



## BRICS TRANSPORT MINISTERIAL MEETING

### Ministerial Declaration

#### *Introduction*

We, the Ministers responsible for transport from the BRICS countries, met in Brasília for the 12th to 14th May 2025, under the Chairship of the Federative Republic of Brazil, for the BRICS Transport Ministerial Meeting.

We reaffirm our commitment to strengthen transport cooperation as a catalyst for our countries economic growth, connectivity, sustainability, and development. Guided by the principles of mutual respect, solidarity, inclusiveness, consensus, and respect for sovereignty, we will continue to explore practical ways to deepen cooperation in key areas of transport policy, infrastructure, sustainability and innovation.

We reaffirm our commitment to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all member states when carrying out all transport and logistics cooperation.

This year's discussions focused on strategic themes proposed by the Chair, reflecting pressing global and regional challenges and the shared ambition to lead cooperative solutions. These themes include: Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure, Sustainable Urban Mobility, Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), Air Connectivity, Decarbonization of Ports and Maritime Transport, and the BRICS International Logistics Alliance.

#### *Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure*

We reaffirm our commitment to develop sustainable and resilient transport infrastructure within the BRICS framework, recognizing its critical role in economic growth, connectivity, and environmental sustainability. In this regard, we highly welcome the regular session of BRICS Transport Working Group and we support the idea for the establishment of the BRICS Institute for Sustainable Transport, Mobility and Logistics (BISTML) as a strategic initiative within the structure of the BRICS TWG.

The BISTML will focus on addressing infrastructure challenges through innovative solutions, promoting integration, and advancing climate-resilient transport systems using environmental practices and clean technologies. Furthermore, we encourage the exchange of knowledge and best practices among member countries. We also support the development of technical reports on infrastructure integration and climate change adaptation in transport systems.



### 35 ***Sustainable Urban Mobility***

36 We reaffirm the 2024 Transports Ministerial Declaration, which emphasizes the  
 37 importance of further development of urban public transport systems and promotion of  
 38 active mobility to create more equitable, livable, healthy, conducive and less congested  
 39 urban environments.

40 We also recognize the need for transition to clean energy technologies in public transport,  
 41 use of zero and low emission vehicles in urban mobility and promotion of green mobility  
 42 with thrust on alternative fuels, in line with national circumstances and priorities.

43 Considering that the Brazilian pro-tempore presidency has identified climate change as  
 44 one of its priorities, the BRICS 2025 agenda is evolving on the promotion of the energy  
 45 transition and the improvement of service provision, with a focus on supporting national  
 46 strategies for the expansion of medium and high capacity transport networks and on the  
 47 renewal of the urban bus fleet, as well as the promotion of active mobility. Increasing the  
 48 use of clean public transport also needs to consider the quality of service, forms of  
 49 financing and affordable fare.

50 In this context, urban mobility is consolidating itself as an important vector for sustainable  
 51 development within BRICS countries and their cities, combining technological  
 52 innovation and better services for citizens, and promoting opportunities and access to  
 53 cities. International cooperation can accelerate just transition, through sharing knowledge,  
 54 technology and the provision of technical assistance and support.

55 We recognize that most urban mobility policies and/or their implementation involve  
 56 different levels of authorities. In this way, the topic of sustainable urban mobility can  
 57 continue to be discussed at opportunities such as the General Assembly of the BRICS+  
 58 Association of Cities and Municipalities, which will take place from May 26th to 28th, in  
 59 the city of Maricá, in Rio de Janeiro, the BRICS Urbanization Forum, which will take  
 60 place on June 23rd, in Brasília, and COP30 – the 30th UN Conference on Climate Change,  
 61 which will take place in Belém, from November 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.

### 62 ***Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)***

63 We recognize the crucial importance of Sustainable Aviation Fuels, Lower Carbon  
 64 Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other Aviation Cleaner Energies as a pathway for reducing  
 65 carbon emissions from international aviation. We encourage technological cooperation  
 66 among BRICS countries, taking into account their national realities, in the development  
 67 and deployment of cleaner aviation energies and associated technologies.

68 We also reaffirm the commitment under the UNFCCC on transfer of technology from  
 69 developed to developing countries.



We support a technical and neutral approach from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for assessing sustainability and for accounting of carbon emissions from the use of these fuels. We emphasize the importance of developing a coordinated BRICS approach on this issue, to be presented in the form of a joint statement.

#### ***Air Connectivity***

We acknowledge the importance of enhancing air connectivity among BRICS countries to facilitate people-to-people exchanges, tourism, and trade. In this regard, we recognize the work of BRICS Transport Working Group in support of strengthening air connectivity through bilateral approach, while exploring the feasibility for having consensus on the development of a BRICS multilateral mechanism at the appropriate time, and in conformity with each member country's laws and regulations.

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding on Regional Aviation Partnership signed in 2018 in Johannesburg, we encourage dialogues, to review progress, identify new priorities, and reinforce cooperation among BRICS in the field of civil aviation. These dialogues will serve as a platform for strategic engagement, capacity building and the development of new joint initiatives.

#### ***Decarbonization of Ports and Maritime Transport***

We reiterate our shared commitment to the decarbonization of the maritime transport sector, in line with global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Recognizing the scope and complexity of this issue; recognizing the importance of seeking a uniform position in international forums that discuss common interests of BRICS countries on the topic of decarbonization of ports and maritime transport; and recognizing that the exchange of knowledge among BRICS countries will contribute to more inclusive society and sustainable governance, we welcome the completion of a compendium of best practices by our countries.

The document consists of a compilation of initiatives, actions, and experiences of BRICS countries in the field of decarbonization of ports and maritime transport. Voluntary contributions from each member country have been compiled into a single compendium, which will serve as both a reference database and a BRICS best practices guide. The document will also provide a benchmark for potential future intra-BRICS cooperation aimed at promoting sustainable ports and maritime transport development among BRICS members.

#### ***BRICS International Logistics Alliance***



We acknowledge the efforts to establish the BRICS International Logistics Alliance within existing BRICS Transport Working Group to strengthen transport integration and logistics cooperation. We appreciate Alliance within existing BRICS Transport Working Group, as a platform to bring together public and private sector stakeholders to advance our shared connectivity goals, and our capability to respond rapidly to climate-related disasters and other types of emergencies. We also support coordinated efforts with the BRICS Business Council to ensure complementary efforts between governmental and private sectors. We encourage all members to actively participate in this cooperative framework, fostering a harmonized approach that strengthens the BRICS partnership as a whole.

### ***Way Forward***

We recognize the strategic importance of regular dialogue and coordination among BRICS transport authorities to ensure inclusive, sustainable, and efficient development of our transport sectors.

We oppose unilateral actions and restrictive measures in the transport sector that may cause market distortions and lack of access to modern technologies, equipment and associated services necessary for the safety of transport, and reiterate our commitment to enhancing coordination on these issues.

We reaffirm our commitment to respect each member state's national policies, priorities, capabilities and oppose all forms of trade protectionism in the field of transport and logistics.

We reaffirm our commitment to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all member states while carrying out all transport and logistics cooperation.

We express our gratitude to the Federative Republic of Brazil for its leadership as Chair of the BRICS Transport Working Group in 2025 and for hosting this Ministerial Meeting.

We look forward to further strengthening our collaboration and cooperation under the next BRICS Chairship of the Republic of India.