



## 5th BRICS Trade and Economic Research Network (TERN) Meeting

# The Impact of Mega Agreements on BRICS





## **BRICS – TERN V MEETING**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – FGV Headquarters  
Praia de Botafogo 190 – Rio de Janeiro**

### **PROGRAM**

#### **9:00 – 9:30 – Opening Session**

Amb. Luiz Felipe de Seixas Corrêa  
Prof. Renato Flôres (FGV Rio de Janeiro)  
Carlos Abijaodi (Director, CNI)

#### **9:30 – 10:30 – Mega-Agreements: regulatory and economic impacts on BRICS**

Vera Thorstensen and Lucas Ferraz (FGV São Paulo)  
Discussants: Diego Bonomo (CNI) and Adriana Dantas (BM&A)

#### **10:30 – 11:00 – Coffee Break**

#### **11:00 – 12:00 – Impacts of Mega-Agreements on India**

Archana Jatkar (CUTS International)  
Discussants: Paulo Ferracioli (FGV)

#### **12:00 – 13:00 – Impacts of Mega-Agreements on China**

Gong Baihua and HaiRong Luo (Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Center)  
Discussants: Sandra Rios (CINDES)

#### **14:30 – 15:30 – Impacts of Mega-Agreements on Russia**

Natalia Turdyeva (Center for Economic and Financial Research – CEFIR)  
Discussants: Lia Vals (FGV)

#### **15:30 – 16:30 – Impacts of Mega-Agreements on South Africa**

Catherine Grant (South African Institute of International Affairs – SAIIA)  
Discussants: Flavio Carneiro (IPEA)

#### **16:30 – 17:00 – Coffee Break**

#### **17:00 – 17:30 – The Future of the BRICS**

Minister Flávio Damico - Department of Inter-Regional Mechanisms  
Ministry of External Affairs, Brazil

#### **17:30 – 18:00 – Conclusion**

Vera Thorstensen – FGV São Paulo



## **SPEAKERS**

### **Luiz Felipe de Seixas Corrêa**



Mr. Luiz Felipe de Seixas Corrêa was the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the World Trade Organization and to the United Nations in Geneva. He has been a diplomat for Brazil since 1967 and was appointed twice to the post of Secretary-General (Deputy-Minister) of the Ministry of External Relations (1992 and 1999/2001). Throughout his career, he took part in many international conferences under the aegis of the United Nations and of the Mercosul.

### **Archana Jatkar**

Ms. Archana Jatkar joined the CUTS International in 2007, and is currently the Coordinator and Deputy Head of CUTS Center for Trade, Economics and Environment (CUTS CITEE). She has been leading and coordinating activities in three core areas of international trade (WTO Issues), Regional Economic Cooperation and Trade and Development issues. Furthermore, she has been conducting policy analysis and research in the area of international trade covering various WTO Agreements, particularly on political economy of trading system, The Doha Round/Bali decisions at the WTO, Standards & Technical Regulation.



### **Baihua Gong**



Mr. Baihua Gong is a Professor of International Law, Law School at Fudan University, Shanghai, and Associate Dean of Shanghai Advanced Institute for Lawyers. He is also the Associate President of Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Center Education. He is a specialist in international public law, international trade law, international finance law, and international commercial contracts.



### **Catherine Grant Makokera**

Ms. Grant Makokera is currently the Programme Head Economic Diplomacy at the South African Institute of International Affairs, being responsible for managing a research and networking programme on trade, investment, global economic governance and regional integration. She was a diplomat for New Zealand for over 10 years. She has participated in United Nations and World Trade Organization negotiations. She also held the position of Executive Director: Trade Policy at Business Unity South Africa (BUSA).



### **Lucas Ferraz**



Lucas Ferraz is a Professor at São Paulo School of Economics at the Fundação Getulio Vargas since 2006, and Head of Economic Modelling at the Center for Global Trade and Investment (CGTI). He is an expert in Computable General Equilibrium Models for International trade. His research areas include the formation of Regional trade Agreements, Global Value Chains and non-tariff barriers to trade.

### **Natalia Turdyeva**

Ms. Natalia Turdyeva is a senior economist at the CEFIR (Center for Economic and Financial Research), at New Economic School, and a lecturer and teacher at the Higher School of Economics at the State University of Moscow for over 10 years. She's an expert in international trade and economics field, public policy, energy and environmental economics, as well as computable general equilibrium models.



### **Vera Thorstensen**



Vera Thorstensen is a Professor at São Paulo School of Economics at Fundação Getulio Vargas and the Coordinator of Center for Global Trade and Investment (CGTI). She was the economic consultant at Brazil's Mission at the WTO from 1995/2010. She was the editor of Letter from Geneva publication from the Brazilian Mission (2001/08), and President of Rule of Origin Committee at WTO (2004/10).