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**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' will be managed through a single, unified national call named "7ª CHAMADA PÚBLICA MCTI/CNPq/BRICS-STI". While these initiatives are presented here 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 of the same call: Line 1 (Joint Research Projects) and Line 2 (Flagship Projects).*

**Por favor, observe que, para o CNPq, a '7th Coordinated Call for BRICS Multilateral Projects 2026' e a 'Pilot BRICS STI Flagship Projects Call' serão geridas por meio de uma Chamada nacional unificada sob o título "7ª CHAMADA PÚBLICA MCTI/CNPq/BRICS-STI". Embora estas iniciativas sejam apresentadas aqui em anexos separados para se alinharem aos requisitos de coordenação internacional, elas são processadas sob uma estrutura administrativa simplificada no Brasil, categorizada em duas linhas de financiamento distintas: Linha 1 (Redes Temáticas de Pesquisa) e Linha 2 (Projetos Flagship) de uma mesma chamada.*

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.

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 a maximum of one proposal per funding line (i.e., one proposal for Line 1 and one proposal for 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).

FUNDING PRINCIPLES

Within the framework of this call, CNPq will fund the Brazilian teams of the selected multilateral consortia. Funding will be provided for **running costs** (Custeio) and **scholarships/fellowships** (Bolsas), 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, **no capital/permanent equipment expenses** will be covered by CNPq.

INDICATIVE BUDGET & PROJECTS

Indicative Budget: Approximately USD 3,300,000.00 (equivalent to BRL 16,500,000.00).
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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