



BRICS TRANSPORT MINISTERIAL MEETING

Ministerial Declaration

Introduction

We, the Ministers responsible for transport from the BRICS countries met in Saint Petersburg on 6th June, 2024, for the BRICS Transport Ministerial Meeting to initiate BRICS transport cooperation.

We underscore the crucial role that transport plays in driving economic growth and offers opportunities, facilitating trade and investment as well as the importance of keeping supply chains open, safe, secure, transparent and resilient for improving connectivity across BRICS area. Our countries continue towards promoting a safe, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable development in terms of transport while addressing and adapting to current challenges.

We acknowledge that developed transport infrastructure, safe, secure and cost-effective international transport routes, innovative technologies and regulations would facilitate transportation of goods and passengers thus facilitating of the trade flow and cross-border movement of people.

We recognize the potential benefits of further harmonization in the following transport areas including implementation of transport facilitation tools and frameworks, the use of well established international instruments as well as identification of other prospective transport areas.

We are guided by the BRICS spirit of mutual respect and understanding, sovereignty, equality, solidarity, democracy, openness, inclusiveness, strengthened collaboration and consensus.

We commit to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all member states while carrying out transport cooperation.

Supply Chains and Connectivity

We recognize the importance of the relevant stakeholders' cooperation on supply chains and connectivity to adapt to market dynamics in order to promptly address operational needs and disruptions. We encourage cooperation on land, inland water, maritime, and

air connectivity. We welcome inputs from industry and other stakeholders to improve the regional connectivity and achieve greater economic growth, opportunities, and job creation.

We recognize the importance of integrating various modes of transport for an efficient and sustainable transport system in the BRICS countries.

We support the efforts to diversify transport and logistics supply chains to strengthen connectivity and increase efficiency and competitiveness to promote economic growth.

We support the continued development of transport and logistics linkages among the BRICS members as well as with other countries.

We could also explore undertaking a study of maritime trade logistics and recommending measures to accelerate movement of freight/cargo ships and reduce the cost of freight.

Innovation and Digitalization

We emphasize the importance of innovation and new technology in building an inclusive and sustainable economy; promoting digital development; automating manual processes; driving an inclusive economic and investment growth.

We recognize that the digitalization of supply chains will contribute to their efficiency and sustainable recovery of the global economy from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We agree to promote the use of Intelligent Transport Systems and Global Navigation Satellite Systems in creating reliable, safe, secure, sustainable, cost-effective and resilient supply chains.

We recognize the importance of endeavouring for a common approach towards single window platform and acceptance of e-documents for transportation of goods and passengers.

Urban Mobility

We underline the importance of further development of urban public transport systems and promotion of active mobility to create more equitable, habitable, healthier and less congested urban environments.

We also recognize the need to provide to clean energy technologies transition including in public transport and to use of low-emission and renewable energy in transport with respect to the interests of all members.

Environment

We recognize that addressing the environmental aspects of transport requires implementing sustainable transport policies and practices, promoting the use of clean and energy-efficient modes of transport, investing in alternative fuels and technologies solutions, improving public transport systems, adopting land use planning strategies that reduce vehicle dependency, and minimizing the environmental impact of transport infrastructure projects.

We acknowledge the importance of climate resilient transport infrastructure, it is an important aspect to consider for a low-emission transport sector that supports and sustains economic development.

We acknowledge that collaboration among governments, businesses, communities, and individuals is essential to achieve more environmentally sustainable transport systems and mitigate the negative impact of the transport on the environment taking into account the socio-economic impact.

We agree that promoting and investing in environmentally friendly transport infrastructure, technologies, and policies are substantial steps towards addressing climate change, reducing air pollution, and creating smart, green and more sustainable and livable cities and communities.

Funding of Transport Projects

We agree to promote the active involvement of the business community, relevant associations and other stakeholders in the implementation of transport projects based on public-private partnerships.

Way Forward

We recognize practical value of dialogue between the businesses and the governments to bring together the industry players and sector administrations.

We welcome the development of transport dialogue to meet the demand of all stakeholders, including both transport sector regulators and enterprises.

We recognize the socio-economic differences, as well as the geopolitical challenges faced by each member state and acknowledge that such differences might lead to different approaches of implementation that reflect the priorities and national aspirations of the member states as well as the resources available to them.

We express our thanks and appreciations to Russia's Chairship for its leadership in organization of the BRICS Transport Ministerial Meeting and will build up on it under the Chairship of the Federative Republic of Brazil.