnson</p> <p>Presenters: Gustavo de Carvalho, senior researcher, SAIIA</p>
11H00	Q&A and Discussions	
11H15	<p>Session 2: What is the role of CSOs and non-state actors in BRICS?</p>	<p>Moderator: Nikiwe Kaunda, Policy Manager OS-Africa</p> <p>Civil Society Representatives RSA – Aditi Lalbahadur, Crisis Action</p> <p><i>(Other CSO presenters from India and Brazil will join virtually)</i></p>
12H00	Q&A and Discussions	

13H00	Lunch Break	
14H00	<p>Session 3: The Big Debate – Understanding the New Development Bank and its role.</p> <p>What are Africa’s ambitions and aspirations for reforming the international Financial Institutions?</p> <p>How might the NDB complement those ambitions?</p>	<p>Moderator: Amani Mhinda Equity & Opportunity Manager, OS-Africa</p> <p>Danny Bradlow, University of Pretoria (joining online)</p>
14H45	Q&A and Discussions	
15H30	<p>Session 4: The economics of BRICS</p> <p>What type of engagement between the BRICS and African institutions might help to advance Africa's economic development and good governance?</p> <p>How might a homegrown and owned credit ratings agency boost trade and lead to a more vibrant AfCFTA?</p>	<p>Moderator: Steven Gruzd, Programme Head, SAIIA</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) – Dr McBride Nkhalamba</p> <p>AfCFTA Secretariat</p>
17H00	Closing	<p>Vote of Thanks:</p> <p>Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)</p> <p>Jeggan Grey-Johnson, Advocacy Manager-OS Africa</p>