



## Joint Press Release - IBSA Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Pretoria, June 04, 2018

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The External Affairs Minister of the Republic of India, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, The Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa, Ms. Lindiwe Sisulu and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Mr. Marcos Bezerra Abbott Galvão, met in Pretoria on 4th June, 2018 for the informal meeting of IBSA Foreign Ministers.

The Ministers exchanged views on furthering IBSA cooperation during the year.

The Ministers exchanged views on Development Cooperation and South-South Cooperation. On this occasion, they adopted and jointly released the IBSA Declaration on South-South Cooperation, to contribute to greater understanding of development cooperation as a common endeavor of the Global South.

The Ministers also considered proposed IBSA events planned for 2018-19 to mark the fifteenth-anniversary of IBSA. The Ministers agreed to host these events in all three countries as well as on the margins of multilateral events/ fora.

The Ministers further agreed to enhance IBSA cooperation at multilateral fora.

The Ministers agreed to continue to coordinate on South-South Cooperation, including through their multilateral Missions in the run up to BAPA+40 events.

South Africa and Brazil thanked India for organizing the meeting.

The Ministers also thanked Brazil for the offer to host the 9th IBSA Trilateral Ministerial Commission Meeting in New York on 28th September, 2018, on the margins of 73rd UNGA and looked forward to a successful meeting there.

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