

The Global Business Leaders Forum & the BRICA Summit

The Global Business Leaders Forum & the Belt and Road Industrial and Commercial Alliance (BRICA) Summit are multilateral cooperation conferences held on an irregular basis, with the participation of BRICA member states. The summit is committed to leveraging the bridging role played by industrial and commercial associations in high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and international economic and trade cooperation, as well as establishing a high-level platform for the global business community to facilitate trade, investment and industrial collaboration.

As Belt and Road cooperation enters a new stage of high-quality development, Chinese enterprises are accelerating their international operations and expanding their overseas asset deployment, while Global South countries show growing demand for cooperation in industrialization, the digital economy, and the green and low-carbon transition. As a multilateral dialogue mechanism covering industrial and commercial associations from 30 countries and regions across Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas, the BRICA Summit provides unique platform advantages in facilitating business matchmaking between Chinese and international enterprises, prompting cross-border industrial chain collaboration and expanding cooperation channels in key regions.

Formerly known as “the ‘Belt and Road’ Business Leaders Summit”, the conference was officially renamed “the Global Business Leaders Forum” in 2026, with the aim of further enhancing the role of the global

business community as a bridge in international economic exchanges and industrial cooperation.

After the BRICA Founding Ceremony in Beijing in 2016, the BRICA Cairo Summit and BRICA Istanbul Summit were held successively in Egypt and Turkey in 2017 and 2018. In 2018, the first “Belt and Road” Business Leaders Summit was co-hosted by CFIE, BRICA, National Development and Reform Commission of China, the Ministry of Commerce of China, and the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce. In 2022, “Belt and Road” Business Leaders Forum & BRICA Harbin Summit was held.

All the previous host countries (regions) have attached great importance to the BRICA Summit. Some of the high-level speakers and guests include the former Speaker of the Italian Parliament; the Minister of Planning of Egypt; the Secretary General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA); the Ministers of Finance, Transport and Infrastructure, and Trade of Turkey; the former Minister of Defense of Germany; the Governor of Heilongjiang Province of China; the member of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, the Deputy Director of the Economic Committee, and the former Deputy Director of the National Development and Reform Commission of China, attended the summit and delivered speeches.

The BRICA Cairo Summit, BRICA Istanbul Summit and 2018 “Belt and Road” Business Leaders Summit attracted over 2,000 offline

delegates including dignitaries, international organizations, transnational corporations and industry associations representatives from more than 30 countries and regions. The 2022 “Belt and Road” Business Leaders Forum & BRICA Harbin Summit (online) received 4.15 million views across the network.

With the active and extensive participation from BRICA members and industrial and commercial associations at home and abroad, the BRICA Summit has established an exchange platform for the industrial and commercial communities of all countries to promote the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative, as well as advance global trade, investment and industrial cooperation.

In November 2026, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of BRICA, the Global Business Leaders Forum & the BRICA Cairo Summit will be held in Cairo, Egypt. Focusing on key cooperation areas such as green and low-carbon development, the digital economy and infrastructure construction, the conference aims to deepen economic, trade, investment, and industrial collaboration among BRICA members, and build a practical platform for Chinese and foreign enterprises to expand international cooperation.