

First Preparatory Meeting of BRICS Women's Working Group convened by Ministry of Women and Child Development

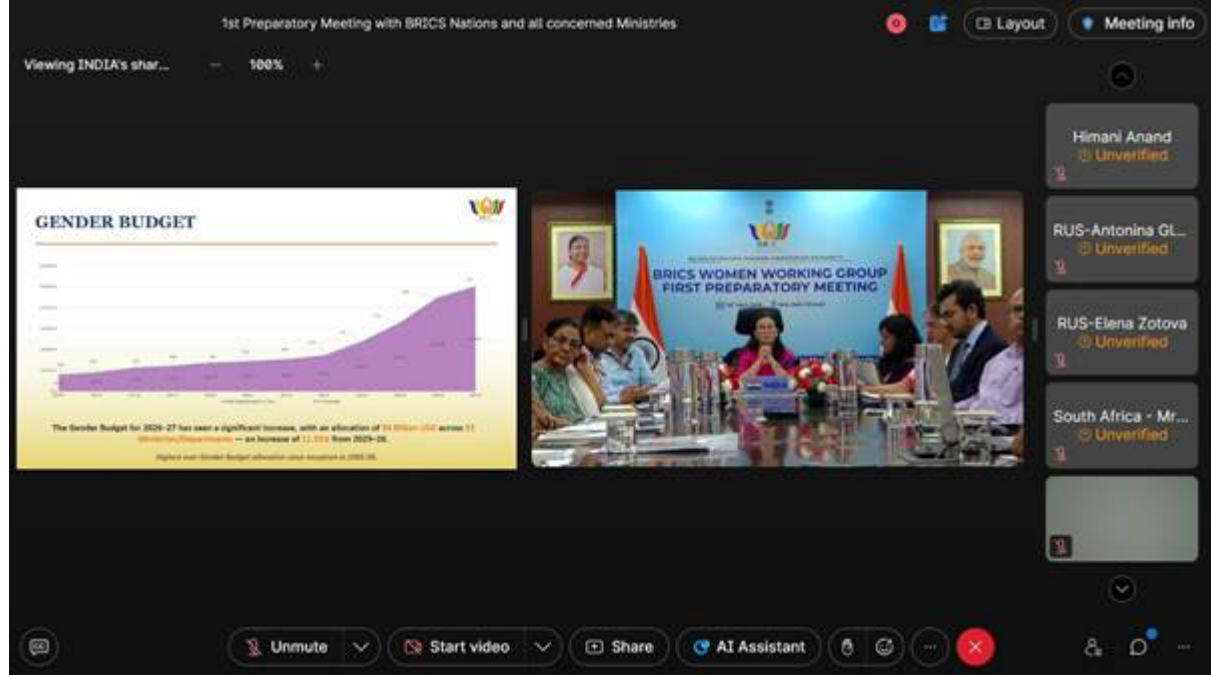
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The Ministry of Women and Child Development convened the first Preparatory Meeting of the BRICS Women's Working Group on 30th April ,2026 in virtual mode under India's BRICS Presidency.



The meeting was attended by representatives of BRICS member countries. The meeting was also attended by various Ministries and Departments of Government of India and knowledge partners including UN Women and Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).



Ms. Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, welcomed all delegates and set the tone for the discussions.

Guided by the theme of India's BRICS chairship: 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Sustainability,' the meeting had intensive discussions on key themes and common concerns of women globally, distilled into four priority areas. These include women in governance and leadership; financial and digital inclusion; women's entrepreneurship and skill development; and women's role in climate action, food security, and nutrition.



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BRICS member nations, in their interventions, congratulated India on its chairship, welcomed and supported the priority areas, imbibing the spirit of cooperation and learning.

The discussions will contribute towards key outcomes to be culminated in the BRICS Women Working Group Meeting (6–7 July 2026) and the BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting (8–9 July 2026) to be held in Kochi, Kerala.

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