



“Preparing To Apply For Membership” – Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Egypt Plan To Join BRICS

Description

ER Editor: This comes after Iran and Argentina had already applied to join. The non-Western world regroups to function optimally ...

Of note:

This **non-ideological** aspect has an essential strategic advantage: allowing rival nations to join the BRICS simultaneously, despite their conflicts of interests. The group makes it possible for **states with divergent interests to overcome their disagreements in favor of a greater common good**. This is precisely the case for China and India, for example – and it will also be the case for Iran and Saudi Arabia, if their applications are accepted.

It is necessary to note how the expansion promises to **increase the importance of the BRICS in international decision-making processes**. Currently, the group already houses **42% of the world’s population and holds 24% of the global gross product**. With the possible joining of new members, these numbers will also increase and consequently the group will become even more relevant. **Most of the world’s consumer middle classes will be within the BRICS or in some way integrated into it – considering the economic blocs of which the group’s members are part.**

In practice, this major economic relevance means **bargaining power** in the international scenario – which undoubtedly interests emerging states and contributes to the formation of a multipolar world order.

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BRICS is the acronym coined over two decades ago that is associated with five major emerging markets: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. **BRICS members account for over 40% of the global population and nearly a quarter of global GDP.** The expansion of BRICS could be imminent as **Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Egypt** are in discussions to join the group of emerging market economies.

“All these countries [Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Egypt] have shown their interest in joining [BRICS] and are preparing to apply for membership. I believe this is a good step, because expansion is always looked upon favorably, it will definitely bolster BRICS’ global influence,” BRICS International Forum President Purnima Anand told Russian newspaper [Izvestia](#).

Anand said that the group’s 14th summit last month in China held expansion talks. Adding Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Egypt could open up a new era for global development as they would boost multilateral cooperation and comes at a time when the US and its Western partners are rebelling against globalization.



In May, Chinese President Xi Jinping said BRICS members have to “reject Cold War mentality and bloc confrontation, and work together to build a global community of security for all.”

“I hope that these countries will join the BRICS quite shortly, as all the representatives of core members are interested in expansion. So it will come very soon,” Anand added.

None of the BRICS leaders have publicly condemned Russian President Putin for his invasion of Ukraine earlier this year.

Huang Yanzhong, a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations, recently told Al Jazeera that BRICS is a “kind of diplomatic counteroffensive by China to both the revival of NATO and the increase in Indo-Pacific mechanisms that are designed to keep its power in check.”

The announcement comes when President Biden is scheduled to meet with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MbS) without Saudi King Salman present. We correctly pointed out that Saudi Arabia's intention to join BRICS would be announced ahead of the Biden and MbS meeting.

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