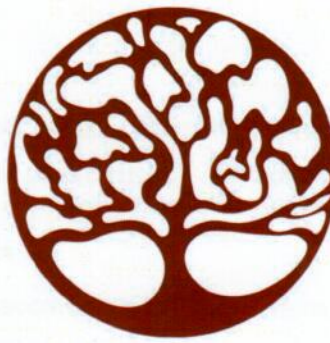




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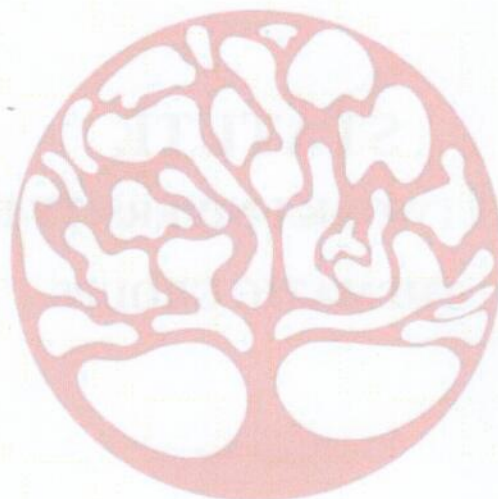
**STATUTE
FOR THE BRICS NETWORK UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL
THEMATIC GROUPS**

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1. Purpose and scope

This Statute defines purpose, tasks, functions, procedures and activities of the International Thematic Groups of the BRICS Network University

2. Normative references

This Statute is developed in accordance with the *Memorandum of Understanding on Establishment of the BRICS Network University* adopted by the Ministers of Education of the BRICS countries on November 18th, 2015.

3. Abbreviations

The abbreviations used in the text are listed below.

№	Abbreviations	Full title
1	BRICS NU	BRICS Network University
2	NCC	National Coordinating Committee
3	IGB	International Governing Board
4	ITG	International Thematic Group
5	BRICS NU MOU	<i>Memorandum of Understanding on Establishment of the BRICS Network University</i> signed by the Ministers of Education of the BRICS countries on November 18 th , 2015

4. Overall aim and functions of the ITG

International Thematic Groups of the BRICS Network University are established in accordance with Articles 5, 9 and 12 of the BRICS NU MOU and are the bodies, coordinating activities of the participants in the framework of the individual knowledge field priorities. According to the Article 6 of the BRICS NU MOU, on the establishment of the BRICS NU, the ITGs are created in the following six knowledge priority fields: energy, computer science and information security, BRICS studies, ecology and climate change, water resources and pollution treatment, and economics. The number and thematic focus of the ITGs can be changed in accordance with the changes in number and content of the knowledge field priorities as it is envisaged by the Article 6 of the BRICS NU MOU.

4.1. The overall aim of the ITG is coordinating collaboration of the BRICS NU university participants in education, research and innovation in the framework of the individual knowledge priority field, as defined in the Article 6 of the BRICS NU MOU.

4.2. The main functions of the BRICS NU ITG are:

- 4.2.1. Appraisal of the educational programmes proposed by the participants of the BRICS NU in a given knowledge field priority in order to be submitted for the approval of the IGB;
- 4.2.2. Elaboration of the common approaches towards the content and structures of the BRICS NU educational programmes as well as towards quality assurance and credit recognition by the participants of the BRICS NU in a given knowledge field priority;
- 4.2.3. Analysis of academic mobility among BRICS NU participants in a given knowledge field priority;
- 4.2.4. Consideration of the main challenges of the BRICS NU and elaboration of proposals to NCCs and IGB on the possible ways of addressing these issues;
- 4.2.5. Making proposals to the NCCs on the principles and mechanisms of student mobility among the BRICS NU university participants;
- 4.2.6. Consideration of other issues pertaining to the content and the forms of the educational, research and innovation collaboration of the BRICS NU university participants in a given knowledge field priority;
- 4.2.7. Formulation and submission of annual reports and plans of action to IGB meetings.

5. Membership of the ITG

- 5.1. The members of the BRICS NU ITG are representatives of the BRICS NU participants.
- 5.2. The BRICS NU NCCs or other national governing structures shall nominate the ITG members in accordance with the national guidelines, norms and regulations of each of the BRICS countries.
- 5.3. Each country shall nominate two members for each ITG.

5.4. If necessary, a participating university may have several attendees present at an ITG meeting, but only the nominated members may take decisions.

5.5. The ITG members are appointed for indefinite period of time until the relevant NCC or other national governing body makes clear request to withdraw or to change one or both of the ITG members. The requests in writing should be sent to the current Chair of the ITG.

6. Administration of the ITG

6.1. The activities of the International Thematic Group are managed by its Chair.

6.2. The ITG Chair is elected by the ITG members by consensus. The ITG Chair is elected for the term of two years. The appointed term may be extended only once for another consecutive term.

6.3. The ITG Chair is responsible for:

- convening and chairing meetings of the ITG;
- ensuring all materials and documents are prepared and distributed to all ITG members at least two weeks prior to the next ITG meeting;
- ensuring the preparation and distribution of the draft minutes of the ITG meetings, and preparing the ITG annual report and formulating the action plan.

7. Meetings of the ITG

7.1. The ITG shall meet at least twice a year. The Chair may convene additional meetings at the request of any BRICS NU participant, NCC or IGB.

7.2. All decisions must be taken by consensus of its members.

7.3. English shall be the working language of the ITG.

7.4. All decisions of the ITG are formalized by a protocol. The Chair of the ITG is responsible for creation of the protocol. The originals of all protocols and of the documents, discussed by the ITG members, must be kept for 5 years.

8. Documents and decisions

8.1. All decisions related of the ITGs must be taken by consensus.

8.2. The originals of documents and decisions shall be kept by the current ITG Chair, and authenticated copies shall be provided to all the ITG members.

9. Funding

The financial responsibility for the organization of the ITG meetings rests with the host country. The regular meetings are hosted by the BRICS NU participants respecting the principle of rotation. The expenses related to the participants' travel and accommodation rest with the participants themselves.

10. Introduction of Amendments

This Statute may be amended by a decision of the IGB.

APPROVED

At the IGB meeting on 2nd July 2017

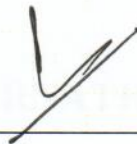
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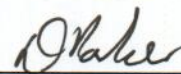
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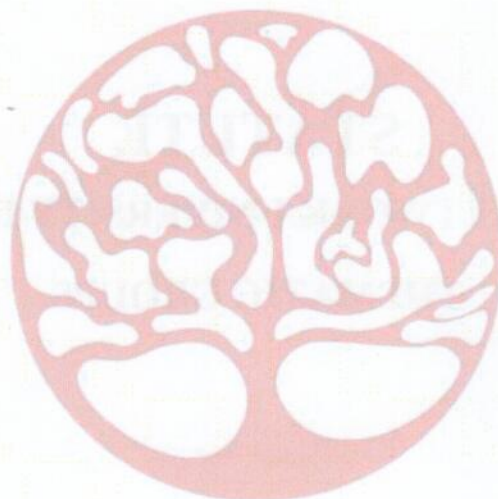


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