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BRICS and Africa: Navigating Global Economic Turbulence Together

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Welcoming

Mr. Moeletsi Mbeki

Mr. Moeletsi Mbeki is a private business entrepreneur. He is a director of several companies, he is Chairman of KMM Investments (Pty) Limited and Endemol South Africa (Pty) Limited. Moeletsi is also the author of *Architects of Poverty: Why African Capitalism Needs Changing*. And has recently edited *Advocates for Change: How to Overcome Africa's Challenges*.

He is Deputy Chairman of the South African Institute for International Affairs; an independent think tank based at the University of the Witwatersrand and is a member of the executive council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) which is based in London.

After returning to South Africa from exile in 1990, he was appointed Head of Communication for the Congress of South Africa Trade Unions, (Cosatu) and Media Consultant to the African National Congress. During most of the 1980s he was a Senior Journalist for Zimbabwe Newspapers. As a result of the outstanding work that he did for Zimbabwe Newspapers Features Department, he was awarded a Nieman Fellowship by Harvard University for the 1988 – 1989 academic years. Mbeki began his journalism career in London in 1979 as a contributor to *Africa*, *New African*, *Africa Now* magazines and the BBC Africa Service. He studied Building, Building Management and Sociology in England, obtaining an M.A. degree in Sociology from the University of Warwick in 1982. He worked in the construction industry in the United Kingdom and in Tanzania during the 1970s

Programme Director

Ms. Palesa Shipalana

Palesa Shipalana joined the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) as the Head of the Economic Diplomacy Programme in 2017. Her key research portfolio focuses on public finance, regional integration and the South African economic and policy development landscape. Previously she worked as an economist in the public sector for 9 years focusing on public finance management, public entities oversight management, provincial turnaround strategies, and various policy reform programmes in the pensions and medical schemes sector. She also worked on the South African social sector reform programme at Unicef, and regional integration in capital markets at the JSE. She holds a Master of Commerce degree in International trade and finance from the University of Witwatersrand.

His Excellency Minister Nhlanhla Nene

Positions

- Member of Parliament since June 1999.
- Co-Chairperson of the Joint Budget Committee from October 2002 until August 2005
- Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Finance from August 2005 until 4 November 2008.
- Deputy Minister of Finance of the Republic of South Africa from 5 November 2008 – May 2014.
- Member of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the FIFA 2010 Soccer World Cup.
- Member of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON)
- Member of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for Orange African Nations Championship South Africa 2014
- Chairperson of the Public Investment Corporation.
- Chairperson of Ntunjambili Hospital Board
- Resident Advisor at Thebe Investment
- Non-Executive Director at Allan-Gray

Academic Qualifications

- Matriculated from Gcothoyi Adult Centre.
- Diploma in Marketing Management from DMS.
- Advanced Diploma in Economic Policy from the University of the Western Cape.
- Certificate in Economics and Public Finance from the University of South Africa.
- B.Com Honours in Economics from the University of Western Cape.
- Certificate in Micro Economic Theories and Applications and Macro Economic Principles and Issues from the University of London.
- Course in Evaluating Macroeconomic Strategies in 2000 from Williams College (CDE), MA, USA

Career/Positions/Memberships/Other Activities

- Active in student politics since 1979
- Organised the first ever strike in the financial industry under the banner of SACCAWU in 1990 while still at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.
- Shop steward from 1990 until 1995 and led a negotiation team for “Better Working Conditions”.
- Chairperson of Ntunjambili Development Forum from 1994 until 1999.
- ANC Local Government Councillor and Caucus Chairperson from 1996 until 1999.
- Chairperson of Kranskop Policing Forum from 1997 until 1999.
- ANC Regional Secretary of Ukhahlamba Region from 1997 until 2000.
- Regional Administrative Manager for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, for 15 years.

His Excellency Mr. Kundapur Vaman Kamath

Mr. K.V. Kamath is one of India's most accomplished and acknowledged business leaders. He started his illustrious career in 1971 with ICICI, India's largest private sector bank. In 1988, he joined the Asian Development Bank in Private Sector department. He returned to India in 1996 as MD & CEO at ICICI Bank. In the following years, ICICI Bank expanded its boundaries and became India's first 'universal bank'. Mr. Kamath spearheaded this transition that became a pivotal point in Indian banking. He retired as MD & CEO to become the non-executive Chairman from 2009 to 2015. Mr. Kamath served as Chairman, Infosys Limited and Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos. He also served on the board of Schlumberger Limited. Mr. Kamath graduated as Mechanical Engineer and completed his post graduate in business administration from the prestigious Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He has received widespread recognition including CNBC's Asian Business Leader of the Year (2001), Businessman of the Year by Forbes Asia (2007) and Business Leader of the Year by The Economic Times, India (2007). In 2008, Mr. Kamath was conferred the Padma Bhushan, one of India's highest civilian honors.

