International conference
«National strategies and common agenda for the post-COVID 19 recovery in BRICS countries: a way to resilient and sustainable future»

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<td><strong>Opening remarks</strong>&lt;br&gt;Dr. Elena Lenchuk, Director of the Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences&lt;br&gt;Dr. Victoria Panova, Acting Director of the Russian National Committee on BRICS Research; Vice-President for International Relations, Far Eastern Federal University&lt;br&gt;H.E. Mr. Pavel Knyazev, Ambassador-at-large, Russian Sous-Sherpa in BRICS&lt;br&gt;Dr. Natalya Stapran, Director of the Multilateral Economic Cooperation and Special Projects Department, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation</td>
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<td>1.30 – 1.40 pm</td>
<td><strong>Keynote speech</strong>&lt;br&gt;Amb. HHS Viswanathan, Distinguished Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF)&lt;br&gt;“Indian Presidency in BRICS in 2021”</td>
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<td>1.40 – 3 pm</td>
<td><strong>Session» National strategies and common agenda for the post-COVID 19 recovery in BRICS countries: a way to resilient and sustainable future»</strong>&lt;br&gt;Moderator: Dr. Irina Korgun, Acting Head of the Asian strategy center, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences&lt;br&gt;Speakers:&lt;br&gt;1) Dr. Mikhail Golovnin, First Deputy Director of the Institute of Economics, Associate Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences&lt;br&gt;2) Dr. André de Melo e Souza, Senior Researcher at the Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA)</td>
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### Questions for discussion:

- The BRICS countries have three billion people and thus, share an immense responsibility for health and livelihood of a large part of the world population. Responses of BRICS governments will influence the shape of global recovery. How do you see a role of BRICS in the post-Covid19 world economy? Will BRICS emerge stronger as a result of the pandemic?

- We should recognize shortages of resources to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in all countries both developed and developing. Moreover, new global threats will continue to emerge and create risks for the BRICS economies. Some of these challenges will require coordinated multilateral responses. How could the BRICS agenda be transformed in order to provide a rapid coordinated response to future crises be it health, economic or any other kind of unforeseen event?

- BRICS countries usually discuss common areas in their approaches to issues in international politics, particularly in international financial architecture, trade and investments. But we should also recognize that BRICS countries vary tremendously in their policy choices for adjusting to global
changes. Ongoing technological transformation represent one of such change. In the era of a rapid technological shift, what will BRICS do to adjust their development strategies to new realities? And could those policy choices diverge?

— Consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic may lead to new rules regulating various spheres of everyday life that will affect millions of people. Can BRICS countries forge common standards in such areas of day-to-day life as post-covid travel, people-to-people contacts as well as others?

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