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Cordially invite you to a four part dialogue series on

## **The BRICS in an Age of Multipolarity: Sustaining Strategic Partnerships under Difficult Economic Conditions**

Following the BRICS Summit in Goa, India, which took place in October 2016, this four part multi-stakeholder dialogue series interrogates the contemporary challenges and opportunities faced by the BRICS countries as they seek to expand their relations under difficult economic conditions. Many policy decisions emanating from individual BRICS member states as well as declarations from the annual BRICS summits have a bearing on South Africa's domestic and foreign policies and must therefore constitute an important part of an informed public dialogue.

Through this dialogue series, the Institute for Global Dialogue and the South African BRICS Think Tank seek to contribute to an informed public dialogue on some of the most important developments within and amongst the BRICS countries. The dialogue series will serve as the interface between dialogue, debate and informed policy-making, which in turn will serve the bigger purpose of understanding South Africa's position in an ever-changing world and its relations with external partners.

The themes that will be explored include '*The BRICS & IBSA: An Uneasy Co-existence?*' on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, '*South Africa's Trade Relations with the United States and the BRICS*' on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, '*South African Higher Education through the lenses of the Global South & BRICS*' on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, and '*Enabling or Hindering the Quest for Global Justice? The BRICS in an Age of Multipolarity*' on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. Invitations and programmes to the individual dialogues will follow shortly.

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