



## BASIC Meeting on Climate Change

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The BASIC countries held their **28<sup>th</sup> ministerial meeting** on Climate Change from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019 in Sao Paulo, **Brazil**.

- The countries expressed their concern about climate change and its adverse effects, and reaffirmed their commitment to the successful implementation of the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**, its Kyoto Protocol and its Paris Agreement, in accordance with the principles of Equity and **Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC)**, in the light of different national circumstances.
- The Ministers stated the importance of responsible, comprehensive, urgent and ambitious actions against climate change, including in the urban environment.
- The group noted with concern the **trend of developing countries being denied their right to support in different fora, including the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF)**. It stressed in this regard that climate finance should not be a vehicle for increasing the indebtedness of developing countries.
- The BASIC Ministers **urged developed countries** to fulfill their climate finance commitments of **mobilizing USD 100 billion annually by 2020** for developing countries in a transparent manner and on a grant basis.
- The Ministerial meeting was held in the **run-up to the UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP-25) meet to be held in Chile** from 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019.

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- The BASIC group was formed as the result of an agreement signed by the four countries (**Brazil, South Africa, India and China**) on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.  
The signatory nations committed to acting together at the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference, commonly known as the Copenhagen Summit, scheduled in Copenhagen, Denmark from December 7-18 of that year.

- BASIC is **one of several groups** of nations working together to fight climate change and **carry out negotiations within the UNFCCC**.  
Other than BASIC, there are the **Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)**, the group of countries of Central Asia, Caucasus, Albania and Moldova (CACAM), etc.
- Brazil, South Africa, India and China put together has one-third of the world's geographical area and nearly 40% of the world's population.
- **China will host the next meeting** of the BASIC Ministers. The **27<sup>th</sup> BASIC Ministerial Meeting** on Climate Change was held on 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 in New Delhi, India.

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