



BRICS RESEARCH NETWORK Programme

First BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting
Johannesburg, South Africa
21 - 24 February 2023

Day I: Tuesday, 21 February 2023

OFFICIAL OPENING – POLITICAL SESSION	Chairperson: Mr Thobile Lamati Director-General, Department of Employment and Labour
09:30 – 09:35	Opening and introducing the Chair Mr. Siphon Ndebele Acting DDG: Labour Policy & Industrial Relations
09:35 – 09:50	Remarks by the Chair of the BRICS Employment Working Group Mr. Thobile Lamati Director General: Department of Employment & Labour
	Health and Safety measures (3 mins) Remarks and logistics (12 mins)
09:50 – 10:00	Promotional item
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome by the Representative of the Gauteng Provincial Government Ms. Tasneem Motara Gauteng MEC for Economic Development
10:15 – 10:40	Keynote Address by the Host Government H.E. Ms. Boitumelo Moloi Deputy Minister of Employment & Labour
10:40 – 11:00	Messages of support (5 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Social Security Association (ISSA) – Mr Dmitry Karasyov • International Labour Organisation (ILO) - Ms Claire Harasty • African Union (AU) – Mr Sabelo Mbokazi • African Regional Labour Administrative Centre (ARLAC) – Mr Locary Hlabanu
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
BRICS Network Session One	Chairperson: Doctor Palesa Makhetha-Kosi Department of Economics. University of Fort Hare



11:30 – 11:40	Presentation of objectives and expected outcome of the meeting Mr. Sipho Ndebele Acting DDG: Labour Policy & Industrial Relations
11:40 – 11:45	BRICS Research Network Workplan for 2023 Ms T. Ramulongo Director, Research Policy & Planning and South Africa's BRICS Research Network Coordinator
11:45 – 12:00	Presentation ILO: Impact of Covid-19 on Employment- Global labour market: From one crisis to the next. Mr. Stefan Kühn Senior Economist, Macroeconomic Policies and Jobs Unit, Research Department of ILO
12:00 – 12:05	Discussion/ (Questions & Answer)
12:05 – 12:20	Presentation: Lessons learnt from Covid-19 pandemic for building universal social protection systems Christina Behrendt Chief, Social Policy Unit, Social Protection Department
12:20 – 12:20	Discussion/ (Questions & Answer)
12:20 – 12:35	Presentation: Improving the continuity and resilience of social security services and systems. Mr. Dmitry Karasyov International Social Security Association (ISSA) Regional Coordinator for Eurasia
12:35 – 12:40	Discussion/ (Questions & Answer)
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
BRICS Network Session Two	Chairperson: Tendani Ramulongo Director, Research Policy & Planning. Department of Employment and Labour.
14:00 – 14:15	Presentation: title Mr Locary Hlabanu ARLAC
	BRIEF COUNTRY OVERVIEW OF SOCIAL PROTECTION
14:15 – 14:25	Brazil
14:25 – 14:35	Russia
14:35 – 14:45	India
14:45 – 14:55	China
14:55 – 15:15	South Africa Presentation: Impacts of COVID-19 on workers in South Africa. Name: Stephen Devereux (<i>DPhil Oxon</i>) Designation: Professor- Institute for Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex.
15:15 – 15:20	Discussion/ (Questions & Answer)
15:20 – 15:40	Presentation: Social protection for informal workers in South Africa. Name: Professor Stephen Devereux (<i>DPhil Oxon</i>) Designation: Professor- Institute for Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex.
15:40 – 15:50	Discussion/ (Questions & Answer)

15:50 – 16:10	<p>Presentation: Differences between formal and informal workers' outcomes during the COVID-19 crisis lockdown in South Africa.</p> <p>Name: Miracle Benhura</p> <p>Designation: Associate Professor- Economics Management Sciences. University of Witwatersrand.</p>
16:10 – 16:20	Discussion/ (Questions & Answer)
19:00	Welcome dinner hosted by the Director-General (Carnivore Restaurant)

