

BRICS 2026

11th Energy Ministers Meeting - Joint Communiqué

Preamble

1. We, the Ministers of Energy and Heads of Delegation of the BRICS countries, met at the 11th BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting under the Chairship of the Republic of India on --
- 2026, under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability."
2. We reaffirm that energy security and access to secure, reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy is fundamental to economic development, job creation, industrial competitiveness, industrialization, and human dignity. We welcome the Presidency's Energy Track theme, "सर्वेषां ऊर्जम्" (Energy for All), reflecting our shared commitment to universal energy access.
3. Acknowledging our shared responsibilities as major energy producers and consumers representing a significant share of the Global South, we recognize that the global energy landscape is undergoing structural transformation amid sustainable development imperatives, and market volatility.
4. We underscore that energy security, universal energy access, and sustainability need to be balanced, in our efforts towards just, orderly, equitable, affordable, and inclusive energy transitions, while respecting the sovereign right of each country to determine its own development pathway and energy mixes in accordance with national resource endowments, circumstances and priorities.
5. Recognizing the interconnection between addressing climate change and promoting energy transitions in accordance with national circumstances, we reiterate our shared commitment to fostering economic development while ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all in line with Sustainable Development Goal 7.
6. Mindful of the recent expansion of BRICS, we affirm our commitment to strengthening energy dialogue and emphasize continued cooperation to advance previous efforts and outcomes.

I. Energy Security and Sustainability

7. We reaffirm that energy security remains a cornerstone of BRICS cooperation and that coordinated action among BRICS members has strategic importance for global energy security and development. We also underscore the need to ensure market stability and uninterrupted, secure, and affordable energy supplies through diversified energy systems that leverage national resource endowments. In this context, we emphasize the continued role of fossil fuels while supporting their cleaner and more efficient use, including through the development and deployment of emission abatement technologies at scale.
8. While prioritizing energy security, pursuing sustainable and technology neutral energy development that drives economic growth, and ensures social inclusion, as well as supports energy transition pathways aligned with national circumstances, remains a key priority. In this regard, we acknowledge the important role of all available energy sources and technologies and aim to contribute, in line with national circumstances and priorities, to the efforts towards sustainable development including the global aim of tripling renewable energy capacity by 2030 as well as demonstrate similar ambition with respect to other zero and low emission technologies.
9. Acknowledging that resilient and modern power systems are vital for bolstering energy security amid rising shares of variable renewables, intermittency, climate stresses, and cyber risks, we emphasize the need for exploring new and innovative solutions including grid modernization, energy storage, flexible generation, among others.
10. We note the important role that natural gas and liquified natural gas can play in providing flexibility and resilience in some energy systems. We also recognize the significant role of natural gas, biogas and liquified petroleum gas in advancing access to clean cooking.
11. We acknowledge the potential of electricity interconnections across borders/regions/continents and shared utilization of different energy resources including through bilateral arrangements/regional energy hubs, as agreed between the parties concerned, to enhance the security, flexibility, and reliability of energy systems.
12. We reaffirm the importance of diversified, resilient, and transparent supply chains in safeguarding energy security and strengthening reliability of energy systems. We express concern regarding disruptions in global energy supply chains and encourage a consultative and cooperative approach to their resolution.

13. We recognize the role of critical minerals in the development of zero- and low-emission technologies, energy security, and the resilience of energy supply chains. We affirm the need to promote reliable, responsible, diversified, resilient, fair, sustainable, and just supply chains for such minerals, while respecting the principles of market economy and international trade rules. We support beneficiation at source and economic diversification in resource-rich countries and acknowledge their sovereign right over their mineral resources.
14. We express concern over arbitrary measures that may adversely affect energy security, trade and investment, disrupt global and regional value chains, and impact the stable and secure functioning of energy markets and critical energy infrastructure, including cross-border infrastructure. In this context, we reaffirm the importance of open, competitive, transparent, non-discriminatory, and resilient international energy markets while exploring avenues for enhancing the use of national currencies in the trade of energy goods, where mutually beneficial and in accordance with national circumstances.

