

Peoples Dialogue

Towards a People's Agenda

Objectives of the workshop/ strategy forum:

- To deepen our understanding of the BRICS in current geo-political environment;
- To share information, exchange experiences and trends gained from the interventions of the BRICS governments and MNCs in Southern Africa, the rest of the African region and Latin America.
- Building knowledge around the different components of the BRICS (financial instruments; extractivism, trade and investment; “development” agenda and agriculture.
- Learning from other experiences to create a people's agenda and platform of action that is mass based around BRICS.

Day One: 10th December 2013

8am- 10am Arrivals, accommodations and registration

Session 1: 10h30- 13h00

Introductions, expectations and getting to know each other

Why are we interested in BRICS (informal brainstorming amongst participants)?

Building an overview of the “BRICS Campaign” –sharing what we doing.

13h00-14h00 Lunch

Session 2: 14- 16h00
Global Crisis –
Political economy context shaping the emergence and role of the BRICS in international relations;
Background and history (IBSA and BASIC)
BRICS in the global crisis

Day two: 11th December 2013

Session One: 8:30 -13h00
Current political situation in our countries
Role of BRICS investments and interests in our countries:
Case studies: Mozambique, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Brazil etc.
Session two: 14h00- 17h30
What are common trends, experiences and learnings?
Role of BRICS in extractives, agriculture and land grabs
The BRICS as a financial alternative?

Day Three: 12th December 2013

Session One: 8h30 – 12h30
Developing a strategic orientation for popular movements and the left to take to

BRICS: critical engagement, strategic opposition and resistance.

Lessons from Durban 2013

What is a People's agenda? Developing a common platform of demands

What can we do together?

Session Two : 14h00- 16h30

Towards a rooted campaign?

Common road map??

Plan of action for 2014.