

Call for accreditation of journalists - India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Academic Forum: A Policy Dialogue

A forum to be held on 12-13 April will anticipate major issues that will be dealt with at the 15th April Summit of Heads of State from India, Brazil and South Africa in Brasilia. Social development strategies, cash transfers, intellectual property rights, access to essential drugs and perspectives for international cooperation are among the topics that will be on the agenda for representatives of the three countries.

The International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) is engaged in the preparation of the so-expected IBSA Summit of Heads of State by hosting the "IBSA Academic Forum: A Policy Dialogue", which will represent a unique space for building stronger synergies and enhanced policy dialogue among India, Brazil and South Africa.

Participants of the Academic Forum will include:

Ambassador Antonio Patriota, Secretary General of the Brazilian Foreign Relations Ministry; Mr. B.K. Prakash, Indian Ambassador to Brazil; Ambassador Vivek Katju, Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs of India; Mr. Rudi Dicks, Executive Director of South Africa's National Labour and Economic Development Institute; and Mr. Garth le Pere, Executive Director of the Institute for Global Dialogue. They will be joined by over 100 outstanding representatives from the governments of India, Brazil and South Africa, the academia, senior UN officials, policy specialists and the diplomatic community.

"IBSA aims to bring together the voice of the three emerging countries on global issues. The Academic Forum: A Policy Dialogue will facilitate the political alignment of these countries on key issues for the promotion of inclusive growth", said Dr. Rathin Roy, Director of IPC-IG. "We will have renowned experts and policy makers from India, Brazil and South Africa to propose concrete actions for a more concerted voice towards a new paradigm of global governance", points out



The Forum will be organized around three main sessions, namely: Social Development Strategies; Health Innovation, IPR & Access to Essential Drugs; and The Role and Potential of IBSA as a Plurilateralism Arrangement.

Discussions will be centred on concrete experiences from the three countries aiming at building synergies for a policy dialogue that is conducive to the implementation of effective policies towards the achievement of inclusive growth.

The results of the Forum will be reported at the Summit of Heads of State.

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Dr. Roy, who had already worked on development and economic issues in over 80 countries.

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Additional information

Venue: Auditorium, Pan-American Health Organization

(PAHO)/World Health Organization (WHO)

Address: Setor de Embaixadas Norte, Lote 19,

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Telephone: 55 61 3251-9595

Timing:

12 – 13 April, Monday and Tuesday

9:00am - 6:00pm

Complete agenda:

http://www.ipc-undp.org/ipc/Agenda.do

Meals:

To be provided by IPC-IG at the venue.

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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

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.