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Invitation: Online debate on India-Brazil- South Africa (IBSA) Policy Dialogue Forum

In partnership with the Ideas for Development blog, the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is launching an online debate that will contribute with inputs for the forthcoming <u>IBSA Academic Forum</u>, which will be hosted by IPC-IG on 12-13 April in Brasilia, Brazil.

We invite you to participate in this discussion and reflect about the following issues:

- What is the role of the emerging countries in shaping world politics?
- How can India, Brazil and South Africa strengthen cooperation in key issues on the global agenda?
- In which ways an improved policy dialogue among developing countries can contribute to the implementation of effective policies towards the achievement of inclusive growth and human development?

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We also invite you to visit the IBSA Academic Forum website, where you can find interesting papers, resources and breaking news. Visit: http://www.ipc-undp.org/ipc/HomelBSA.do

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About IPC-IG:

The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is a partnership between the Poverty Practice of the Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP and the Government of Brazil. Located in Brasilia, IPC-IG facilitates South-South learning with the aim of expanding developing countries' knowledge and capacities to design, implement and evaluate effective policies towards the attainment of high inclusive growth. IPC-IG is a hub for South-South dialogue on applied research and training on development policy. Visit our new website at: http://www.ipc-undp.org

About IBSA Forum:

In the aftermath of discussions between the Heads of State and/or Government of the IBSA countries at the G-8 meeting that took place in Evian in 2003, and following ongoing trilateral consultations, the Foreign Ministers of the respective countries met in Brasilia on June 6, 2003. At this meeting between Ministers Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma from South Africa, Celso Amorim from Brazil and Yashwant Sinha from India, the launching of the IBSA Dialogue Forum was formalized through the adoption of the "Brasilia Declaration". This document gives priority to social inclusion and equity, food security, health, welfare,

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employment, education, human rights and environmental sustainability, in addition exchanges of experiences in fighting against poverty, hunger and diseases as a major gain for all countries are highly recommended. Since the inauguration of the IBSA, there has been an increasing interest in academic partnership between the three countries. As a consequence, several joint projects have emerged in various academic areas. The academic forums held in 2006 in Brazil, in 2007 in South Africa and in 2008 in India were important tools for discussing the IBSA process.