

**BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Framework Programme  
Coordinated Call for BRICS Multilateral Projects – Pilot Call 2016**

**National Annex:** Department of Science and Technology (DST), Republic of South Africa

The South African Department of Science and Technology (DST) allocated dedicated funds to the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa for applied research projects under the BRICS STI Framework Programme in the following designated thematic areas:

- Astronomy
- Biotechnology and biomedicine including human health and neuroscience
- Geospatial technology and its applications
- Information technologies and high performance computing
- Material science including nanotechnology
- New and renewable energy, and energy efficiency
- Ocean and polar science and technology
- Photonics
- Prevention and monitoring of natural disasters
- Water resources and pollution treatment

The DST through the NRF will fund a maximum of 4 joint projects under this Pilot Call, for a period of three years starting January 2017 and ending December 2019.

For a detailed outline of the guidelines and criteria governing this Pilot Call please refer to the NRF Annex attached hereto. These pertain mainly to questions on:

- Eligibility
- Funding procedures
- Evaluation of projects
- Reporting

This Pilot Call will close on 25 August 2016 and applications submitted after this date will not be considered for funding.

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