His Excellency Mr. Lesetja Kganyago

Mr. Lesetja Kganyago was appointed Governor of the South African Reserve Bank on 9 November 2014. He had been a Deputy Governor of the South African Reserve Bank since May 2011. In his role, he was responsible for a wide range of areas, including research, financial stability, bank supervision, financial regulatory reform, financial surveillance, risk management and compliance.

Mr. Kganyago holds more than 20 years' experience in public policy formulation and implementation, having spent time in both central bank and National Treasury. He has wide-ranging experience in macro-economic policy, financial sector policy, public finance, international finance, public debt management, and financial markets. During his tenure as Director-General of National Treasury, he successfully steered several public finance and financial market reforms. He played a leading role in the fundamental reform of the microstructure of domestic bond markets such as inflation-linked bonds, buy-backs, switches, and STRIPS. During his time at National Treasury, a fundamental reform in the management of the national debt portfolio was completed. Mr. Kganyago holds a Master of Science degree in Development Economics from London University and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of South Africa.

Dr. V Songwe

Dr. Vera Songwe took up her new role as the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) on 3 August 2017. She holds a long-standing track record of providing policy advice on development and a wealth of experience in delivering development results for Africa, as well as a demonstrated strong and clear strategic vision for the continent.

She was previously the Regional Director of the International Finance Corporation, covering West and Central Africa. In addition, she continues to serve as a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution's Africa Growth Initiative. She is also a member of the African Union institutional reform team under the direction of the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, and a board member of the African Leadership Network and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Dr. Songwe was a Country Director for the World Bank, covering Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania and Senegal. She was also Adviser to the Managing Director of the World Bank for Africa, Europe and Central and South Asia and a lead

Country Sector Coordinator for the organization. She had earlier served as the World Bank's Senior Economist in the Philippines.

Prior to joining the World Bank, she was a Visiting Researcher at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota and at the University of Southern California. She holds a PhD in Mathematical Economics from the Center for Operations Research and Econometrics and a Master of Arts in Law and Economics and a Diplôme d'études approfondies in Economic Science and Politics from the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium. She also has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Michigan. She is also a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes College in Cameroon and has published widely on development and economic issues.

Moderator

Ms. Siki Mgabadel

Siki Mgabadel is a South African financial journalist, television presenter and producer best known for anchoring a variety of television and radio shows for the SABC, including Business@10 on SABC3; and Market Update and Morning Talk on SAFM. She is also known for anchoring the e.tv breakfast current affairs show Morning Edition. She was, until 2009, senior business news anchor at CNBC Africa which airs in South Africa on DStv. She covered major African markets and participated at the World Economic Forum on Africa, the IBSA Editor's Conference in India and the African Green Revolution Conference in Oslo, Norway. Previously, Siki was Executive Producer – Economics Desk at the SABC. Siki attained Bachelor of Journalism (hons) from Rhodes University, studying there from 1997-2000. Her major subjects were English, Economics, Television Journalism & Production and Economics Journalism. Her minor subjects were Politics, Psychology, Computer Aided Research and Reporting.

Panel Discussion: Taking Stock of the BRICS' Economic and Financial Cooperation and Implications for Africa's Development Priorities: Achievements and Looking Forward

Mr. Cyril Prinsloo

Cyril Prinsloo joined the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) as a Researcher in the Economic Diplomacy Programme in 2015. His key research portfolios include infrastructure financing and development in African countries and Africa's interaction with strategic global partners (US, EU, China, BRICS). Previously he worked as an economic development consultant, providing technical assistance and capacity building support on trade and investment, regional integration and infrastructure development to various international development partners, governments and Regional Economic Communities across Southern and Eastern Africa. He holds a Master's of Arts degree in International Studies from the University of Stellenbosch.

Ms. Mmakgoshi Lekhethe

Ms. Mmakgoshi Lekhethe is currently an Executive Director at the African Development Bank. She is an experienced economist with a demonstrated history in the Public Sector and International Financial Institutions. She has experience in Policy Analysis, Treasury Management, Risk Management, Economic Development, Development Finance, and Strategic Planning. Most of her experience in economics and finance was gained at National Treasury. She holds strong finance and global policy development skills with a Master of Science (MSc) in International Finance from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

Prof. Daniel Bradlow

Professor Daniel Bradlow is the SARCHI Professor of International Development Law and African Economic Relations at the University of Pretoria, South Africa and Professor of Law at American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. He is the Chair of the Roster of Experts for the Independent Review Mechanism at the African Development Bank, and a member of the Boards of Directors of ILEAP (International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty) and New Rules for Global Finance. Prof. Bradlow is also a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law.

Dr. Chuka Onyekwena

Dr. Onyekwena is the Executive Director of CSEA. He holds a Ph.D in Economics from University of Portsmouth, UK, a Master of Science degree in Economics from University of Kent, UK, and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He also holds a certificate in Executive Education, Financial Inclusion from John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. His research interests include Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Trade, Global Economic Governance, Climate Change, and Financial Inclusion. Within these areas, he has authored various peer-reviewed publications and led several research projects. Dr. Onyekwena is a member of the steering committee of the West African Think Tank Network (WATTNet), a member of the African Policy Circle (APC), Global Economic Governance Africa (GEGAfrica) and Governance of Africa's Resources Programme

(GARN) both in South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA). He had worked as a part-time lecturer at Economics Department of University of Portsmouth.

