



3rd BRICS TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Ministerial Declaration

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Introduction

We, the Ministers responsible for transport from the BRICS countries, met in Nagpur, India, on 11 and 12 July 2026, under the Chairship of India, for the 3rd BRICS Transport Ministerial Meeting.

We reaffirm our collective commitment to strengthening transport cooperation as a key enabler of economic integration, sustainable development, and enhanced connectivity across our countries.

We underscore the importance of keeping supply chains and transport routes safe, secure, cost-effective and resilient for improving connectivity.

Guided by the principles of mutual respect, solidarity, inclusiveness, and consensus, we resolve to deepen cooperation in the areas of transport policy, infrastructure development, investment cooperation and sustainability and innovation.

We support this year's BRICS Theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability" reflecting a people-centric approach and putting humanity at the centre emphasizing practical outcomes that benefit all BRICS countries while respecting national priorities.

We support and welcome this year's discussions which were structured around three thematic priorities proposed by the Chair - (I) Sustainability encompassing Circularity in Infrastructure, Sustainable Aviation Fuel, Transport Decarbonisation, and Urban Mobility; (II) BRICS Logistics Supply-Chain Cooperation Framework; and (III) BRICS Railway Research Network.

Circularity in Infrastructure – Sustainable Material Integration

We acknowledge the importance of embedding circular economy principles - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, into the development and maintenance of transport infrastructure across BRICS countries. We recognise that sustainable material integration not only strengthens infrastructure resilience but also contributes to the reduction of environmental impact. We welcome efforts to promote resource-efficient construction practices and the adoption of innovative sustainable materials in transport projects to encourage investments in the sector which will provide job opportunities and contribute to economic growth.

We agree to organise technical workshops as appropriate to facilitate the exchange of best practices and experiences among BRICS countries on sustainable material integration in transport infrastructure. We further endorse the preparation of a compendium of best



practice case examples drawn from BRICS countries, to serve as a practical reference guide for promoting circularity in transport infrastructure development.

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

We recognise the crucial importance of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) as a key pathway for reducing carbon emissions in international aviation. We acknowledge the growing momentum from UNFCCC and ICAO for the usage of SAF in international aviation and the aspirational long-term goal of achieving net-zero emissions.

We encourage technological cooperation, capacity building and sustainable supply among BRICS countries, in the development, certification, and implementation of SAF and other cleaner aviation fuels taking into consideration their respective national capabilities and priorities.

We welcome the initiative of the Indian Chairship to convene a BRICS Forum on Sustainable Aviation Fuels focused on feedstock mapping, SAF certification exchange, and alignment of Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) frameworks with international standards with due account for national capacities and priorities.

We support convening an inaugural workshop of this SAF Forum with a technical and neutral approach and reaffirm the commitment under UNFCCC for technology transfer and capacity building among BRICS countries with due consideration to national capabilities and priorities for mutual and collective benefits.

BRICS Framework of Cooperation for Exchange of Knowledge on Transport Decarbonisation

We affirm the importance of decarbonisation in the transport sector as part of global efforts to address climate change and promote sustainable development, while leveraging our renewable energy potentials.

We recognise the importance of coordinated action across BRICS countries through adoption of lower-emission fuels, electrification of transport modes, energy efficiency measures, and adoption of emerging sustainable transport technologies, in a manner consistent with national circumstances and priorities.

We acknowledge the efforts to establish the BRICS Framework of Cooperation for Exchange of Knowledge on Transport Decarbonisation as a consensus-based platform for knowledge sharing. We acknowledge the need to organise knowledge-exchange workshops covering electric mobility, low emission rail, multimodal freight systems, smart mobility solutions, sustainable shipping corridors, sustainable aviation, port and maritime infrastructure to support transport decarbonisation, energy transition, and integrated transport ecosystems.



BRICS Urban Mobility Hub

We acknowledge that BRICS countries are undergoing rapid and sustained urbanisation, necessitating affordable, inclusive, and smart urban transport solutions. We recognise that scaling mass transit systems, electric mobility, and multimodal integration is fundamental to economic productivity, safe and equitable mobility solutions, improved air quality, and quality of life across BRICS cities. We reaffirm our commitment to supporting national strategies for the development of urban transport networks, the promotion of active and non-motorised mobility and optimization of services towards sustainable mobility.

We recognize the diverse geographical and socio-economic conditions across our countries, sustainable urban mobility solutions should be tailored to country-specific contexts.

We support the establishment of the BRICS Urban Mobility Hub as a collaborative platform for knowledge exchange and cooperation. This Hub will focus on facilitating collaboration through structured training, expert workshops and pilot projects demonstrating scalable models in public transport.

We endorse the activities proposed in the Framework for the Establishment of BRICS Urban Mobility Hub.

