

BRICS Nations in Focus: Recent Summits, Naval Drills, and Cultural Exchange

BRICS · Answer Key · 16 Questions

1. The 16th BRICS Summit, held in October 2024, was hosted in which Russian city, marking the first summit with the expanded membership including Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates?

- A) Saint Petersburg
- B) Moscow
- C) Kazan**
- D) Sochi

2. In January 2026, naval drills named 'Will for Peace 2026' were conducted near South Africa's coast. Which of the following founding BRICS member nations, besides South Africa, notably did NOT participate in these specific drills?

- A) Russia
- B) China
- C) India**
- D) Iran

3. During the 2024 BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, a new payment system was introduced to facilitate transactions between central banks of partner nations. What is this system named?

- A) BRICS Pay**
- B) UnionPay International
- C) SWIFT Plus
- D) Global Settlement Network

4. In May 2026, Egypt is set to host the first BRICS International Student Film Festival. Under what motto will this festival be held?

- A) "Cinematic Visions for a New Era"
- B) "Towards a New Professional Cinema within the BRICS Nations"**
- C) "Global Youth Cinema Showcase"
- D) "Connecting Cultures Through Film"

5. Which BRICS nation is scheduled to host the 17th BRICS Leaders Summit in July 2025, with the theme 'Strengthening Global South Cooperation and Promoting a More Inclusive and Sustainable Global Governance'?

- A) India
- B) Brazil**
- C) China
- D) South Africa

6. In June 2025, BRICS Health Ministers convened in Brasília and adopted a declaration that included a recommendation to establish a Partnership for the Elimination of Socially Determined Diseases. Which country's presidency is this initiative particularly linked to?

- A) South Africa
- B) India
- C) Brazil**
- D) Russia

7. The 'Will for Peace 2026' naval exercises, held near South Africa in January 2026, involved warships from several BRICS+ countries. Which of these countries sent corvettes for the exercise?

- A) China and Iran
- B) Russia and the United Arab Emirates**
- C) South Africa and China
- D) Iran and Russia

8. As part of India's BRICS Presidency in 2026, a key proposal for the health agenda is the 'BRICS Mission for Healthy Lifestyles'. What is a primary focus of this mission?

- A) Combating infectious diseases
- B) Addressing major risk factors like unhealthy diets and physical inactivity**
- C) Expanding access to mental health services
- D) Promoting traditional medicine

9. In December 2025, the first Forum of the BRICS Law Schools Consortium was hosted by which university?

- A) University of São Paulo, Brazil
- B) National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia**
- C) Peking University, China
- D) University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

10. The 2024 BRICS Summit in Kazan adopted the 'Kazan Declaration'. What significant foreign policy stance did this declaration express regarding the situation in Palestine?

- A) Condemnation of all cross-border hostilities
- B) Support for a two-state solution and the establishment of a Palestinian state within 1967 borders**
- C) Advocacy for immediate UN intervention
- D) Call for direct negotiations between the involved parties

11. Which BRICS country is developing a domestic analogue of Starlink, planning serial deployment of the 'Rassvet' low-orbit satellite constellation by the end of 2025?

- A) India
- B) China
- C) Brazil
- D) Russia**

12. Brazil announced it will host the BRICS Film Festival in the second half of 2025. What is a key objective of this festival?

- A) To award the best documentary films
- B) To showcase national film productions and promote cultural exchange**
- C) To compete for the 'Golden Bua' award
- D) To facilitate co-production deals between Hollywood and BRICS filmmakers

13. The BRICS Environment Ministers adopted a statement in April 2025 outlining priorities for COP30. A key focus was on updating Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and accelerating climate finance. Which of the following BRICS countries had, as of that statement, updated their NDCs?

- A) Only China
- B) Only India
- C) Brazil and the United Arab Emirates**
- D) None of the BRICS countries

14. During the 2024 BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, BRICS leaders endorsed the creation of a new status for other countries to engage with the bloc. What is this status called?

- A) BRICS Associate Member
- B) BRICS Partner Country**
- C) BRICS Dialogue Partner
- D) BRICS Extended Member

15. In May 2025, BRICS ministers advanced cultural alliances as a pillar of sustainable development. Which of the following was NOT a highlighted area of focus for cultural cooperation in their joint declaration?

- A) Repatriation of cultural assets
- B) Creative economies
- C) Cultural efforts in response to the climate crisis
- D) Joint space exploration missions**

16. The BRICS Health Ministers' Declaration of June 2025, under Brazil's chairship, recognized TB as a critical global health challenge. Which organization's Global Programme on Tuberculosis & Lung Health (GTB) was acknowledged for guiding the global effort to end TB?

A) The World Health Organization (WHO)

B) The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

C) UNICEF

D) The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation