



Two major summits of heads of state to be held in Brasilia in April: IBSA and BRICS. How can South-South cooperation work for the promotion of inclusive growth?

The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is joining efforts for the promotion of the inclusive growth agenda at the summits and to discuss the role of the emerging countries in a new world scenario for development cooperation.

Brasília, 1 April 2010 – IPC-IG, whose headquarters is in Brasilia, is privileged to be closely involved in a number of the activities associated with the upcoming Summits of Heads of State, especially the organisation of the “**IBSA Academic Forum: A Policy Dialogue**”, which will be held on **12-13 April**. The Forum will gather about 120 policy makers, policy advisors and researchers from the three countries to build an agenda for cooperation on shared social development priorities and to establish a network of specialists to follow-up on an implementation agenda. The outputs of the Forum will be formally reported at the Summit of the Heads of State and a final report is also expected to be prepared and disseminated to a global audience.

Will the global South seize this opportunity to forge a new and more inclusive paradigm that secures faster, more inclusive and more sustainable development for all citizens? During the two-day event and through four panel themes, representatives of the three countries will engage in a lively policy debate based on the role of concrete experiences and programmes, namely: conditional cash transfers (CCTs), such as Brazil’s Bolsa Família, employment policies, health innovation, intellectual property rights and access to essential drugs.



IBSA is a trilateral, developmental initiative between India, Brazil and South Africa to promote South-South cooperation and exchange. It was formalized through the adoption of the ‘Brasilia Declaration’ in 2003.

“I expect these meetings to have great resonance for the future shape of South-South cooperation”, said Dr. **Rathin Roy**, Director of IPC-IG. “South-South cooperation will be effective if it promotes dialogue leading to effective policies that guarantee that the benefits of the growth reach everyone. This effectiveness depends on sound policy advice and consolidated learning opportunities between the countries in the South”, pointed out Dr. Roy, who has been in charge of IPC-IG for the last 5 months.



Additional information

Website: The IBSA Academic Forum portal was launched by IPC-IG and presents the Forum agenda, a number of learning resources and breaking development news from the three countries. Check it out at: <http://www.ipc-undp.org/ipc/HomeIBSA.do>

Blog: A debate on the the role of the emerging countries in shaping world politics, and on how an enhanced policy dialogue can contribute to the promotion of inclusive growth in the South was launched in partnership with the Ideas for Development blog. Participate and contribute with your ideas at:

<http://www.ideas4development.org/en/home.html>



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Some issues to be addressed at the Academic Forum:

What are the consequences of the creation of new groupings of emerging economies with a strong emphasis on South-South cooperation? Is there a new international order in the making?

How can India, Brazil and South Africa strengthen cooperation in key issues on the global agenda? What are the impacts of an enhanced South-South cooperation to the traditional North-South assistance?

In which ways an improved dialogue among developing countries can contribute to the implementation of effective policies towards the achievement of inclusive growth and human development? Is South-South cooperation a chance for re-shaping the cooperation practice and discourse, taking into account the human face and impact of policy decisions and coordination?



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About IPC-IG:

The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is a global forum that 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. It is partnership between UNDP and the Government of Brazil. Located in Brasilia, IPC-IG is a unique institutional arrangement for the Global South and provides the international community with innovative research insights on development undertakes training for development countries' representatives and is engaged in global debates and fora. Visit our new website at: <http://www.ipc-undp.org>

What is inclusive growth about?

Inclusive Growth is a growth process which yields broad-based benefits and ensures equality of opportunity and access to the benefits of growth. Inclusive growth means growth that is sustainable and generates new productive opportunities. It means that everyone must participate in, contribute to, and benefit from the global growth.

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, 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.