II. Energy Access and Equity

15. We reaffirm that universal energy access, and just, orderly, equitable, affordable, and inclusive energy transitions, in accordance with national circumstances, remain central to BRICS cooperation and the development aspirations of the BRICS countries. We commit to achieving access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all, including electricity and clean cooking solutions, through socially inclusive and economically viable approaches aligned with national circumstances and development priorities.
16. We underscore the importance of balanced and diversified energy mixes reflecting national circumstances and recognize that the widest variety of energy sources and technologies including but not limited to renewable energy, bioenergy, fossil fuels, nuclear energy, hydropower, hydrogen, low carbon technologies, energy storage technologies can play a role in ensuring reliable, resilient, sustainable, and affordable energy systems of the future.
17. We emphasize that affordable and accessible financing is indispensable to advancing energy access and equity, and underscore the greater responsibility of developed countries, consistent with international commitments, to scale up adequate, predictable, and concessional support including finance, technology cooperation and capacity building. We recognize the role of Multilateral Development Banks, including the New

Development Bank (NDB), in mobilizing long-term and concessional financing for emerging markets and developing economies and in this context, encourage initiating dialogue with the NDB. Considering the immense untapped potential BRICS countries have, we encourage the importance of promoting investment in the energy sector including through public private partnerships.

18. We further reaffirm the importance of knowledge exchange, regulatory cooperation, and capacity building in strengthening national energy planning, implementation, and governance, as well as in advancing energy access and equity to support inclusive economic growth across BRICS countries and other emerging markets and developing economies.

III. Technology and Innovation

19. We recognize that technology and innovation are critical enablers of sustainable energy development and key to enhancing energy access, security, affordability, and resilience across BRICS countries. Reinforcing the objectives of the Roadmap for BRICS Energy Cooperation 2025-2030 we encourage collaboration in thematic areas and priority issues addressed in the document.
20. We encourage collaboration in accordance with the national circumstances and priorities in areas such as new technologies in Fossil Fuels, including coal and natural gas, Distributed Renewable Energy, Geothermal energy, Zero/Low emissions Hydrogen and its derivatives, Renewables, Biofuels, Energy Storage Systems, Carbon Capture, Utilization & Storage (CCUS) and other Abatement Technologies, among others. We also recognise the importance of critical minerals in energy transition and encourage collaboration in their entire value chains including processing and recycling technologies.
21. We encourage collaboration on interoperable standards and certification frameworks for zero/low emissions hydrogen. We welcome the ongoing work on the BRICS Joint Report on Hydrogen Value Chains, which we agree to finalize shortly during the Indian Chairship.
22. We also highlight the growing role of digitalization in energy systems including technologies such as artificial intelligence and advanced data analytics that offer significant potential to improve system planning, grid management, renewable integration, operational efficiency and strengthen cyber-resilient energy infrastructure.

We affirm our commitment to the BRICS Guiding Principles on Smart Grids and Energy Storage.

23. We note the Presidency initiative on establishing the BRICS Digital Centre of Excellence for Smart Grids and Energy Storage under the Smart Grids Workstream of the BRICS ERCP as an enabling voluntary dialogue mechanism to advance cooperation.
24. We recognize energy efficiency as a key pillar of sustainable energy development and support the goal of doubling its global rate of improvement by 2030 and encourage collaboration in related areas including but not limited to energy conservation by reducing energy waste, optimizing energy consumption, and promoting the use of energy-efficient technologies and practices, among others.
25. We acknowledge the work of the BRICS Energy Research Cooperation Platform (ERCP), including ongoing activities under the Technological Cooperation and Skills for Energy Transition Workstreams. We intend to continue and expand research activities, as well as continue practical collaboration via the mechanism of the ERCP. We further welcome the updated Terms of Reference of the ERCP, as proposed by the Committee of Senior Energy Officials.

Conclusion

26. We support the convening of the BRICS Youth Energy Summit during the Indian Chairship, which will encourage greater participation of women and youth in the energy sector.
27. We welcome informal consultations among BRICS countries on energy related issues in international platforms and fora. We will foster this dialogue to promote the interests of the BRICS countries at the global level and in order to enhance the role of BRICS in addressing current issues of the global energy agenda.
28. We express our appreciation to the Republic of India for successfully hosting the Eleventh BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting and for its leadership in advancing BRICS energy cooperation during its Presidency. We also appreciate the organization of the associated side events and webinars. We look forward to strengthening our cooperation under the Chairship of the People's Republic of China in 2027.
