

# BRICS RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2022

*Durban, South Africa (Also Online)*

3 - 6 April 2022

VENUE: SOUTHERN SUN HOTEL ELANGENI AND MAHARANI

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**The Dynamism of Climate Change, Entrepreneurship, Local  
Development and NDB Financing in The BRICS States During  
and After COVID-19**



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## Conference Program

**Day I: Sunday, 3 April 2022 – Elangeni Lingela Restaurant**

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| Time (SAST)   | Plenary Session   |
|---------------|---|
| 19:00 – 19:30 | Conference opening and ice breaking during dinner   |
| 19:30 – 20:00 | Welcome address - <i>Prof Fulufhelo Netswera, Executive Dean: Management Sciences, Durban University of Technology.</i> |

**Day II: Monday, 4 April 2022 – Maharani Umgeni & Congella Room**

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| Time (SAST)   | Plenary Session  |
|---------------|--|
| 9:00 – 9:30   | Registration   |
| 9:30 – 10:30  | Keynote address: The dynamism of climate change, entrepreneurship, local development and NDB financing in the BRICS states during and after COVID-19 - <i>Dr Philani Mthembu, Executive Director of the Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD).</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee and tea break   |




### **Theme: Entrepreneurship in BRICS**

20 minutes presentation per paper and 10 minutes discussions



| Time (SAST)   | Plenary Session   |
|---------------|---|
| 11:00 – 11:30 | An introduction to entrepreneurship in BRICS nations: Lessons and challenges during COVID-19 – <i>Ndivhuho Tshikovhi.</i> |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Challenges for entrepreneurship in India during the post-pandemic period – <i>Namrata Dhasmana and Ravinder Rena.</i>     |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | A critical review of the COVID-19 economic relief programme for small businesses in South Africa – <i>Marcia Lebambo.</i> |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Emerging trends among Indian entrepreneurs – A post COVID-19 outlook – <i>Yavana Rani and Ravinder Rena.</i>              |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch break   |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Policies and strategies for the mitigation of COVID-19 impact on SMMEs in South Africa – <i>Fiona Langry.</i>             |



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| 14:30 – 15:00 | The impact of COVID-19 in entrepreneurship focusing on Small-Medium Enterprises in South Africa – <i>Zamaswazi Cele and Ndivhuho Tshikovhi</i> .  |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Between anarchy and development: Promoting entrepreneurship as a fundamental force behind growth and development in the Global South - Gilbert <i>Motsaathebe and Ravinder Rane</i> .   |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Configurational casual explanation of cognitive adaptability of entrepreneurship students: Fuzzy-set qualitative comparative analysis as an alternate approach for symmetric tools – <i>Shantha Indrajith Hikkaduwa Liyanage, Fulufhelo Netswera and Ndivhuho Tshikovhi</i> . |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee and tea break   |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | The factors affecting entrepreneurial intention of students at Saurashtra University – India – <i>Ankit Katrodia</i> .  |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | The dynamism of entrepreneurship and local economic development during COVID-19 in Brazil – <i>Amanda Fabbri Barelli</i> .  |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | The future of entrepreneurship in a post COVID-19 era - <i>Njabulo Ndlovu and Richard Shambare</i> .  |
| 18:00 – 18:30 | The impact of COVID-19 on the informal economy: The case of South Africa – <i>Raymond Matlala</i> .   |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | Restaurants and COVID-19: a focus on the learning experiences of restaurant entrepreneurs amidst COVID-19 in South Africa - <i>Knowledge Shumba, Wellington Chakuriza and Richard Shambare</i> .  |

### Theme: Agriculture in BRICS

20 minutes presentation per paper and 10 minutes discussions



| Time (SAST)   | Plenary Session  |
|---------------|--|
| 19:00 – 19:30 | Socio economic status and agroforestry status: A case study of small timber growers in Limpopo Province, South Africa – <i>Maponya Phokele</i> .   |
| 19:30 – 20:00 | Research, extension services and training as key drivers to agroforestry adoption: A case study of agrosilviculture community growers in Limpopo and Mpumalanga Provinces, South Africa – <i>Maponya Phokele, Oelofse Dean, Madakadze Casper, Dube Zakheleni, Mbili Nokwazi, Mongwaketsi Kgosi, Tahulela Takalani, Nkuna Thabo and Makhwedzana Meshack</i> . |

