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JOINT STATEMENT BY BRICS SPORTS MINISTERS

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We, the Ministers responsible for Sports of the BRICS Member States, gathered at the 2026 BRICS Sports Ministers Meeting held on 22-23 August 2026 under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability" in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh welcome India's Chairship and its emphasis on putting humanity and people at the centre and resolve the following:

- I. We reaffirm the steady advancement of BRICS sports cooperation as an integral component of the broader BRICS engagement, and recall the progress achieved under the BRICS 2025 Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Physical Culture and Sport.
- II. We acknowledge the BRICS spirit featuring mutual respect and understanding, equality, solidarity, openness, inclusiveness and consensus. We agree to deepen the exchanges and cooperation in sport to promote sport development in BRICS countries, including high-performance sport, athlete support systems, grassroots and youth sport, sports governance, integrity, accessibility, and knowledge exchange.
- III. We affirm our commitment to promoting women and girl participation in sport in accordance with national laws and frameworks.
- IV. We express our willingness to strengthen sports exchange and cooperation in all fields, and to encourage continued exchanges of experience, capacity building, and technical cooperation among BRICS Sports authorities and relevant institutions.
- V. We encourage the National Sports Bodies of BRICS countries to strengthen communication and establish direct engagement, with a view to promoting exchanges and cooperation among athletes, coaches, experts, sports scientists, administrators and researchers.
- VI. We recognize the importance of para-sport and the active contribution of sport to the social inclusion of persons with disabilities and encourage BRICS Member States to enhance cooperation in areas including athlete classification, capacity-building for coaches and referees, athlete development pathways, and accessible sports infrastructure.



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- VII. We welcome and support the initiative to hold the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on 12–13 October 2026, as a platform to showcase and document inter alia traditional and indigenous sports, and furthermore, promote exchanges among BRICS Member States.
- VIII. We recognise the unique role of traditional and indigenous sports in promoting cultural exchange, supporting heritage preservation, and strengthening people-to-people ties across BRICS. We support the development of a shared inventory and mechanism for the documentation and preservation of traditional and indigenous sports.
- IX. We agree to establish a BRICS Working Group on Sport Technology as a mechanism to promote cooperation in this field. The Working Group shall operate under the auspices of the BRICS Sports Working Group, to which it shall report, and its terms of reference shall be developed and adopted by consensus among Member States. We encourage BRICS member countries to facilitate the cooperation in sport technology in the form of exchange of good practices, institutional experiences, technical information and research inputs.
- X. We welcome the proposal for the BRICS Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave to emerge as a platform for strengthening industry-level cooperation among BRICS Member States and to encourage engagement among manufacturers, suppliers, technology providers, exporters, investors and relevant institutions. The Parties recognize that this initiative may extend beyond ministries and agencies responsible for the development of physical culture and sports subject. In this regard, we ask the Working Group to work it out with ministries and agencies of the BRICS Member States responsible for industrial development.
- XI. We recognise the aspiration of BRICS Member States to host major international sporting events and express our support for one another's bids and hosting efforts, including through the exchange of expertise on event safety and security, infrastructure development, legacy planning and the sports events economy, particularly through sport tourism and its contribution to job creation and the wider economy that enhances people to people ties and fosters sports exchanges between Member States.
- XII. We recognize the importance of promoting inclusive, ethical, safe, accessible and responsible approaches to the use of technology in sport, in accordance with national laws, regulations and priorities of Member States.
- XIII. We welcome a dialogue on the BRICS Sports Cooperation Framework and look forward to its further consideration through the established consultation process among Member States in accordance with their established internal procedures.



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- XIV. We reaffirm our shared commitment to strengthening cooperation among BRICS countries in promoting integrity in sport, including through the exchange of information and best practices in the fields of anti-doping, the prevention of competition manipulation, good governance and ethics in sport. We further commit to fostering joint educational and capacity-building initiatives, promoting scientific and technical cooperation, and encouraging collaboration among research institutions and relevant organizations to support evidence-based policies and strengthen integrity frameworks, contributing to fair, transparent, safe, and inclusive sporting environments.
- XV. We express our appreciation to the Government and the People of India for convening the 2026 BRICS Sports Ministers Meeting and look forward to the continued strengthening of cooperation in sports within the BRICS framework. We also extend our support to China for its BRICS Chairship in 2027.