

BRICS NATIONAL STANDARDS BODIES' BENGALURU DECLARATION

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The delegations of the National Standards Bodies (NSBs) of the BRICS countries met in Bengaluru, India, on 16–17 July 2026 under India's BRICS Chairship 2026 to deliberate on cooperation in standardization and other matters of mutual interest, with a view to strengthening quality infrastructure and promoting sustainable, social and economic development.

The BRICS NSBs representatives expressed their sincere appreciation for the opportunity to participate in this meeting. The delegates held constructive discussions on the role of standardization in promoting innovation, sustainable development, and emerging technologies, highlighting in particular the importance of standardization in the area of Artificial Intelligence.

The BRICS NSBs recognized standardization as a key enabler of economic growth, innovation, and sustainable development, and acknowledged the importance of strengthening cooperation among the BRICS countries in this field. They noted that enhanced collaboration would reinforce quality infrastructure, facilitate trade, enhance consumer protection, reduce technical barriers to trade, and strengthen engagement with international and regional standardization organizations.

Reaffirming their commitment to strengthening cooperation within the BRICS framework, the representatives of the BRICS National Standards Bodies (NSBs) recognised that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in the Field of Standardization among the NSBs of the BRICS countries would serve as a significant milestone in enhancing collaboration in the field of standardization.

The NSBs of majority of the BRICS member countries signed the MoU during the meeting with the remaining NSBs reaffirming their commitment to sign at the earliest upon completion of their internal approval processes.

The BRICS NSBs representatives also commended the Bureau of Indian Standards for its leadership and dedicated efforts in advancing the conclusion of the MoU and unanimously expressed their gratitude towards hosting of this meeting.