

**Online Round Table
of «Sustainable cities and rural development» working group**

**Smart Details in Complex Systems: best practices in urban and rural
development in the post-COVID era**

August 18, 2020.

Time

- 9.30 – 11.00 AM (Brasilia)
- 3.30 – 5.00 PM (Moscow)
- 8.00 – 9.30 PM (New Delhi)
- 8.30 – 10.00 PM (Beijing)
- 2.30 – 4.00 PM (Pretoria)

The implementation of the concept of sustainable urban and rural development coupled with the development of “smart cities” is of crucial importance for the economic, social and environmental viability of the BRICS countries. The panel will discuss civic initiatives (urban planning and management as well as rural development initiatives) to make cities and rural areas inclusive, safe and sustainable. What areas of urban and rural interaction have been the most promising during the COVID-19 pandemic in the BRICS member states? Which weaknesses have been revealed?

Hereunder is the expected Program

Welcome speech

Prof., Dr. Victoria Panova Co-chair of the Civil BRICS Forum, Managing director of the Russian National committee on BRICS Research, Scientific Supervisor of the BRICS Russian Organizing Committee Expert Council, Vice President for International Relations of Far Eastern Federal University, **Russia**

Moderator

Prof., Dr. Irina Z. Yarygina, Co-Chair of the Civil BRICS Working group "Sustainable cities and rural development", Expert of the Russian National committee on BRICS Research, Head of the Chair "Economics and banking" MGIMO (U) under the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Head of Program, Professor of the Financial University under the Ministry for Finance, **Russia**

Key Speeches

"Family farming in Brazil: potential and challenges"

Prof., Dr. Bruno de Conti, University of Campinas (Unicamp), Sao Paulo, **Brasilia**

"Infrastructure bonds as a financial instrument for sustainable urban and rural development"

Prof., Dr. Igor Baluk, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, Moscow, **Russia**

"New agricultural technologies for rural prosperity and sustainability"

Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, General Secretary, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi, **India**

"The role of public diplomacy in the era after the urban epidemic (COVID-19)"

Prof. Wu Fie, Guangzhou Jinan University, Guangzhou, **China**

"Following up on BRICS commitments towards sustainable cities: deepening innovation, knowledge and technology exchange"

Prof. Karin Costa Vazquez, Fudan Scholar, Center for BRICS Studies, Shanghai, **China**

"COVID-19 and beyond: rights and responsibilities of persons, living in informal urban settlements"

Prof. Nirmala Gopal, University of KwanZulu-Natal (UKZN), Durban, **South Africa**

"Forms of Financing for municipalities: the German case"

Prof., Dr. Peter Reichling, Dean, International affairs, Chair in Banking and Finance, Otto von Guericke University, Magdeburg, **Germany**

"The quality of territorial development and international collaboration"

Prof. Marco Ricceri, the Secretary General, EURISPES, Rome, **Italy**

"BRICS urban/rural development and "smart territories"

Arch. Paolo Motta, expert, EURISPES, Rome, **Italy**

"A prospective from Afghanistan: challenges & opportunities"

Dr. Nazir Kabiri, Executive director, Biruni Institute, **Afganistan**

Details for connection are the following:

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Looking forward to joining our discussion,

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