



Beyond the BRICS 2023 Summit: Outcome and Next Steps

Aug 31, 2023 14:00-15:30 CET

The Programme

14:00	Welcoming Remarks
14:05	Panel Discussion
15:05	Q & A: Moderator
15:10	Recommendations: Moderator with Panel
15:25	Closing Remarks

Moderator

Dr. Philani Mthembu is Executive Director at the Institute for Global Dialogue, an independent foreign policy think tank based in Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa. Prior to joining the IGD, he 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). The focus of his dissertation was on the rise of emerging powers as sources of development cooperation in Africa, for which he was awarded Magna Cum Laude. He co-founded the Berlin Forum on Global Politics (BFoGP), a non-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of academic, expert and public understanding of global politics. While completing his Masters in International Relations at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, he headed the Academic Development Programme for first-year students and was elected as the first independent candidate to the Student Representative Council (SRC). His recent publications include a single authored book titled 'China and India's Development Cooperation in Africa: The Rise of Southern Powers', and co-edited books titled 'From MDGs to Sustainable Development Goals: The Travails of International Development', 'Africa and the World: Navigating Shifting

Geopolitics', 'Africa-China Cooperation: Towards an African Policy on China?', and 'South African Foreign Policy Review Volume 4: Ramaphosa and a New Dawn for South African Foreign Policy'.

Panelists

Professor Bhaso Ndzendze is an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Johannesburg in South Africa and a non-resident research fellow of APRI. His work on BRICS includes the 2021 book published by Springer, titled *The BRICS Order: Assertive or Complementing the West?*, as well as numerous articles looking at BRICS and technology and Africa's trade relations with its member countries.

Professor Tim Murithi is Head of the Peacebuilding Interventions Programme at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation in Cape Town and an Extraordinary Professor of African Studies at the Centre for African and Gender Studies, University of the Free State, South Africa. He has over 25 years of experience in the fields of peace, security, international justice, governance and development. He is also a Research Associate at the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa, University of Cape Town. He has been an advisor of Democracy Without Borders since 2019.

Luanda Mpungose is the Outreach and Partnership Manager at SAIIA. She was previously the African Governance and Diplomacy Programme Officer. Since joining SAIIA, Luanda has researched youth policy participation, BRICS cooperation and South Africa's foreign policy. She recently co-authored a book chapter on South Africa's Foreign Policy. Luanda holds an Honours Degree in International Relations from the University of South Africa.