BRICS Logistics Supply-Chain Cooperation Framework

We recognise that BRICS countries collectively represent approximately 40% of global GDP and nearly 26% of global goods trade. We emphasize the strategic importance of enhancing transport logistics collaboration to build more resilient, efficient, and inclusive and flexible supply chain ecosystems among BRICS countries.

We adopt the BRICS Logistics Supply-Chain Cooperation Framework to strengthen cross-sector transport logistics resilience and sustainability among BRICS members. We emphasise that the guiding principle of this Cooperation Framework will include promotion of environmentally sustainable, climate resilient logistics and supply chain practices. We endorse the activities identified under the Framework and support the facilitation of workshops and technical meetings under this Framework for sharing of best practices and knowledge transfer.

BRICS Railway Research Network (BRRN)

We appreciate the vital role played by the railways in strengthening freight and passenger connectivity in BRICS Countries, underpinned by significant and sustained investments in modernisation and network expansion and development. We recognise the potential for knowledge sharing among BRICS Countries in the field of railway research, technology development and innovation based on each country's national priorities and commitments.



We acknowledge the endeavour towards the establishment of BRICS Railway Research Network (BRRN) and affirm its vision of enhancing logistics connectivity and contributing to resilient and sustainable development of railways in BRICS Countries.

We encourage discussion on the BRRN, in the spirit of cooperation and association of all stakeholders for mutual and collective benefit, to carry out knowledge sharing, railway research, capacity building and other activities that are mutually agreed upon with due consideration of national capabilities and priorities.

Way Forward

We recognise the strategic importance of regular dialogue and coordination among BRICS transport authorities to ensure inclusive, sustainable, and efficient development of our transport sectors.

We reaffirm our commitment to respect the national policies, priorities, and capabilities.

We also reaffirm our commitment to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all member states while carrying out transport and logistics cooperation.

We affirm our position that matters related to international aviation should be addressed through UN framework, such as International Civil Aviation Organization.

We reaffirm our opposition to any restrictive measures in the transport sector which globally restrict access to port facilities and prioritise efficient and safe maritime transport networks by strengthening port resilience, improving logistics infrastructure, and promoting the adoption of modern technologies, equipment, and associated services.

We welcome significant constructive engagement, valuable deliberations and active participation of the BRICS countries in these initiatives in the BRICS Transport Working Group. These initiatives are aimed at serving as enduring platforms for collaboration and cooperation.

We express our sincere gratitude to India for its distinguished leadership as Chair of the BRICS Transport Working Group in 2026 and for generously hosting this Ministerial Meeting in Nagpur. We look forward to further strengthening our collaboration under the next BRICS Chairship of China.



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FRAMEWORK FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRICS URBAN MOBILITY HUB

Background and Context

Urban areas across BRICS Member Countries are undergoing rapid and large-scale transformation, driven by accelerating urbanisation, rising motorisation, and growing demand for safe, affordable, and reliable mobility. As home to some of the world's largest and fastest-growing cities, BRICS Member Countries face common challenges including traffic congestion, road safety concerns, air pollution and rising transport emissions, inadequate last-mile connectivity, and pressure on ageing or insufficient transport infrastructure.

In this context, sustainable urban mobility, encompassing mass rapid transit systems such as metro rail, integrated multimodal transport, electric and clean-fuel mobility, intelligent transport systems, transit-oriented development, and non-motorised transport, offers a transformative pathway to address these interconnected challenges.

Recognizing the diverse geographical and socio-economic conditions across BRICS Member Countries, sustainable urban mobility solutions should be tailored to country specific contexts, including informal transport systems, challenging terrain, and fiscal conditions.

Against this backdrop, the establishment of a **BRICS Urban Mobility Hub** is proposed as a virtual collaborative platform to promote knowledge sharing, capacity building, and technical cooperation in sustainable urban mobility across Member Countries.

Proposed Institutional Structure

The proposed Hub will comprise institutions from all BRICS members. Each Member Country will be encouraged to designate a suitable institution or body as its nominated representative to engage with the secretariat for effective cross-country coordination, with participation ensured through nominated institutions across all interested Member Countries. The Hub will operate on the basis of full and equal participation among Member Countries. Under its chairship, India proposes to provide coordination support during the initial phase.

