

**BRICS SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (STI)**

**ACTION PLAN 2018-2019**

In accordance with BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Work Plan 2015-2018 the BRICS Ministers and their representatives for Science, Technology and Innovation met in Durban, on 3 July, 2018, and endorsed the BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Action Plan 2018-2019.

We take note of the results of the activities implemented under the Action Plan 2017-2018 and welcome the Action Plan for the period 2018-2019:

**BRAZIL**

* 2nd Meeting of BRICS Working Group on Ocean and Polar Science and Technology – Brazil, 26-27 July, 2018
* 4th Meeting of BRICS Working Group on Astronomy – Brazil or China, October or November, 2018
* 5th Meeting of the BRICS STI Funding Parties for final selection of projects to be funded as the outcome of the third BRICS Coordinated Call for Proposals – Brazil, third quarter 2019
* 3rd Meeting of Working Group on ICT and High Performance Computing – Brazil or Russia, 2019
* 4th BRICS Young Scientist Forum – Brazil, 2019
* 3rd Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Biotechnology and Biomedicine, including human health and neuroscience – Brazil, 2019
* 4th Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Prevention and Monitoring of Natural Disasters – Brazil, 2019

**RUSSIA**

* 2nd BRICS Conference on Technology Foresight and STI Policy – Russia, November, 2018
* 1st Meeting of BRICS Task Team on the establishment permanent mechanisms to manage and coordinate BRICS STI activities – Russia, August 2018
* 2nd Meeting of BRICS Working Group on Materials Science and Nanotechnology – Brazil or Russia, early 2019
* 3rd Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Ocean and Polar Science and Technology – Russia, 2019
* 2nd Meeting of the Working group on New and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – Russia, 2019

**INDIA**

* BRICS YSF Coordinating Committee Meeting, Nov-Dec 2018
* BRICS Virtual centre for HPC and ICT Meeting, 2019
* BRICS Virtual Institute on Photonics Meeting, 2019 (along with Russia)

**CHINA**

* 5th Meeting of BRICS Solid State Lighting (SSL) Sub Working Group – China, August, 2018
* 2nd Meeting on BRICS Science and Technology driven Entrepreneurship and Innovation Partnership – China, September, 2018 (along with India)
* 1st Meeting of Working Group and Forum on New and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – China, October, 2018
* 3rd Meeting of BRICS Working Group on Research Infrastructures – China or South Africa, early 2019

**SOUTH AFRICA**

* 3rd BRICS Coordinated Call for Proposals, Call Secretariat, 2018-2019
* 2nd Meeting on BRICS Working Group on Biotechnology and Biomedicine including Human Health and Neuroscience – October, 2018
* 3rd Meeting of BRICS Working Group on Geospatial and its Application– South Africa, 5 November, 2018 (along with India)
* 3rd Meeting of BRICS Working Group on Prevention and Monitoring of Natural Disaster (back to back with the 3rd Meeting of BRICS Working Group on Geospatial and its Application – South Africa, 2018) – South Africa, 6 November, 2018
* 2nd Working Group Meeting on BRICS STIEP – South Africa, December 2018
* 1st Meeting of the BRICS Task Team on exploring financial assistance from the New Development Bank (NDB) and other development financing platforms – South Africa, August 2018
* BRICS Space Agencies Forum, 7-8 November 2018
* BRICS Astronomy Conference, October 2018
* 3rd BRICS Water Forum, 9 December 2018
* BRICS STI Technology Transfer and SMME Forum, 9 December 2018
* BRICS Science Academies Dialogue, 10 December 2018
* BRICS STI Advisory Councils Roundtable, 10 December, 2018
* 2nd Meeting of the BRICS STI Task Team on need to establish permanent mechanisms to manage and coordinate BRICS STI activities, January 2019
* 2nd Meeting of the BRICS STI Task Team on exploring financial assistance from the New Development Bank (NDB) and other development financing platforms, January 2019
* 2nd Meeting of BRICS Working Group on Photonics – 2019