



India to Host the Second BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting in Hyderabad under Its BRICS Presidency

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The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government of India, will host the Second Meeting of the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) and the Second Meeting of the BRICS Expert Network on Asset Recovery in Hyderabad, Telangana, on 4–5 August 2026, under India's BRICS Presidency 2026.

The meeting is being organized in line with the theme of India's BRICS Presidency, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."

The meeting will be inaugurated by Ms. Rachna Shah, Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training. The event is expected to witness participation from BRICS member countries, along with senior policymakers, experts, practitioners and representatives of anti-corruption and law enforcement agencies.

The Hyderabad meeting builds upon the outcomes of the First BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting, held virtually on 2–3 June 2026. BRICS members will deliberate on strengthening international cooperation for asset recovery, combating cross-border corruption, and enhancing transparency and accountability in governance.

The discussions will focus on advancing practical cooperation through:

- strengthening informal cooperation for tracing fugitive offenders sought in corruption cases and supporting extradition proceedings;
- enhancing information-sharing and operational cooperation through the BRICS Expert Network on Asset Recovery; and
- sharing experiences and good practices in preventing and combating corruption-related risks arising from FinTech, digital assets and emerging digital financial instruments.

A dedicated side event titled "Ethical Governance through Innovation and Tech-Driven Systems" will also be organized on 5 August 2026. The side event will provide a platform for BRICS members to exchange experiences on technology-enabled governance, including digital public procurement, citizen engagement, transparency, accountability and innovative approaches to strengthening integrity in public administration.

The Hyderabad meeting will reaffirm India's commitment to promoting practical cooperation among BRICS members through dialogue, exchange of experiences and collaborative initiatives. As the final Anti-Corruption Working Group meeting under India's BRICS Presidency, it is expected to consolidate the progress achieved during the year and lay the foundation for sustained cooperation among BRICS members in asset recovery, prevention of cross-border corruption, technology-enabled governance and institutional capacity-building.

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