



### **‘Emerging countries have now a say at the world stage’**

*The 4<sup>th</sup> India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Trilateral Dialogue Process commenced yesterday in Brasilia with the inauguration of the IBSA Academic Forum and was attended by over 100 renowned representatives from the three countries. The Secretary-General of the Brazilian External Relations Ministry highlighted that the IBSA initiative gathers three major democracies that are joining the world stage as global players.*

**Brasilia, 13 April 2010** – The Heads of State or Government from India, Brazil, South Africa, China and Russia will convene this week in Brasilia for the IBSA and BRIC Summits. Key development issues that will be on their agenda are being discussed at the [IBSA Academic Forum: A Policy Dialogue](#), which is being organized by the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) on 12-13 April. ‘Our objective is to build a portfolio of cooperation based on successful experiences in promoting inclusive growth. **I expect these historical events to have a great impact in rethinking South-South Cooperation**’, said **Dr. Rathin Roy**, Director of IPC-IG. ‘The IBSA Academic Forum comes in as a shared commitment of the three countries towards the promotion of inclusive growth’, pointed out H.E. Mr. **B.S. Prakash**, Indian Ambassador to Brazil.

**Ambassador Antonio Patriota**, Secretary-General of Brazil’s External Relations Ministry argued that the IBSA countries should definitely not forget their responsibilities towards the development of the global South. These three leading democracies have showed the world that they are capable of designing and implementing innovative and effective development policies. **‘We came out of the (2008-2009 economic) crisis faster than the others’**, recalled Ambassador Patriota. You can listen to Ambassador Patriota’s full speech at: <http://www.ipc-undp.org:8080/download/mp3/ibsa1128K.mp3>



### **‘Necessity, not a luxury’**

Dr. Rathin Roy highlighted that ‘the recent global economic crisis has poignantly shown the global community that inclusive growth is a necessity and not a luxury’. During his inaugural speech, Dr. Roy pointed out that the Forum represents a ‘huge opportunity to forge a new and more inclusive paradigm that secures faster and more sustainable human development for all global citizens’. He added that ‘strategic thinking on foreign policy will have to take account of the

growing role of the emerging economies in shaping the future architecture of global economic governance and development cooperation’. Dr. Roy’s full speech can be read at: <http://www.ipc-undp.org/pressroom/pdf/IPCPressroom257.pdf>



### **‘We need new development thinking’**

According to Dr. Marcio Pochmann, President of the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), ‘we need to build a renewed vision and perspective towards development – **coming from the South**’. He argued that the 2008 crises showed the world that we need to rediscover the role of the State in promoting well-being and development. ‘IBSA represents the making of a convergence regarding new proposals for development’, added Dr. Pochmann.

The three countries have been successful in reducing poverty and promoting the well-being of its citizens through policy innovations originated in the South. Social development strategies were on the agenda in the two sessions dedicated to cash transfers and employment generation policies. India, Brazil and South Africa had then the opportunity of presenting their current policies and to learn from each other’s experiences, successes and challenges.



The results of the Academic Forum will be presented to the IBSA Heads of State on their 15<sup>th</sup> April Summit in Brasilia.

### **South-South Cooperation: The Same Old Game or a New Paradigm?**

IPC-IG launched a special issue of its Poverty in Focus magazine presenting eleven innovative articles that discuss perspectives and the current state-of-art of South-South Cooperation.

A central issue raised in the magazine is whether South-South cooperation represents a chance for re-shaping the cooperation practice and discourse, putting at the centre the development needs and challenges of the countries in our developing world.

‘As developing countries realised that they were better off acting together rather than being allies of either of the superpowers, South-South cooperation emerged as a practice in the international political arena’, pointed out Michelle de Morais e Silva in her article.

Professor Daniel Fledes highlighted in his article that **‘while the IBSA initiative may thus be seen as an effort to increase its members’ global bargaining power, the cooperation between South Africa, India and Brazil also focuses on concrete areas of collaboration.’**

Download the magazine at: <http://www.ipc-undp.org/pub/IPCPovertyInFocus20.pdf>



## **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>

### **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.