



The BRICS Business Council was established during the fifth BRICS Summit held on March 2013 in Durban, South Africa. The objective of creating the council was to constitute a platform which will:

- Promote and strengthen business, trade, and investment ties amongst the business communities of the five BRICS countries;
- Ensure that there is regular dialogue between the business communities of the BRICS nations and the Governments of the BRICS countries; and
- Identify problems and bottlenecks to ensure greater economic, trade and investment ties amongst the BRICS countries and recommend solutions accordingly.

6 Working Groups were initially established namely:

- Agribusiness
- Energy and Green economy
- Financial Services
- Manufacturing
- Infrastructure
- Skills Development

A 7th Working Group, the Aviation working Group was established on Brazil's initiative in September 2017.

The main objectives of the Working Groups are to facilitate interaction amongst businesses with a view to better understand the market opportunities, to build synergies based on their respective competitive strength and to promote manufacturing and job creation. These Working Groups are where investment, trade collaboration and opportunities are established and encouraged to create opportunity and growth amongst the BRICS nations and the Governments of the BRICS countries.

Although the Aviation Working Group is new and in the process to fully establish itself, it holds huge promise as it will cut across the complete aviation value chain i.e. design, manufacture, MRO, operators, regulators etc.

Embraer Commercial Aviation company CEO Paulo Cesar said on the sidelines of the September 2017 BRICS Business Forum that Brazil was ready to be involved in developing the internal aviation working group, as it was crucial for BRICS nations.

President of the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Sergey Katyrin commented: "..... we have established a working group on internal aviation, as this is a crucial issue for all BRICS nations, all the five countries are large, with a poor transport infrastructure... I think this group is also promising,"

With South Africa taking over the Chairmanship of BRICS in 2018 and with it the Chairmanship responsibilities of the various Working Groups, CAMASA will actively participate, promote its offerings and foster new partnerships in the Aviation Working Group.



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