



the dtic

Department
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



MEDIA ADVISORY

10 AUGUST 2023

SOUTH AFRICA TO HOST BRICS TRADE FAIR AND SECTORAL BUSINESS PROGRAMME IN GALLAGHER, MIDRAND

South Africa, through the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**), together with the South African Chapter of the BRICS Business Council, will host the BRICS Trade Fair at the Gallagher Convention Centre, in Midrand from 19-23 August 2023. The fair will be officially opened by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Mr Ebrahim Patel together with his BRIC counterparts on 19 August 2023.

The exhibition will serve as a platform for showcasing products and services from the BRICS countries as well as business-to-business interaction aimed at increasing intra-BRICS trade and investment. Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the Fair and the BRICS Business Council's Programme which entails a series of sectoral engagements which will include, amongst others:

- Energy Cooperation Forum
- Accelerating Infrastructure Development through Government Business /Private Partnerships
- Embracing the Digital Economy for Transformation and Advancement
- BRICS Dialogue on Airlift Strategy
- Importance of Skills for Emerging and Future Jobs
- DFI Funding Instruments
- The BRICS Manufacturing Forum
- Oceans Economy High Level Dialogue
- BRICS Dialogue on Airlift Strategy
- Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention and Response (PPPR) - Side Event
- Africa's Economic Place in the BRICS Alliance that will be hosted by Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA).

The fair will be a platform to showcase proudly South African products and services from over 200 South African companies and institutions, and 50 each from the rest of Africa, Brazil, Russia, India and China respectively. These companies and institutions are from sectors such as agriculture and agro-processing, manufacturing, automotives, pharmaceuticals, energy and energy Infrastructure.

South Africa, as Chair of BRICS, will host the 15th BRICS Summit at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg from 22-24 August 2023, under the theme: "*BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development, and Inclusive Multilateralism*".



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



The summit will be preceded by the Inward Buying and Investment Missions from Brazil, Russia, India and China that will take place in Gauteng, Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Kwa-Zulu Natal from 13-23 August 2023; the official opening of the BRICS Trade Fair by BRICS Trade Ministers at the Gallagher Convention Centre on 19 August 2023; and BRICS Business Forum at the Sandton Convention Centre on 22 August 2023.

For more information on the BRICS Business Programme please find the attached schedule.

Journalists who would like to cover the events at Gallagher Convention Centre the should submit their details to Tshilidzi Mugovhoro via telephone: (012) 394 1399/082 879 6792 or e-mail: TMugovhoro@thedtic.gov.za by Tuesday, 15 August 2023 or Zikona Captain +27717506866

NB: Journalists who would have been approved for accreditation for the BRICS Summit at the Sandton Convention Centre are also requested to submit their names if they also plan to cover events at the Gallagher Convention Centre.

Enquiries:

Bongani Lukhele - Director: Media Relations

Tel: (012) 394 1643 / Mobile: 079 508 3457

WhatsApp: 074 299 8512

E-mail: BLukhele@thedtic.gov.za

Or

Zikona Captain -Head of Communication: BRICS Business Council

Mobile: 071 750 6866

Email: zikona@sabricsbusinesscouncil.co.za

Issued by: The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**) and the SA BRICS Business Council