Proposed Activities

The Hub may undertake the following activities, on a collaborative and mutually agreed basis:



- i. Organisation of training programmes, workshops, seminars, and technical exchanges, including the development of curricula and learning modules for officials, professionals, and institutions;
- ii. Facilitation of capacity-building initiatives, benchmarking and structured site visits to operational urban mobility systems and infrastructure;
- iii. Documentation and dissemination of best practices, case studies, toolkits, and reference frameworks in urban mobility in areas including but not limited to the following:
 - Urban Transport Planning and Accessibility
 - Urban Electric Transport
 - Environmental Mobility
 - ICE-to-EV fleet transition
- iv. Support for collaborative research, innovation, and pilot initiatives in areas such as multimodal integration, clean and electric mobility, intelligent transport systems, smart urban transport solutions, advanced air mobility, transit-oriented development and smart mobility solutions supported by road safety;
- v. Promotion of technical cooperation in the planning, financing, construction, operation, monitoring and evaluation and maintenance of urban transport systems;
- vi. Strengthening of institutional capacities and facilitation of peer-to-peer and institution-to-institution learning; and
- vii. Organisation of expert consultations and thematic dialogues on emerging urban mobility challenges and solutions.

Modalities

- i. The Hub is proposed as a continuing arrangement, with cooperation based on mutual benefit and consensus-based approaches;
- ii. The nominated institution of the Member Country holding the BRICS Chairship will endeavour to organise at least one workshop or programme as convenient either virtually or in-person, with such activities ordinarily held in the country holding the Chairship;
- iii. Stakeholders may include government institutions, urban transport and metro rail agencies, research organisations and academia, the private sector, startups, and other relevant bodies;



- iv. Activities shall be implemented in accordance with national laws, regulations, and priorities, and subject to the availability of resources; and
- v. Progress under the Hub will be reviewed periodically by Member Countries through the relevant BRICS mechanism.



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BRICS Logistics Supply Chain Cooperation Framework

Efficient and sustainable logistics and resilient supply chains are increasingly becoming critical enablers of trade facilitation, competitiveness and global connectivity and economic growth across nations. As global trade ecosystems continue to evolve amid supply chain disruptions and redesigns, freight rate volatility, and changing logistics patterns, there is a growing need to develop flexible, integrated, diversified, and dependable supply chains and logistics networks that can ensure efficient cross-border movement of goods, reduce bottlenecks, and enhance overall connectivity, hub to hub efficiency and trade resilience across the BRICS region.

With growing urbanization, transport connectivity, and infrastructure investments, BRICS nations continue to witness significant demand for heavy machinery, critical components, and ancillary equipment required for construction, infrastructure creation, operation, and maintenance. Given the evolving global landscape, there is an increasing need to strengthen localized manufacturing, strategic re-export hubs and assembly ecosystems on equal and fair approach to all stakeholders. Such approaches can enhance domestic manufacturing capacities and reduce long-term dependence on fully built imports within all BRICS countries.

BRICS nations collectively possess strong and complementary capabilities including cargo and shipping services, technologies and processes, availability of raw materials, manufacturing ecosystems, technical expertise, automation technologies, spare parts supply networks, ports, and logistics corridors. This presents a significant opportunity for member countries to develop more integrated and interdependent supply chain ecosystems that can support not only domestic infrastructure requirements but also enhance export competitiveness in machinery sectors.

The proposed BRICS Logistics Supply Chain Cooperation Framework within the BRICS Transport Working Group (TWG) seeks to promote resilient and synergized manufacturing and logistics ecosystems among BRICS nations. The proposed framework would focus on streamlining planning, movement and supply chain integration through cooperation in land transportation, multimodal connectivity and logistics coordination.

Further, the proposed framework will take the competence of the various stakeholders to identify and overcome challenges in the logistics supply chain.



Guiding Principles

Cooperation under the framework would be guided by the following principles:

- **Voluntary participation**, with members engaging in accordance with their respective national priorities and capacities;
- **Consensus-based cooperation**, with decisions taken by mutual agreement among members;
- **Mutual benefit and complementarity**, leveraging the distinct strengths and capabilities of each member;
- **Respect for national policies**, laws, and existing international obligations of members;
- **Non-binding and cooperative character**, creating no legally binding commitments or financial obligations on members;
- **Inclusivity and openness**, enabling all members to participate on an equal footing;
- Promotion of environmentally **sustainable** and climate-**resilient** logistics and supply chain practices.

Proposed Activities

The proposed framework may:

- i. **Recognise** logistics supply chain areas for technical exchange between members;
- ii. **Assess** opportunities and gaps in logistics supply chains that can benefit from the expertise of members;
- iii. **Facilitate** knowledge sharing in cargo and shipping services, localised assembly and manufacturing ecosystems and supply chain sustainability;
- iv. **Develop** programmes for promoting exchange of information, knowledge and best practices on supply chain integration models;
- v. **Implement** capacity building programmes and cooperation through mutual understanding;
- vi. **Strengthen** international shipping cooperation and support the development of international logistics supply chains.
- vii. **Monitor** and evaluate the effectiveness of the framework and its programmes.