Ms. Anzette Were

Anzette Were is an economist, researcher, and analyst with over 10 years of experience working in Africa on development economics, economic analysis and research, impact investment, and enterprise development. Were is a weekly columnist for *Business Daily Africa*, and her work has also appeared in both local and international publications and websites. Her expertise in development economics has been sought out by local and international media houses such as BBC, CNBC Africa, *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, and local media houses.

Moderator

Dr. Philani Mthembu

Dr Philani Mthembu is the Executive Director at the Institute for Global Dialogue. Prior to joining the Institute for Global Dialogue associated with Unisa, Philani Mthembu pursued a joint doctoral programme (*Dr. rer. pol.*) with the Graduate School of Global Politics, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), and the School of International Studies at Renmin University, Beijing (China); he conducted his field research at the latter. The focus of his dissertation was on the rise of emerging powers as sources of development cooperation in Africa. The study was essentially a comparative analysis of the determinants of their development cooperation in Africa using qualitative comparative analysis (QCA), for which he was awarded an overall grade of *Magna Cum Laude*.

Panel Discussion: Perspectives from the BRICS on the Changing Global Order and the BRICS' response: Quo Vadis BRICS?

Prof. Karin Costa Vazquez

Karin is an international development executive with 15 years of experience advising corporate strategic planning and operations, developing partnerships, mobilizing resources and managing multi-million programs in multilateral development banks and UN agencies. Brazilian foreign service officer and professor with experience in policy-oriented research and evaluation in the fields of economics, international cooperation and sustainable development, with a focus on BRICS countries. Currently, Karin teaches economics, international economic development, and political economy of Latin America at O.P. Jindal Global University (India), where she also leads the Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) and acts as Assistant Dean for Global Engagement at the School of International Affairs. Karin holds a Masters in Economic and Political Development (Columbia University in New York) and in International Comparative Politics (University of Brasilia).

Dr. Georgy Toloraya

Dr. Georgy Toloraya a professional diplomat (rank of minister) with decades-long experience in Korean affairs, having served two postings in North Korea and then in South Korea as a Deputy Chief of the Russian Embassy and later as the senior Russian Foreign Ministry official (Deputy Director- General) in charge of the Korean Peninsula. He also holds the post of Executive Director of National committee for BRICS research, Russia. Toloraya is concurrently the Director of Korean research at the Institute of Economics of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Prof. Toloraya pursued a successful scholarly career, having graduated from MGIMO (Moscow University of International Relations) in 1978, earning a Doctor of Economy degree in 1984 and a Full Professor degree in Oriental studies in 2002. Georgy has published many articles and books on East Asia, collaborated as a part-time researcher with noted Russian academic institutes including the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), and taught at MGIMO.

Dr. Abhijnan Rej

Abhijnan Rej is a Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi. His current research revolves around Indian grand strategy, India's China and Pakistan policies, and theory and practice of limited wars. His secondary research interests include conventional and nuclear deterrence, and international institutions.

Abhijnan's recent publications have included works on Indian grand strategy, multilateral regimes, geo-economics, intra-state dynamics in Pakistan, and Chinese military modernisation. He has professional experience as a quantitative finance specialist and as a policy economist. Trained as a mathematical physicist, Abhijnan has also published papers on mathematical problems in high-energy physics.

Dr Gregory Chin

Gregory Chin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, and Faculty of Graduate Studies at York University (Canada). His principal research interests are in the areas of international and comparative political economy with a focus on China, Asia, the BRICS, international money, finance, and global governance. His research on China and Asia started in the early 1990s, spans three decades, and covers various aspects of their modernization and integration into the world economy. He is cross-appointed with the Graduate Program in Development Studies, and the East Asian Studies Program.

Moderator

Ms. Neuma Grobbelaar

Neuma Grobbelaar joined SAIIA in 2001 after serving for 11 years in the South African diplomatic corps. She conducted research on the socio-economic impact of landmines in Southern Africa from 2001-2002 and headed SAIIA's business in Africa research project from 2002 onwards. She was appointed Deputy Director of Studies in 2002 and Director of Studies in 2005. She holds a BA (Hons) degree in International Relations from the University of Pretoria, an MPhil in History of Art from the University of Glasgow and an MPhil in Economic Policy from the University of Stellenbosch. Her research expertise includes the South African business engagement with the rest of Africa, policy environment for private sector development in Africa, especially public-private relations and the political economy of Mozambique and Angola.

Rapporteur

Ms. Luanda Mpungose

Luanda Mpungose holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Johannesburg. She spent time in Shanghai, China for the 2017 Summer BRICS Program. Luanda is currently pursuing her postgraduate degree in International Politics at the University of South Africa (UNISA). Her areas of research interest include BRICS, South African foreign policy, youth and human rights.