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South Africa joined BRIC in 2010  and the result was BRICS. in 2013 it was South Africa’s turn to host the BRICS Summit and one of the key agenda items was the establishment of the BRICS Think Tank Council. South Africa immediately embraced the challenge and set in motion the process of establishing this important think tank. South Africa showed its immediate commitment to BRICS, among others,  by leading the process of preparing the principles upon which the BRICS long term  strategy was to be developed, which focused on five pillars: promoting cooperation for economic growth and development; political and economic governance;  social justice; sustainable development and quality of life; peace and security; and progress through sharing knowledge and innovation.