## Day III: 5 April 2022 - Maharani Umgeni & Congella Room

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| Time (SAST)  | Plenary Session  |
|--------------|--|
| 9:00 – 10:10 | Welcome address - <i>Dr Ndivhuho Tshikovhi</i> .   |
| 9:10 – 9:30  | Relevance of South-South partnership and their contribution to the economic development: <i>Prof Sibusiso Moyo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Engagement, Durban University of Technology</i> . |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Coffee and tea break   |



### Theme: Finance and the New Development Bank (NDB) in BRICS

20 minutes presentation per paper and 10 minutes discussions




| Time (SAST)   | Plenary Session   |
|---------------|---|
| 10:00 – 10:30 | The formation of NDB governance structure and its Membership Expansion – <i>Jiejun Zhu</i> .  |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | A solid pillar in south-south cooperation: insitutionalized BRICS cooperation and its contribution to global governance - <i>Yuan Yuan</i> .      |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | New Development Bank and the future of BRICS – <i>Raosaheb Bawaskar</i> .   |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | The need for collective bargaining if the New Development Bank is to achieve their economic and environmental objectives – <i>Robert Hanson</i> . |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | The BRICS New Development Bank as alternative to the World Bank and IMF in development of African region - <i>Noxolo Nomfundo Khuzwayo</i> .      |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch break   |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | NDB and evolving agenda for development cooperation: ruler-maker or rule-taker? – <i>Leonid Grigoryev and Alexandra Morozkina</i> .               |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | New Development Bank: Is boon or bane for BRICS nations - <i>Ravinder Rena</i> .  |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | A democratic global financial governance: is it feasible - <i>Murilo Gaspardo</i> .   |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | The New Development Bank and the enforcement of human rights and the Green New Deal – <i>Miguel Calmon Dantas</i> .                               |



## Theme: Climate Change in BRICS



20 minutes presentation per paper and 10 minutes discussions



| Time (SAST)   | Plenary Session   |
|---------------|---|
| 15:30 – 16:00 | United or divided? Climate governance paths for BRICS in the post Paris era – <i>Xiaolong Zou and Anmol Mukhia.</i>                                   |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee and tea break   |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | BRICS partnership and global climate change gridlock – <i>Shraddha Naik.</i>  |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | An introduction to BRICS countries' strategies and policies response towards environmental and climate change – <i>Marina Costa Esteves Coutinho.</i> |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Living with COVID-19: Mitigating climate change risks and lessons for future pandemics - <i>Juliet Leuna-Obioha.</i>                                  |
| 18:00 – 18:30 | BRICS and the race to NetZero by 2050: Is COVID-19 a barrier or an opportunity? - <i>Lazarus Chapungu and Godwell Nhamo.</i>                          |
| 18:30 – 19:00 | Brazil in the post-COVID era with potential to accelerate a fourth green industrial revolution – <i>Jaciele Davi Neto.</i>                            |

## Day IV: 6 April 2022 - Maharani Umgeni & Congella Room

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| Time (SAST)   | Plenary Session   |
|---------------|---|
| 10:00 – 10:10 | Welcome address - <i>Dr Ndivhuho Tshikovhi.</i>   |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | BRICS conference reflections and way forward - <i>Dr Marina Costa Esteves Coutinho, Durham University, United Kingdom, Executive Director of Latin American Institute for Collective Justice (ILAJUC), Brazil</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee and tea break   |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | Capacity development seminar on BRICS research opportunities - <i>Prof Fulufhelo Netswera and Dr Ndivhuho Tshikovhi.</i><br><br>Open to masters and PhD students  |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch break    |
| 14:00 – 14:10 | Closing remarks - <i>Prof Fulufhelo Netswera.</i>   |
| 14:10 - 16:00 | Optional Durban North Beach Tour  |

## BRICS Conference Sponsors

- National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, South Africa
- South African BRICS Think Tank
- Durban University of Technology, South Africa
- Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa academic network

## BRICS Research Project Team

### Project lead

- *Prof Fulufhelo Netswera, Durban University of Technology, South Africa*
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- *Ms Milena Megre Melasippo Felipeto, State University of Campinas, Brazil*
- *Mr Bhanu Joshi, Brown University, United States of America/India*

## Conference Venue Information

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## Online Link

MS Teams Link for the entire conference from 3 – 6 April 2022

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