**CONCLUSIONS**

**1-st Meeting of BRICS**

**Working Group on Research Infrastructures and Mega-Science projects**

**Date:** 15-16 May 2017

**Place:** The Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), Dubna (Russia)

**Representatives of the WG and participants:**

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India

1. Abhishek Vaish – Science and Technology Counsellor, Indian Embassy in Russia

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**General information**

The 1st Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Research Infrastructure and Mega-Science Projects (hereinafter – 1st Meeting of the WG) was held in Dubna (Moscow Region) on 15-16 May 2017. Representatives of the five member countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) were present. The Meeting was hosted by Russia and co-chaired by China.

As the host Russia welcomed the delegates from BRICS countries.

**Agenda of the 1st Meeting of the WG:**

1. National BRICS countries policy on global research infrastructure and development of the BRICS Global Research Advanced Infrastructure Network (hereinafter - BRICS GRAIN);
2. Terms of Reference (hereinafter – ToR) of the WG;
3. Country presentations on national infrastructures;
4. Discussion on accessibility of BRICS research infrastructure;
5. Round table discussion;
6. Approval of the Conclusions of the 1st Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Research Infrastructure and Mega-Science Projects.

**Issues discussed:**

1. The 1st Meeting of the WG presented BRICS national policies on global research infrastructure and the views on the development of the BRICS GRAIN;
2. Terms of Reference with defined background, goals and tasks, function, memberships, mode of operation and reporting mechanism for the WG;
3. Country presentations on national infrastructures;
4. The 1st Meeting of the WG discussed the issue of accessibility of BRICS global research infrastructures;
5. The next 2nd WG Meeting date and venue.

**Actions to be taken:**

1. The 1st Meeting of the WG agreed that amendments, comments and additions to the Draft ToR will be submitted within 3 weeks and proposed the deadline for final approval of the ToR should be the end of June 2017;
2. Each member country to nominate a national Focal Point from government officials and nominate experts as well as representative(s) from designated research institutions to facilitate communication between the members of the WG before the end of June 2017;
3. For the benefit of creating BRICS competitive and open infrastructure environment each member country should define the primary table of national research infrastructures to be included in the List of Research Infrastructures by 1 September 2017;
4. Approve the List of Research Infrastructures at the 2nd Meeting of the WG;
5. Agreed on the need to develop a set of guidelines to facilitate access to large-scale infrastructure and Mega-Science projects for the BRICS;
6. Identify potential areas or projects for cooperation within the framework of BRICS GRAIN at the 2nd Meeting of the WG;
7. Enhance communication and cooperation with working groups of thematic areas, thus identify potential areas or projects from BRICS GRAIN;
8. Propose to the 3rd Meeting of the BRICS Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) Funding WG to include “fundamental research at large-scale infrastructure” and “creation of full-cycle projects based on large-scale infrastructure” in the list of priority areas of the 2nd coordinated call under the BRICS STI Framework Programme (29-31 May 2017);
9. The 1st Meeting of the WG agreed on the following Road Map steps for the development of the BRICS GRAIN:
* development of common standards/descriptors of defined research infrastructures for open public announcement;
* establishment of unique web portal for on-line request and access to defined research infrastructures within BRICS;
* establishment of a research mobility instrument to allow quick and easy access to research infrastructures within BRICS;
* development of a framework on intellectual property rights for joint R&D within BRICS GRAIN;
* identification of research infrastructure projects that may be submitted to the New Development Bank based upon expert evaluation and demand rating.
1. The 1st Meeting of the WG recognized the importance of cooperation with international organizations and institutes (GSO, ESFRI, GSF etc.);
2. The 1st Meeting of the WG recognized the importance of the relationship between Mega-Science projects and innovation and its significance for transferring scientific knowledge to the society;
3. The results of the 1st Meeting of the WG are to be reported at the STI Senior Officials Meeting on 17 July 2017 in Hangzhou (China) and included in the Ministerial Declaration;
4. Date and Venue of the 2nd WG Meeting: 1st quarter of 2018, Brazil.

Present Conclusions discussed and approved by the 1st Meeting of the WG.

The representatives of the five BRICS countries expressed their gratitude to the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) for kindly hosting the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Research Infrastructure and Mega-Science Projects and thanked JINR for organizing an extensive visit to its large-scale infrastructure, including NICA mega-science project, Cyclotron complex, Research reactor IBR-II.