



BRICS HEADS OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS MEETING OUTCOMES

Chandigarh, 19 August 2026

We, the Heads of Customs Administrations of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the People's Republic of China, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, the Republic of South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates, met in Chandigarh, India on 19 August 2026:

GUIDED by the BRICS spirit of mutual respect and understanding, equality, solidarity, inclusiveness, openness and consensus;

RECALLING the deliberations of the BRICS Customs Experts Meeting and the strategic outcomes achieved in Chandigarh, on 17 and 18 August 2026;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to deepening customs cooperation within the BRICS framework to facilitate legitimate trade, secure international supply chains and effectively combat illicit trade;

RECOGNIZING the progress achieved in key areas of customs cooperation, particularly Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Program, Customs Enforcement and Digitalization and Intellectualization;

STRIVING to further strengthen cooperation among BRICS Customs Administrations by building resilience, accelerating digital transformation, enhancing mutual assistance, promoting sustainability and ensuring the secure and efficient movement of legitimate trade;

Have agreed as follows:

SHARED PURPOSE

We commit to the shared purpose of strengthening cooperation in the following areas:

- BRICS Customs Administrations commended the convergence achieved on the Customs Mutual Administrative Assistance Agreement, with Members in a position to do so confirmed their in-principle approval and willingness to sign the Agreement, subject to completion of the necessary national-level approval processes, and agreed to work towards securing the participation of all Members.
- To advance the cooperation of AEO Mutual Recognition Arrangements, including through implementation of existing Mutual Recognition Arrangements and the development of future arrangements, as appropriate, while enhancing the operational effectiveness and inclusiveness of AEO programmes.
- To strengthen the integrity and resilience of international supply chains, including in the evolving cross-border e-commerce environment, through intelligence-led risk management and compliance strategies that facilitate legitimate trade.
- To strengthen coordinated enforcement against illicit trade and other emerging cross-border risks through intelligence sharing and joint operations.
- To promote data-driven and digitally enabled Customs through the exchange of best practices including, innovative technologies and means of achieving secure and interoperable systems.
- To strengthen cooperation on Green Customs, combat illicit trade in environmentally sensitive goods and support sustainable trade.
- To promote targeted capacity building, technical cooperation and knowledge sharing, including through the BRICS Customs Centres of Excellence.

WAY FORWARD

The BRICS Customs Administrations will endeavour to:

- Continue strengthening cooperation on AEO programmes through voluntary implementation of the BRICS AEO Action Plan 2026, information exchange, capacity building, sharing of best practices and mutual recognition, taking into account national frameworks and priorities.

- Work towards conducting the BRICS Joint Customs Enforcement Operation, as an annual initiative, where appropriate, in consultation with BRICS members, coordinated by the respective BRICS Chairship, based on mutually identified cross border smuggling trends, shared priorities and operational feasibility.
- Build on the experience of the first Joint Customs Enforcement Operation to improve operational coordination and address mutually identified and emerging customs threats.
- Strengthen cooperation on Digitalization and Intellectualization by setting up of sub-groups of those interested member countries who wish to volunteer for the development of new digital initiatives as per their needs and priorities.
- Advance technical consultations on common technical principles, requirements, and good practices for Non-Intrusive Inspection technologies, with a view to enhancing interoperability among BRICS Customs Administrations, where appropriate.
- Develop pilot projects for selected digital Customs initiatives, where appropriate, including secure data exchange and data analytics, and explore practical applications of emerging technologies based on mutually agreed priorities.
- Encourage the BRICS Customs Centres of Excellence to undertake targeted training and technical cooperation programmes responsive to Members' needs and aimed at strengthening institutional and operational capabilities.
- Proceed with the signing of the BRICS Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters upon completion of the necessary domestic processes to enable timely information sharing, cooperation and mutual assistance between their customs administration for effective trade facilitation and enforcement.
- Promote practical and outcome-oriented cooperation that delivers tangible and shared benefits to BRICS Customs Administrations.

We reaffirm our shared commitment to advancing customs cooperation among BRICS countries to facilitate legitimate trade, strengthen border security and foster sustainable economic growth and shared prosperity.



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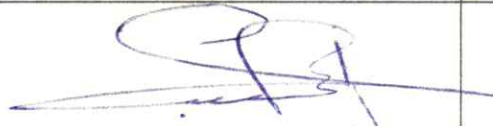
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