

Symposium

Renewable Energy Promotion In BRICS Cities: Generating Opportunities for Economic Development



Date: 23 March 2022 – 11h00 to 15h00 (SAST)

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/BRICS-RE-Symposium>

The role of municipalities in the battle against climate change is crucial for the BRICS to meet its 2030 Goals. Considering the acceleration of urbanisation, the high numbers of people now living in cities and their importance from an asset value and economic growth perspective, cities are well-positioned to respond to the challenge of climate change. But municipalities have limited powers. Recognising this challenge, this symposium will focus on how BRICS municipalities can accelerate the implementation of Renewable Energy projects, highlight the barriers to such development and expand on potential opportunities for partnerships.

The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), in partnership with Nelson Mandela University, the University of Venda and the South African BRICS Think Tank, are hosting this Symposium to advance Renewable Energy Adoption among BRICS Cities, with a goal to create economic development opportunities. The event brings together practitioners and academics from across BRICS countries to discuss the modalities of Renewable Energy Implementation at the municipal level.

The Symposium is also open to members of the public including researchers, practitioners, civil society and local government representatives engaged in the renewable energy sector. Our discussions will help identify opportunities to expand renewable energy projects and overcome the barriers impeding the growth of renewable energy at a city level.

Kindly register via: <https://tinyurl.com/BRICS-RE-Symposium>

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11h00 – 11h10 - Welcome – Prof Barwa KANYANE, University of Venda

11h10 – 11h15 – Welcome from SA BRICS Think Tank

Practitioners Dialogue

11h15 – 11h30 – Inputs from South Africa's Wind Energy Sector

Ms Hlengiwe RADEBE, Economic Development Director, South African Wind Energy Association

11h30 – 11h45 – Mr. Qun LI, Senior Specialist of Research and Development Department, China National Petroleum Corporation(CNPC)

11h45 – 12h15 – Questions to the Practitioners

12h15 – 12h30 -Tea Break

BRICS Dialogue

12h30 – 13h00 – Findings from South Africa, Mr Krish CHETTY, HSRC

13h00 – 13h15 – Dr Wen WANG, Executive Dean of Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies (RDCY), Secretary General of the Green Finance Committee of China Society for Finance and Banking

13h15 – 13h30 – Prof Natalia VUKOVIC, Higher School of Economics University

13h30 – 13h45 – Mr Mihir SHARMA, Director – Centre for Economy and Growth, Observer Research Foundation

14h45 – 14h00 – Mr Damodar PUJARI, Gateway House India

14h00 – 14h15 – Dr Rosana Cavalcante DE OLIVEIRA, Associate Researcher, IPEA

14h15 – 14h55 – Open Discussion

Closing

14h55 – 15h00 – Vote of Thanks – Prof Ronney NCWADI, Nelson Mandela University