Pre Call Announcement
BRICS STI Framework Programme
Pilot STI Flagship Projects 2026

The BRICS STI Framework Programme aims to promote research, development and innovation in the main areas of cooperation among the institutions in the consortia which consist of partners from at least three BRICS countries. As one of the BRICS STI Framework Programme special actions research funding organizations from the BRICS countries have agreed to jointly launch new call for research projects: BRICS STI Framework Programme Pilot STI Flagship Projects Call 2026.

Researchers interested in applying are encouraged to **monitor updates on the BRICS STI website** http://brics-sti.org/index.php?p=new/41 **and Also on NRF connect** https://nrfconnect.nrf.ac.za for South African call opening timelines and eligibility criteria**. South African Researchers are encouraged** to develop international partnerships and project ideas in preparation for the call.

The following BRICS STI Framework Programme Member Organizations are participating in the call as national funding organizations: Brazil: National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq). China: Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST). Egypt: Science, Technology & Innovation Funding Authority (STDF). Iran: Iran National Science Foundation (INSF). 2 Russia: Ministry of Science and Higher Education (MSHE). South Africa: National Research Foundation (NRF).

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