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BRICS STI Framework Programme 1st coordinated call for BRICS innovation projects 2025

Call is open until November 5, 2025. 15:00 Moscow Time (UTC+3)

I. General Description

I-1. Joint Funding of Multilateral Innovation Cooperation

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 two of the BRICS countries.

As one of the BRICS STI Framework Programme special actions innovation funding organizations from the BRICS countries have agreed to jointly establish a new call for innovation projects: **1st BRICS STI Framework Programme Innovation Call 2025**.

The following BRICS STI Framework Programme Member Organizations are participating in the call as national funding organizations:

Brazil:

Brazilian Innovation Agency (Finep);

National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq).

China:

Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST).

Egypt:

Science, Technology & Innovation Funding Authority (STDF).

India:

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR);

Department of Biotechnology (DBT);

Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Iran:

Iran National Innovation Fund (INIF).

Russia:

Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises (FASIE).

South Africa:

Technology Innovation Agency (TIA);

Water Research Commission (WRC).

I-2. Aim of the Joint Call

In pursuance of the XVI BRICS Summit Kazan Declaration this BRICS STI Framework Programme special action is aimed at building up new cooperative ties for high-tech and innovation driven institutions within BRICS, as a critical catalyst for economic development and improved quality of life of the people in the BRICS nations by allocation of funding for research and development carried out by initiatives addressing innovation.

Following a bottom-up approach this special action will support multinational collaborative projects with duration up to 3 years, involving participants from a minimum of two BRICS countries focused on technology maturation, development of a business model towards the innovation's future commercialization and market deployment.

I-3. Invitation for Proposals and Prospective Applicants

The BRICS STI Framework Programme Member Organizations shall invite applicants from their countries to identify potential partners in other BRICS countries and to jointly prepare proposals for collaborative R&D projects addressing innovation.

Applicants are requested to submit project proposals built on validated in lab or in relevant environment technology.

All applicants must fulfil their respective national eligibility rules for innovation grant applications (please refer to the National Annex document and consult with national funding organization participating in the call).

I-4. Financial Support

The participating funding organizations plan to support collaborative activities addressing innovation while aligning with their national priorities and strategies. Conditions of support will vary by participating BRICS STI Framework Programme Member Organization and respective national funding organizations' approaches with a common rule that each participating funding organization funds its national institutions.

The duration of a collaborative innovation project will be up to three years with expected start date of projects in 2nd quarter of 2026.

Please note that type of supported activities vary depending on the particular participating funding organization. More details can be found in respecting National Annex document (available on <http://brics-sti.org/index.php?p=new/40>) or from national contact points.

II. Application

Each project consortium must include partners from at least two BRICS countries applying for funding (please also refer to national annexes for additional requirements), with one partner designated as the Project Coordinator. Additional partners may also participate in the project consortium either by applying for funding through their own national funding organization or by joining on a self-funded basis (without requesting financial support)."

A **Joint Application Form (JAF)** (link for download: http://brics-sti.org/files/JAF_BRICS_icall_2025.docx) shall first be submitted by the Project Coordinator to the BRICS STI Framework Programme Secretariat through the online **BRICS STI Framework Programme Application Management System (BRICS AMS)** at <http://ams.rfbr.ru/BRICS>. JAF must be completed in English.

In addition to the JAF, each national team of a project **shall submit an additional national component** (i.e. proposal) to the relevant national participating funding organization following all required procedures of each particular participating funding organization.

The Joint Application Form includes information on:

- 1) Title and acronym of cooperative innovation project;
- 2) Project duration;
- 2) Abstract;
- 3) Project team;
- 4) Budget requested.

The national component to be submitted shall vary in form, terms and information provided depending on the particular participating funding organization. More details can be found in the National Annex document (can be downloaded from <http://brics-sti.org/index.php?p=new/40> page) and on the websites of participating BRICS STI Framework Programme Member Organizations.

The project which does not submit in due date a fully completed Joint Application Form to the BRICS STI Framework Programme Secretariat through BRICS Application Management System (ams.rfbr.ru) or national components to all respecting national funding organizations will automatically be considered as ineligible.

II-1. Preparation of Application Forms

Applicants should agree on the aims, strategy and management, the title of the project, and agree on the project coordinator. Based on these arrangements the applicants should complete the Joint Application Form (JAF) and national components.

