

# **BRICS and Developing Countries Legal Experts Forum**

## **(IV<sup>th</sup> BRICS Legal Forum)**

### **III<sup>rd</sup> Coordination Committee Meeting**

#### **of the BRICS Law Institute**

Dear Colleagues,

**1.** Divergence and disparities between developing and developed countries are increasing not only in terms of differences in GDP per capita but also in terms of the level of the development of technologies, social institutions, cultural and other aspects. The above-mentioned trends increase the political tensions between countries and may give additional grounds for lack of mutual trust and political conflicts.

In these conditions, the role of law (at the national and international levels) is getting extremely important. However, law in such a difficult situation could be effective if we understand it as not just a system of legal sources (which could be an object of interpretation), but see it in dynamics.

Legal principles and legal doctrines should be widely discussed in the framework of the international legal community and civil society, among other professionals and experts. Expert community may do a lot in order to predict or resolve possible economic issues and political tensions.

Such kind of activity which we could define as legal diplomacy, in the wide sense, is important not just because of its possible useful effect, but also because it could help to identify the best legal practices and rules for solving the most urgent issues of modern international relations.

We believe that BRICS countries can do a lot for the development of international legal expert activity, legal diplomacy and for forming more stable, inclusive and predictable international law in general.

**2. BRICS and Developing Countries Legal Experts Forum** (in the framework of the 4<sup>th</sup> BRICS Legal Forum) will gather legal brains from BRICS countries and other regions of the world to discuss topics of common interest and to strengthen existing ties among BRICS legal professionals.

It will be held in Ekaterinburg – the venue which has become really symbolic for this event also due to its location on the border of Europe and Asia in the place where the **first BRICS Summit** took place on 16 June 2009.

The main topic of the Forum is «Harmonization of the economic interests of Developed and Developing Countries – the role of BRICS in the forming of the New Legal Order», it includes four general subtopics for discussions:

*(1) - WTO Law and Alternative Mechanisms for the Support of Sustainable Economic Development and Settlement of Economic Disputes in the Modern World;*

*(2) - Economic Integration of the States with Different Political Systems as an Instrument for Harmonizing Political Disparities and Prevention of Creditability Gap;*

*(3) - Legal Aspects of the Cooperation of BRICS Countries in the Sphere of Economy, Finance and Taxation: Prospects for the Elaboration of Multilateral International Conventions and for the Development of International Mechanisms of Dispute Settlement (e.g. BEPS Action Plan, Action 14 – 15);*

*(4) - Economic Integration of the States and the Legal Issues of the Economic Development of Business Clusters (Special Tax Zones).*

In addition, selected reporters and participants will focus on four expert projects:

- (1) - The New Development Bank (Bank of BRICS) and Its Role in the Forming of the New Legal Order;**
- (2) - Economic Integration of the States and the Legal Issues of the Economic Development of Business Clusters (Special Tax Zones);**
- (3) - Dispute Resolution in International Economic and Tax Law and Mediation;**
- (4) - “Soft” Law and “Hard” Law as Instruments for the Improving of the Global Legal Order.**

The Timetable of the event is the following:

**6 June 2017 – meetings of the Organizational Committee of the 11th Session of the Euro-Asian Law Congress;**

**7 June 2017 – arrival of the Experts; preparatory meeting of the Experts on BRICS law;**

**8 – 9 June 2017 – BRICS and Developing Countries Legal Experts Forum (IVth BRICS Legal Forum) and IIIrd Coordination Committee Meeting of the BRICS Law Institute;**

**10 (11) June 2017– Cultural program and departure of participants of the Congress.**

The place of the event: Parliament of Sverdlovsk Region (B. Yeltsin street, 10), Ekaterinburg, Russia.

**3. We are happy to invite you (and your colleagues), as a participant and reporter, to take part in the work of the **BRICS and Developing Countries Legal Experts Forum** in Ekaterinburg, Russia, 8 – 9 June 2017.**

Taking into account the Timetable of the event (attached), we could recommend the arrival not later than on **7 June 2017** and the departure not earlier than on **10 June 2017**.

The receiving party will provide participants with visa and other organizational support, transfer from and to the airport, getting about town, translation (when it is necessary).

We would appreciate if you inform us about your participation in the Forum as soon as possible sending your application by e-mail to the Executive Committee of the Forum ([bricslawinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:bricslawinstitute@gmail.com)) and to the Secretary of the Expert Committee (e-mail: [er-centre-finance@soeka.ru](mailto:er-centre-finance@soeka.ru); please, attach your (1) short CV, (2) the copy of the first page of your passport and (3) indicate your professional interests or a possible topic of your report).

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