

Brazil Assumed the Presidency of BRICS in 2025

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Brazil assumed the presidency on the back of a successful presidency of the G20, both dovetailing around the pursuit of political and economic cooperation of the Global South, encouraging the development of a sustainable and inclusive global governance, promoting intra-BRICS economic cooperation, advancing technology for development, and exploring financing tools against climate change.



Leaders of BRICS nations during the 2023 Summit in Johannesburg. From left to right: President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (Brazil), President Xi Jinping (China), President Cyril Ramaphosa (South Africa), Prime Minister Narendra Modi (India), and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov (Russia).

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On January 1, 2025, Brazil officially took over from Russia the Presidency of BRICS, the prominent forum for political and economic cooperation. This follows closely after Brazil handed over the presidency of the G20, the forum of the major global economies, to South Africa, a fellow BRICS country in early December 2024.

BRICS, originally made up of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, recently expanded its membership by including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia, and Iran. This

enhanced its representativity, its economic weight and its political significance during changing times in global political economy.

Brazil's 2025 BRICS Presidency chose as its motto, the following: "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance".

It picked two super priorities: (i) Global South Cooperation and (ii) BRICS Partnerships for Social, Economic and Environmental Development. It identified six core areas of cooperation and discussion for decisions in 2025:

A - Global Health Cooperation: *encourage real cooperation projects among BRICS nations to promote sustainable and inclusive development in various sectors, particularly in health, to ensure access to medicines and vaccines; launch the BRICS Partnership for the Elimination of Socially Determined Diseases and Neglected Tropical Diseases.*

B - Trade, Investment and Finance: *consider the governance and reform of financial markets, local currencies, and payment instruments and platforms as a means of increasing and diversifying trade, financial and investment flows; advance the Partnership for the New Industrial Revolution and adopt the 2030 Strategy for the BRICS Economic Partnership.*

C - Climate change: *adopt the BRICS Climate Leadership Agenda, including a Leaders' Framework Declaration on Climate Finance aimed at guiding structural change in the financial sector.*

D - Artificial Intelligence Governance: *promote inclusive and responsible international governance of artificial intelligence in order to unlock the potential of this technology for social, economic and environmental development.*

E - Multilateral Peace and Security Architecture: *promote a global reform of the multilateral peace system and security architecture in order to ensure effective action in dealing with conflicts, preventing humanitarian disasters and preventing the outbreak of new crises; rebuild mutual trust and understanding, resume diplomacy and promote peaceful solutions to conflicts and disputes.*

F - Institutional Development: *improving the structure and cohesion of the BRICS.*

As the host nation, Brazil oversees the organization and coordination of more than 100 meetings, from February 2025 through the 7 July Summit in Brasília. These gatherings bring together officials, policymakers, and experts to deliberate on the presidency's priorities. Brazil's mandate runs until December 31, 2025.

Rotational Leadership

The BRICS presidency rotates among member states in the order of the acronym, but with the inclusion of new members, the bloc is expected to revisit its rotational formula. The changes reflect BRICS' evolving dynamics as it continues to adapt to the shifting geopolitical landscape.

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