



# Meeting of BRICS Economic Research Group

Organised by



**National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi**

**Date: Monday, 27 February, 2012**

**Venue: Mumtaz Hall, Hotel Taj Palace, Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi  
(Tentative program)**

## **Session 1: Inaugural Session**

9:00-9:25 a.m. Registration

9:25-9:35 a.m. Welcome Remarks:

**Dr. M. Govinda Rao**, Director, National Institute of Public Finance & Policy

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

9:35-10:00a.m. **Plenary Address:**

**Dr. Kaushik Basu**, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance

## **Session 2: Coping with the Vagaries of Capital Flows; Garnering Global Savings to Finance Infrastructure in Emerging Countries**

Chair: Dr. Roberto Zaghera, Country Director, The World Bank, India

10:00-11:15 a.m. Opening Remarks by Experts from Member Countries

11:15-11:30 a.m. Q and A; Concluding Remarks by the Chairman

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Prof. Li Xuesong	Institute of Quantitative and Technical Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China
Dr. Leane C. Naidin	BRICS Policy Centre, Brazil
Dr. Alexander Apokin	Centre for Macroeconomic Analysis and Short-Term Forecasting, Moscow
RBI	Reserve Bank of India
Prof. Ajay Shah (TBC)	NIPFP, India

11:30-11.45 a.m. **Coffee Break**

## **Session 3: Coordination among BRICS Central Banks for Monetary Policy**

Chair- Dr. Y.V.Reddy, Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India

11:45-1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks by Experts from Member Countries

1:00-1:15 p.m. Q and A; Concluding Remarks by the Chairman

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Sanjaya Panth	Senior Resident Representative, IMF, India office
RBI	Reserve Bank of India
Dr. Abheek Barua	Chief Economist, HDFC Bank, India
Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla	Chairman, Oxus Investments
Dr. Ulrich Bartsch	Senior Economist, The World Bank

1:15-2:00 p.m.           **Lunch**

**Session 4: Recovery and Economic Prospects in Developed Countries; Impact and Risks that BRICS might face, and the Co-ordination to mitigate this Risk**

Chair- Ambassador Shyam Saran (TBC), Chairman, RIS

2:00-3:15 p.m.           Opening Remarks by Experts from Member Countries

3:15-3:30 p.m.           Q and A; Concluding Remarks by the Chairman

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Prof. Wang Tongshan	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, (CASS), China
Prof. Eustaquio Reis	Directorate of Macroeconomic Studies, Instituto de Pesquisa Economica Aplicada(IPEA), Brazil
Prof. Shankar N. Acharya	Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), India
Prof. Song Hong	Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China

3:30-3:45 p.m.           **Tea Break**

**Session 5: Economic Editors’ session on “BRICS nations: Challenges and the way forward”**

Chair- Sudipto Mundle, Emeritus Professor, NIPFP

3.45-5:00 p.m.           Economic Editors panel discussion

5:00-5:15 p.m.           Q &A and concluding remarks

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Mr Swaminathan A Aiyar	Economic Times, India
Mr. M K Venu	Financial Express, India
Dr. Zhang Yitian	Chief Editor, People’s Daily, China
Mr. Sergio Lamucci	Senior Reporter, Valor Economica, Brazil

5:15-5:30 p.m. Vote of Thanks/Valedictory

**Dr. M. Govinda Rao**, Director, National Institute of Public Finance & Policy

**Mr. Sudhir Vyas**, Secretary (MER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.