



Seminar on BRICS Trade, Investment and Finance Cooperation

The achievements of BRICS since the first Leaders Summit held in Yekaterinburg have been significant. With the Delhi Declaration, the mandate has evolved from coordinating positions and sharing ideas on formulating a response to the global financial crisis to one which encompasses a much broader spectrum of themes with specific implementable goals. The ORF-CUTS Seminar will seek to answer some of the technical questions related to such recent developments on trade, investment and finance in order to provide policy inputs for BRICS members around operational frameworks.

13.50-14.00: Registration

14.00-14.10: Welcome Remarks

Sunjoy Joshi, Director, ORF

Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International

14.10-14.20: Opening Remarks by Chair

G.K. Pillai, Chair, RKM Fellowship, ORF & Distinguished Fellow CUTS International

14:20 -14:40: Address: *"A Long Term Vision for BRICS"*

Dinesh Bhatia, Joint Secretary (MER), Ministry of External Affairs

14.40-15.00: Address: *"Intra-BRICS Commerce – Prospects and Challenges"*

Amar Sinha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce

15:00-15:20: Address: *"BRICS Development Bank -The Way Ahead"*

Usha Titus, Director, Ministry of Finance

15:20-15:40: Address: *"Commodity Trade and Market Integration"*

Bandi Ram Prasad, Financial Technologies Knowledge Management Co. Ltd, Financial Technologies Group (MCX)

15:40-16:55: Comments and Discussion

16.55-17:00: Wrap Up remarks by Chair

17:00-17:05: Vote of Thanks

HHS Viswanathan, Distinguished Fellow, ORF

17.05: High Tea