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**COORDINATION FOR NEGOTIATION, ADVISORY AND  
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## **National Annex - BRAZIL**

**National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)  
Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI)**

**BRICS STI Framework Programme  
7th Coordinated Call for BRICS Multilateral Projects 2026**

The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI) provide funding for high-impact research and innovation projects.

*\*Please note that for CNPq, the '7th Coordinated Call for BRICS Multilateral Projects 2026' and the 'Pilot BRICS STI Flagship Projects' are managed through a single, unified national framework. While these initiatives are presented in separate annexes to align with international coordination requirements, they are processed under a streamlined administrative structure in Brazil, categorized into two distinct funding tracks: Line 1 (Joint Research Projects) and Line 2 (Flagship Projects).*

## **THEMATIC AREAS**

### **Joint Research Projects**

#### **a. Water Resources:**

1. Monitoring and Data for Water Systems;
2. Water Treatment, Reuse, and Resource Circularity;
3. Resilience to Water Hazards and Extreme Events through Data-Driven Approaches.

#### **b. High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence:**

1. High Performance Computing and AI Infrastructure Co-Design;
2. Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models;
3. Quantum Computing, Sensing, and Secure Information Technologies.

c. Energy:

1. Solar Energy Technologies and Applications;
2. Integrated Smart and Renewable Energy Systems for Resilient Power Networks;
3. Low-Carbon Energy Pathways, Sector Coupling, and Energy Efficiency.

d. Health, Biotechnology and Biomedicine:

1. Advanced Biotechnology, Genomics, and AI-Assisted Discovery;
2. Personalized Medicine, Diagnostics, and Cell-Based Therapies;
3. Digital Health, Telemedicine, and AI-Enabled Healthcare Systems.

e. Food:

1. Climate-Resilient Crops and Advanced Plant Biotechnology;
2. Digital and Precision Agriculture for Sustainable Production;
3. Sustainable Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Food Quality Monitoring.

f. Materials Science:

1. Advanced Functional and Smart Materials;
2. Materials for Energy Conversion, Storage, and Sustainability;
3. Advanced Functional Materials: Nanomaterials, Biomaterials, and Resilient Systems.

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## WHO CAN APPLY?

Only Brazilian researchers or foreign researchers with a permanent visa in Brazil can apply as Principal Investigators (PI). Each applicant can submit only one proposal to this Call (either in Line 1 or Line 2).

- The project leader must have a PhD degree.
- The project leader must have an updated CV available in the Lattes Platform ([www.cnpq.br](http://www.cnpq.br)).

## FUNDING PRINCIPLES

Within the framework of this call, CNPq will fund the Brazilian teams of the selected multilateral consortia. Funding will be provided strictly for **running costs (Custeio)**, according to current CNPq regulations, including:

- **Consumables;**
- **Travel and subsistence costs** for Brazilian researchers participating in the project activities;
- **Third-party services;**
- **Other allowed running costs.**

**Important Note:** For this specific call, funds are allocated exclusively for running costs. **No scholarships (fellowships) or capital/permanent equipment expenses** will be covered by CNPq.

## INDICATIVE BUDGET & PROJECTS

Indicative Budget: Approximately USD 3,000,000.00 (equivalent to BRL 15,000,000.00).

Number of Projects: The selection will be demand-driven, based on the merit of proposals and budgetary availability.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Applicants must follow a two-step submission process:

1. **International Level:** The Project Coordinator must submit the **Joint Application Form (JAF)** to the BRICS STI Framework Programme Secretariat via the online registry (<http://brics-sti.org>).
2. **National Level:** The Brazilian PI must submit a national proposal to CNPq via the **Carlos Chagas Integrated Platform (PICC)**. Proposals must be written in Portuguese, but the JAF (in English) must be attached as a mandatory PDF file.

Failure to submit to both the International Secretariat and CNPq will result in the disqualification of the proposal.

## COMPLIANCE AND ELIGIBILITY

Each international consortium must include partners from at least **three participating countries** (including Brazil). Participating countries for this call include Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, and Iran.

## REPORTING

The report submission period is the same as the calendar year. By the end of each calendar year, Brazilian participants have to submit a scientific report as well as the financial statement according to the standard rules and requirements of CNPq. The report has to include a short overview of the work performed by the foreign partners and the amount of funding allocated by the foreign participants to the joint project.

## INTEGRITY AND DATA MANAGEMENT

Proposals must comply with the **CNPq Scientific Integrity Policy (Ordinance 2664/2026)**.

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