



BUILDING FOR RESILIENCE, INNOVATION,
COOPERATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Group Ministerial Meeting

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Joint Statement





Joint Statement of the BRICS Disaster Risk Reduction Group (DRRG)

- 1.** We, the BRICS Ministers and High Authorities responsible for Disaster Risk Reduction, upholding the principles of solidarity, mutual respect, inclusiveness, and responsiveness to national priorities, reaffirm our commitment to strengthening cooperation in disaster risk reduction, innovation, technological advancement, resilience-building, and sustainable development, while respecting national contexts and priorities.
- 2.** Under India's Chairship, guided by the theme of "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability," we reaffirm our commitment to practical, action-oriented cooperation.
- 3.** We recognize that BRICS countries collectively face a wide spectrum of disaster risks, including floods, cyclones, droughts, heatwaves, earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, industrial accidents, epidemiological occurrences, and other emerging and cascading hazards. Together, BRICS countries account for a significant share of the world's population, economic assets, critical infrastructure, risk exposure, and disaster losses.
- 4.** We observe that climate change and variability are increasing the frequency, intensity, complexity, and uncertainty of hazards and contributing to interconnected, cascading, and compound risks with significant social, economic, and environmental consequences.
- 5.** We recognize that disaster risks and impacts are unevenly distributed and emphasize the importance of inclusive and accessible approaches that consider the needs, capacities, and participation of people in situations of vulnerability, including persons with disabilities, older persons, children, women, migrants, and traditional and local communities.
- 6.** We acknowledge the unique vulnerabilities of coastal areas, small islands, and archipelagic states to climate-related and geophysical hazards and encourage enhanced cooperation to strengthen their resilience.
- 7.** We commend the significant progress made by BRICS countries in reducing disaster mortality, economic loss and property damage, strengthening preparedness systems, improving early warning and last-mile communication capabilities, enhancing resilience

of infrastructure, and protecting lives and livelihoods and sustainable development. We acknowledge that these achievements drawing upon the contributions of local governments and communities, provide valuable lessons for advancing sustainable resilience globally while adopting the build back better principle.

8. We recall the evolution of BRICS cooperation in disaster risk reduction from joint task forces to a structured DRRG and acknowledge the progress made under Brazil's Presidency in advancing an outcome-oriented approach, including the Work Plan 2025–2028.
9. We note that BRICS countries possess substantial institutional capacities, scientific expertise, technological capabilities, financial resources, and practical experience in disaster risk reduction and resilience-building. By leveraging these collective strengths and enhancing inclusive, accessible, and coordinated cooperation among governments, scientific institutions, development partners, and communities, BRICS can make a meaningful contribution to advancing global disaster risk reduction, strengthening resilience in developing countries, and supporting the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 and other relevant regional and international commitments.
10. We agree and commit to build a long-term BRICS partnership to reduce vulnerabilities and strengthen resilience based on knowledge, experience, innovation, and mutual learning through working across five priority areas: predictable financing for community-based DRR; multi-hazard early warning systems and risk intelligence; climate-resilient infrastructure; nature-based solutions and traditional, indigenous, and local knowledge; and science, technology, and innovation.
11. We underscore the importance of strengthening pre-arranged and predictable disaster risk financing mechanisms for community-based DRR to enable timely investment in resilience before disasters occur.
12. We endorse the BRICS Guidelines for Disaster Management Early Warning Data Integration. We reaffirm our commitment to strengthening Multi-Hazard Early Warning

Systems through improved risk assessment, forecasting, and warning dissemination, ensuring that timely and actionable warnings reach all people at risk.

- 13.** We endorse the BRICS Voluntary Principles for Climate Resilient Urban Infrastructure. We recognize the importance of resilient infrastructure in sustainable development and support the integration of climate and disaster risk considerations into urban planning, design, investment, construction, and maintenance.
- 14.** We recognize the important role of Nature-based Solutions in building resilience and supporting sustainable development. We also value traditional, indigenous, and local knowledge, community-led approaches, and meaningful participation of vulnerable groups in strengthening resilience and supporting locally owned solutions.
- 15.** We recognize the important contributions of women to disaster risk reduction and resilience-building and encourage their continuous meaningful participation. We also recognize youth as important partners in disaster risk reduction and resilience building and encourage their continuous and meaningful participation in promoting risk awareness, innovation, volunteerism and community resilience.
- 16.** We reaffirm our support for enhanced cooperation in science, technology, and innovation, including digital tools, artificial intelligence, data systems, and geospatial technologies, to strengthen disaster risk management, resilience-building, and sustainable development.
- 17.** We encourage the systematic sharing of knowledge, experiences, good practices, and technical innovations emerging from BRICS cooperation and scalable national initiatives, including in the identified priority areas, to support resilience in regions facing similar risks and development challenges.
- 18.** We encourage BRICS members to strengthen cooperation through joint initiatives and partnerships among governments, national institutions, centres of excellence, academia, research institutions and technical agencies. We support collaborative research, knowledge-sharing platforms, innovation networks, and communities of practice to advance shared priorities and strengthen resilience across the BRICS community.

- 19.** We endorse the continued implementation of the BRICS DRRG Work Plan 2025–2028 and its associated deliverables and encourage future BRICS Chairs to maintain momentum on agreed priorities and collaborative initiatives.
- 20.** We acknowledge the valuable contributions of knowledge partners in supporting BRICS cooperation on disaster risk reduction and sustainable resilience. We emphasize the importance of translating knowledge into action and scaling up proven solutions to strengthen resilience at the local, national, and regional levels.
- 21.** We agree to continue working together to reduce disaster risk, protect lives and livelihoods, strengthen resilience, and advance sustainable development. Through solidarity, mutual learning, innovation, and practical cooperation, we will contribute to building a safer, more resilient, inclusive, adaptive, and sustainable future for our countries, communities, and future generations.
- 22.** We express our deep gratitude to the Indian Chairship for its leadership in taking forward the Disaster Risk Reduction agenda. We look forward to our next meeting to be hosted by China as the incoming Chair of BRICS in 2027.