



JOINT STATEMENT
BRICS YOUTH MINISTERIAL MEETING 2026
22 August 2026, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India

1. We, the BRICS Youth Ministers and representatives of BRICS member countries, convened on 22 August 2026 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India under the Chairship of India and guided by the theme “*Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability*”.
2. We recognise young people as important contributors to peace and security, social, economic and sustainable development, as drivers of innovation and entrepreneurship of our countries, and reaffirm the role of BRICS youth cooperation in strengthening mutual understanding, friendship, cultural exchanges and people-to-people ties among Member Countries.
3. We reaffirm our commitment to advancing BRICS youth cooperation in accordance with the BRICS Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Youth Affairs of 2025, while respecting national laws, priorities, capacities and circumstances.
4. We acknowledge the contribution of previous BRICS Chairships and recognise with appreciation the leadership of Brazil’s BRICS Chairship in 2025, which culminated in the signing of the new Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Youth Affairs, expanding cooperation to ten (10) areas and strengthening the structured institutional architecture of the BRICS Youth Framework.
5. We welcome the continued role of the BRICS Youth Council, BRICS Youth Summit, and other mutually agreed engagements as platforms for dialogue, exchange of experiences and identification of opportunities for cooperation among BRICS Member Countries.
6. We take note of the discussions and recommendations emerging from the BRICS Youth engagements held under India’s Chairship in 2026 which contributed to identifying shared priorities and possible avenues for future cooperation.
7. We reaffirm the ten (10) areas of cooperation in youth affairs: Education, Training and Skills; Youth Entrepreneurship; Science, Technology and Innovation; Social and Cultural Participation, Social Work and Volunteering; Development, Combating Poverty, Hunger and Inequalities; Health Youth and Sports; Youth, Environment and Sustainability; Interfaith Youth Dialogue; Youth Exchange; and Youth Inclusion.
8. We welcome the organisation of the ten (10) areas of cooperation under four (4) broad thematic pillars: Education, Entrepreneurship and Future Readiness; Inclusive Development and Youth Well-being; Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility; and People-to-People Cooperation and Youth Engagement, as an approach to support structured discussions, greater coherence and continuity in BRICS youth cooperation.



9. We recognise the importance of continued cooperation under Education, Entrepreneurship and Future Readiness through the exchange of experiences and good practices in education, training and skills, youth entrepreneurship, and science, technology and innovation, including in response to technological change and evolving labour markets.
10. We recognise the importance of continued cooperation under Inclusive Development and Youth Well-being through the exchange of experiences and good practices in health and healthcare, youth and sports, inclusive development, efforts to address poverty, hunger and inequality, supporting equal economic opportunities, and the promotion of opportunities for youth participation and inclusion.
11. We recognise the importance of continued cooperation under Sustainability and Environmental Resilience through exchanges on environmental awareness, skills for green economy, sustainable lifestyles, community-based action and youth-led innovation, taking into account national priorities and different development contexts.
12. We reaffirm the importance of People-to-People Cooperation and Youth Engagement in strengthening mutual understanding, inspiring common values among BRICS countries through social and cultural participation, volunteering, youth exchange and interfaith youth dialogue.
13. We recognise the need to engage adolescents in events within BRICS Countries and mentor them to become future leaders.
14. We adopt the BRICS Youth Cooperation Framework 2026 as a non-binding reference document to support continuity, coherence and structured cooperation across the ten (10) areas of cooperation and four (4) thematic pillars. The Framework may guide future dialogue, experience sharing and the consideration of practical initiatives under the BRICS Youth Track, on the basis of consensus, mutual interest and voluntary participation.
15. We recognise that initiatives and deliverables identified under the BRICS Youth Cooperation Framework may be considered and further developed through appropriate BRICS Youth mechanisms, subject to consensus, voluntary participation, national priorities, available resources and applicable national laws and procedures.
16. We encourage future BRICS Chairships to build upon the progress achieved in youth cooperation, and maintain continuity across the agreed areas of cooperation.
17. We express our appreciation to the Government of India for hosting the BRICS Youth Summit & BRICS Youth Council Meeting 2026 in Gandhinagar, and BRICS Youth Ministers' Meeting 2026 in Visakhapatnam, and for its efforts in advancing dialogue and cooperation among BRICS Member Countries on youth affairs.