

**Non-Paper by the Russian Federation on cooperation
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Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) and Peoples' Friendship University of Russia named after Patrice Lumumba (RUDN University), supported by the **Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation**, propose creation of a new international association in space research and education among BRICS and African countries – **BRICS and Africa Space Research and Education Association (BASREA)**. **RAS** – the main research organization of Russia, **RUDN University** – the leading university of Russia, the only university in the world that unites students from more than 170 countries.

The purpose of BASREA is to support international and national projects for peaceful uses of outer space by collaboration in advanced space technology and to educate new generation of specialists by joining efforts of leading BRICS and African countries' research institutions and universities.

BASREA instruments for achieving its purpose are based on bilateral and multilateral collaboration among BRICS and African stakeholders in space research projects and creation of joint research labs, exchanging of space education technologies between leading universities of the BASREA countries.

The BASREA proposal is based on the multi-years' experience of RAS and RUDN University in space research and education collaboration with leading research organizations and universities of BRICS and African countries:

University of Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), ZINGSA (Zimbabwe), University of Zimbabwe, NASRDA (Nigeria), Gregory University (Nigeria), Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China), ISRO (India), Symbiosis University (India), INPE (Brazil), University Federal of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Dar-es-Salam Institute of Technology (Tanzania), Durban University of Technology (South Africa), etc.

For several years the **SciTech Forum hosted by RAS and RUDN University in Moscow, Russia** annually in November-December is used as an expanding platform for space education, a place for research and discussion. The declaration of **5th SciTech Forum** dated November 2024 by participants of this Forum from BRICS and African countries expressed good will to create BASREA.

The **6th SciTech Forum on Space Engineering and Operations Support** on December 2-4, 2025, hosted by RAS and RUDN University (<https://space-forum.ru>), is planned as the meeting point for discussion and finalization the Memorandum for BASREA creation.

Representatives of BRICS and African research and education organizations, as well as governmental organizations, who have strong interest in participating in BASREA, are encouraged to take part (onsite or online) in the **special BASREA plenary session at 6th SciTech Forum** and to inform organizing committee about their intention to participate in advance, sending info to the following two contacts: dnkv@mid.ru, info@space-forum.ru.