

KAZAN Declaration

of

BRICS Ministers for Disaster Management

WE, the Ministers for Disaster Management of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Republic of India, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of South Africa, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia met on 10 July 2024 at the 5th Meeting of the BRICS Ministers for Disaster Management under the theme of “*Actual situation and prospects for the development of practical cooperation*”.

RECALLING the Ufa Declaration signed at the 7th BRICS Summit on 9th July 2015, the Xiamen Declaration of the 9th BRICS Summit on 4th September 2017, the Johannesburg Declaration of the 10th BRICS Summit on 25th July 2018, the Moscow Declaration of the 12th BRICS Summit on 17th November 2020, the New Delhi Declaration of the 13th BRICS Summit on 9th September 2021 and the Beijing Declaration of the 14th BRICS Summit on 23rd June 2022, and the second Johannesburg Declaration of the 15th BRICS Summit which highlighted the importance of continuously conducting exchange, dialogue and cooperation in the field of disaster management and resilience, and emphasized the need to mutually enhance comprehensive disaster risk reduction capacity and mitigate disaster risks; reaffirming the commitments of the St. Petersburg Declaration, the Udaipur Declaration, the Beijing Declaration and the eThekweni Declaration issued during the previous Meetings of the BRICS Ministers for Disaster Management;

ACKNOWLEDGING the continuous impact of extreme climate change, the frequent occurrence of hazardous events caused by natural disasters and the long-term consequences of COVID-19 pandemic, recognizes the growing needs for BRICS countries to strengthen communication, solidarity and coordination, so as to improve disaster prevention and management capabilities, respond to disaster risk challenges and ensure sustainable economic and social development through climate and disaster resilient infrastructure;

EMPHASIZING the commitments towards the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UAE Consensus, the Paris Agreement and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the shared vision to play a proactive and responsible role in regional and global disaster governance;

RECOGNIZING the series of outcomes achieved during the 6th Meeting of BRICS Joint Task Force on Disaster Management;

DO hereby commit to:

1. Continuing to improve our national disaster risk reduction systems and capacities, so as to reduce disaster-related damage, and protect infrastructure, human lives and livelihoods;
2. Promoting exchange and collaboration on national strategic policies, regulations and standards in the field of disaster risk prevention and mitigation, so as to develop strategic cooperation;
3. Strengthening exchange and cooperation among BRICS disaster management agencies and improving disaster management capacities of professionals, through activities such as high-level visits and practice-oriented events which should include experience sharing among management, technical staff and experts, and enhancing experience exchange in disaster risk reduction capacity building at grass-roots level;
4. Working together to consider drawing up standard operations procedures for the exchange of information between the on-duty services of the crisis management centers (emergency command centers) of the BRICS countries;
5. Strengthening the development of systems for monitoring of natural hazards, forecasting natural disasters, possible consequences, including the use of remote Earth sensing data;
6. Promoting the development of information and early warning systems for natural disasters;
7. Continuing to support and promote developing of national search and rescue teams in the context of compliance with international standards, including the experience of international response;
8. Recognizing that investing in resilient, sustainable, inclusive, and quality infrastructure systems and services is essential to reduce disaster risk and protect development gains.
9. Working together to play more proactive role in global disaster governance and supporting the central role of the United Nations in international cooperation on disaster risk reduction, and continuing to promote the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UAE Consensus, the Paris Agreement and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals;
10. Continuing to support and promote exchange and cooperation with other countries and relevant international organizations in disaster management on the basis of full consultation and consensus.

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