



**Draft Agenda
BRICS Seminar
Resolution Circle Towers, Johannesburg, South Africa
29-30 August 2017**

Day I: Tuesday 29 August 2017

Venue: Resolution Circle Towers

8:30-9:00

Registration and Welcome

9:00 - 9:30

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Prof Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice-Chancellor and Principal Designate, University of Johannesburg

Mr. Apollos Nwafor, Pan Africa Director, Oxfam International, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Dr David Monyae, Co- Director - University of Johannesburg Confucius Institute (UJCI)

9:30-10:00

Key Note Speaker – Aziz Pahad, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO)

10:00 -11:15

Launch of Oxfam International's Research Report on New Actors, New Models and New Outcomes? African Countries Engagement Strategy with China and Other Development Partners in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063 Study

Chair: Mr. Apollos Nwafor, Pan Africa Director, Oxfam International, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Presenter: Gedion Jalata, Programme Manager, Africa China

Discussant: Prof Maxi Schoeman, University of Pretoria, and Prof Said Adejumobi, UNECA Southern Africa Director

11:15-11:30 Tea Break

11:30-13:30

Session I: Understanding Intra-BRICS Collaboration

Focus area: Evaluating the patterns of relationship among BRICS countries

Chair: Prof Adekeye Adebajo, Director, Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation, University Of Johannesburg

Brazil: Dr Bruno De Conti, Institute of Economics, Confucius Institute at Unicamp, Brazil

Russia: Prof Maxim Khomyakov- Vice-President for international Affairs and Director of the BRICS Studies centre, Ural Federal University, Ekaterinburg, Russia

India: Prof Swaran Singh - Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

China: Prof Liu Haifang, Peking University, China

South Africa: Prof Chris Landsberg, SARCHI Chair in African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy, University Of Johannesburg

13:30 – 14:30: Lunch break

14.30–16:30

Session II: BRICS and the New World Order

Focus areas: Can BRICS be the instrument to create a new world order (from unipolar to multipolar), and ramifications on African countries

Chair: Ms Nomonde Nyembe, Centre for Applied Legal Studies, University of Witwatersrand

Presenters: Dr Philani Mthembu, Institute for Global Dialogue
Prof AK Ramakrishnan - Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Discussant: Dr David Monyae, University of Johannesburg Confucius Institute (UJCI)

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9:30 -11:30

Session III: BRICS and Development Finance

Focus areas: is the New Development Bank (NDB) coming up as an alternative to the IMF and WB or will it be another Imperial financial institution? What will be role of the BRICS bank in funding infrastructure and sustainable development in Africa?

Chair: Gedion Jalata, Program Manager, Africa-China Dialogue Platform, Oxfam International Liaison Office to the African Union

Presenters: Ms Evelyne Change, Chief Governance Officer, African Development Bank (AfDB) **TBC**
Prof Patrick Bond, University of Witwatersrand

Discussant: Prof Said Adejumobi, UNECA Southern Africa Director

12:00 – 13:30 pm Lunch break

13:30 -16:00

Session IV: BRICS and the African Agenda

Focus areas: examine BRICS collaboration with African countries including the African Union Commission (AUC), NEPAD and Regional Economic Communities (RECs)

Chair: Ms Wing Yin Lam, Assistant Manager – South – South Cooperation, Oxfam Hong Kong

Presenters: Prof Mzukisi Qobo, SARCHi Chair in African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy, University of Johannesburg

Dr Fanwell Kenala Bokosi, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development, Zimbabwe

Discussant: Prof Siphamandla Zondi, University of Pretoria

16:00 – 16:30 Closing