



**DECLARATION BRICS YOUTH SUMMIT
RUSSIAN FEDERATION, ULYANOVSK
22 – 26 JULY 2024**

PREAMBLE

We, the youth delegations of BRICS countries, met in Ulyanovsk, the Russian Federation, from 22 to 26 July 2024 for the BRICS Youth Summit to discuss the current state and future prospects for the development of youth cooperation among BRICS countries over a wide range of areas including the following identified priority areas:

1. Education, training and skills;
2. Entrepreneurship;
3. Science, Technology and Innovation;
4. Youth Community Service and Volunteer Work;
5. Health and Sports.

Therefore,

Welcoming the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, as new member countries in BRICS;

Aspiring to maintain continuity of the Declaration of the BRICS Youth Summit adopted in Durban, South Africa, in 2023;

Acknowledging the theme of the Russian chairship in BRICS in 2024 “Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security”;

Reaffirming our commitment to the BRICS spirit featuring mutual respect and understanding, equality, solidarity, openness, inclusiveness and consensus;

Recognizing the importance of the BRICS youth voice;

Reaffirming the importance of the BRICS Youth Summit and believing it to be the appropriate forum to discuss youth matters;

Highlighting the activity of the BRICS Youth Council as a body that is devoted to develop and consolidate youth agenda in BRICS countries;

Understanding that our youth share common goals and aspirations for a better future;

Bearing in mind that youth are key for economic growth;

Reiterating the importance of prioritizing youth development at national, regional and global level.

We present the following recommendations emanating from discussions at the BRICS Youth Summit:

Education, Training and Skills

- Recognizing the need to ensure smoother transition of the BRICS agenda between generations, we propose to include adolescents into the BRICS youth events and organize various projects and programs such as camps, festivals, conferences and fora for adolescents;
- We reiterate the need to stimulate the educational and professional exchange of youth between BRICS countries and strengthen the intra-BRICS educational cooperation under the framework of existing institutions including BRICS Network University and the BRICS Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Cooperation Alliance;
- We underline the importance of raising awareness amongst the youth about BRICS through all media sources including, but not limited to the BRICS Mediaplatform;
- We explore the possibility to organize **educational missions** to BRICS member countries on annual basis to raise awareness of adolescents and young people about BRICS.

Entrepreneurship

- We call on all BRICS countries to promote favorable conditions for young entrepreneurs;
- We emphasize the importance of strengthening cooperation in areas such as talent training and innovation among others;
- We propose to hold annual meetings of BRICS young entrepreneurs to enhance networking and collaboration, as well as empower young innovators;
- We encourage entrepreneurs to promote employment opportunities across BRICS respecting each country's visa regime and employment regulations.

Science, Technology and Innovation

- We call on all BRICS members to promote digital literacy amongst young people and engage them in science, technology and innovation;
- We propose to strengthen mutual learning and cooperation in the fields mentioned above, and urge all BRICS countries to participate in the BRICS Youth Dialogue on Science, Technology and Innovation;
- We encourage BRICS member states to conduct regular meetings of young scientists and innovators;
- We call on all stakeholders, including but not limited to universities, science parks, research and think tanks of BRICS countries to implement joint projects and carry out practical cooperation.

Youth Community Service and Volunteer Work

- We recommend to initiate a program for young volunteers of BRICS countries aimed at granting them an opportunity to learn about cultures of each other, catalyze community impact and youth leadership, exchange information about community services and volunteer work and support online dialogue of volunteers from BRICS countries;
- We call on BRICS member states to organize public activities such as festivals, fora and others for young people to learn about the best practices in community service, volunteering and other spheres;

- We propose to organize a conference for the most active volunteers from BRICS countries on an annual basis.

Health and Sports

- We welcome BRICS Sport Games as a significant event that brings together BRICS youth;
- We recommend to boost physical activity of young people and promote a healthy lifestyle, as well as the need for extensive exchanges in related fields, including research and development;
- We acknowledge the need for developing comprehensive strategies to promote mental health awareness, a culture of respect and empathy amongst young people;
- We recognize sports as an important tool for uniting people and propose to establish collaborative partnerships between BRICS countries to conduct research, exchange knowledge, and develop innovative approaches in the field of sport and health.