II-2. Submission of Application Forms by Applicants

Applicants must submit the Joint Application Form (JAF) to the BRICS STI FP Secretariat via the online application submission tool until **15:00 (Moscow Time, UTC+3) on 5th of November 2025.**

To submit the JAF an online-submission form must be completed via the BRICS STI Framework Programme Application Management System (BRICS AMS) at <http://ams.rfbr.ru/BRICS>. The project coordinator should register in BRICS AMS, log in and create a proposal for the 1st BRICS STI Framework Programme Innovation Call 2025. The Project Coordinator must fill in all the required fields and submit application. The online submission form fields are identical to the information provided in JAF template, however the completed JAF (in *PDF or *DOC format) as file attachment to the online form is requested to be uploaded in the “upload file” section of online submission form.

If any additional to the minimum eligible number of required participants partner is joining the project on own costs, requested funding amount should be stated as “0” in the corresponding proposal box item.

Applications submitted to the BRICS STI FP Secretariat by any method other than through online submission form at <http://ams.rfbr.ru/BRICS>, such as e-mail, will be rejected.

An additional national component should be submitted to the respective national funding organization according to its own rules and procedures. Please note that submission deadline for national component vary from the deadline for JAF submission to the BRICS STI FP Secretariat.

II-3. Receipt of Application Forms by Call Secretariat

Following the online submission of an application, the respecting confirmation message with proposal registration number will be shown in confirmation message. On “my projects” page in BRICS AMS the project thereafter will be shown with assigned registration number BRICS2025i-XXX (where XXX stands for unique number) and status “Registered”. No additional letter of confirmation will be provided to the applicant. **An assigned registration number serves as proof of application registration.**

II-4. Retraction of submitted application

At any time after online submission of an application before the due date, an applicant can retract the application for modification on “my projects” page in BRICS AMS. Following retraction action an application is considered as “not submitted”. Re-submission of the application is only possible until the call deadline (15:00 (Moscow Time, UTC+3) on 5th of November 2025). Re-submitted application will be assigned with new number, which will differ from earlier submission.

III. Evaluation of Project Proposals

III-1. Evaluation Procedure

Each participating funding organization evaluates all proposals where applicants from its own country request funding from their respective funding organization. Based on the results of the evaluation, a joint decision by the participating national funding organizations will be made regarding the selected proposals to be co-funded.

III-2. Evaluation Criteria

The following general evaluation criteria will be considered (please also refer to national call announcements information on national component):

- Technical content, excellence and relevance of the proposals;
- Go-to-market strategy and convincing value proposition;
- Credibility and consistency of the financial forecast
- Sound project management, methodological approach, feasibility and appropriateness of the joint work plan;
- The time plan including the deliverables;
- Added value to be expected from the international collaboration and complementarities of Project consortium;
- Appropriateness of resources, costs and funding requested;
- Expected impacts: e.g. technological, economic, societal

III-3. Announcement of Decision

Applicants will be notified of the final decision in second quarter 2026 regarding the approved joint projects for funding.

IV. Responsibilities of the PI following Approval of Projects

After the proposals have been approved, the PI and his/her own affiliated institution are required to adhere to the following when carrying out the cooperative project and utilising funding:

IV-1.

Each partner on a project will be responsible for complying with its funding organization's intellectual property rights requirements and partners on a project will work out any necessary intellectual property rights agreements among themselves.

IV-2. Progress Report

Progress Report to each participating funding organization

All applicants must follow their own funding organizations' rules and procedures.

IV-3. Final Report

IV-3.1 Final Report to the BRICS STI Framework Programme

After completion of the period of joint project, the Project coordinator shall complete and submit within three months an integrated final report to the BRICS STI Framework Programme Secretariat on the results of the joint project. The report will be reviewed by the BRICS STI Funding Working Group.

IV-3.2 Final Report to each participating funding organization

All project participants must follow their own funding organizations' rules and procedures.

BRICS STI Framework Programme Secretariat

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V. National Contact Points

Applicants should contact the following national contact points for information on each Party's national eligibility rules or support conditions:

Brazil:

Brazilian Innovation Agency (Finep)



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