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BY THE BRICS' HEADS OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICES

We, the Heads of BRICS National Statistical Offices, convened in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh during 03-04 August, 2026, under the Chairship of India, agreed to continue dialogue and enhance statistical cooperation among member countries.

Focusing on the theme “Quality Statistics as Driver of Change”, the deliberations focused on the priority areas; Use of Digital Platforms for Data Dissemination, Reforms in the National Statistical Systems to address the Evolving Data Ecosystem, Identifying Common Innovation Areas for Potential BRICS Collaboration and Strengthening Macroeconomic and Sectoral Statistics.

Reaffirming the importance of strengthening official statistics to effectively respond to the opportunities and challenges presented by the evolving data ecosystem, we express appreciation for the compilation and coordination of the important collaborative initiatives, namely the BRICS Joint Statistical Publication and the BRICS Joint Statistical Publication Snapshot, under India’s Chairship. We also appreciate the side events organised by Government of India on the side lines of Heads of NSO meeting on time relevant topics i.e. Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data and AI Readiness in the Evolving Data Ecosystem as these brought together representatives from BRICS member countries such as, National Statistical Offices, government institutions, academia, civil society



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organisations, think tanks, and technical experts providing a platform for discussion and knowledge exchange.

Agreeing to documenting and sharing of experiences, good practices, and lessons learned on data dissemination, with a view to improving the accessibility and use of official statistics through digital and other dissemination channels. We further noted the need to compile and periodically update information on national statistical reforms, including the use of administrative and alternative data sources, artificial intelligence and capacity-building initiatives, to support knowledge exchange and collaboration among Member Countries.

Noting the need to establish a regular mechanism for sharing experiences, and capacity-building efforts related to the implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA) 2025, to document good practices and address challenges to facilitate a smooth and coordinated transition across BRICS countries.

Encouraging continued cooperation in areas of common interest, including the modernization of statistical systems, adoption of innovative methodologies and data sources, and enhancement of the quality, timeliness, relevance, and accessibility of official statistics. We agreed to exchange best practices in survey modernization, digital data collection, data dissemination, and data anonymization, and to explore opportunities for collaborative pilot projects and technical cooperation in identified innovation areas.

We remain committed to advancing statistical cooperation within BRICS and support the continuation of the annual BRICS Joint Statistical Publication and the BRICS Joint Statistical Publication Snapshot as important instruments for knowledge sharing, transparency, and cooperation among BRICS member countries.