

BRICS labour ministerial meet to begin in Delhi on Tuesday

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New Delhi, Sept 26:

A 2-day BRICS Labour & Employment Ministerial Meet will begin here tomorrow. It will deliberate on issues including job creation and social security for workers.

“BRICS Labour & Employment Ministerial Meeting begins tomorrow (being held on September 27-28) in New Delhi,” a Labour Ministry press release said.

The ministers will deliberate on adopting the BRICS Labour & Employment Ministerial Declaration.

The meeting will have dedicated sessions on employment generation, social security, inclusive development, including formalisation.

International organisations such as ILO, ISSA and academia are expected to participate in the discussion and provide their research inputs to the deliberation.

Following the tripartite model of dialogue, the national social partners of BRICS countries are also participating in the deliberations. At the valedictory session, the BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers’ Declaration would be adopted.

The first meeting of the BRICS Employment Working Group (BEWG) was held on July 27–28 at Hyderabad.

During this meeting broad consensus was achieved in areas such as ‘Employment Generation for Inclusive Growth’, ‘Possible Social Security Agreement among BRICS nations’ and ‘Networking of Labour Institutes of BRICS nations’ to be included in the BRICS Ministerial declaration for their subsequent discussion.

India assumed the presidency of BRICS in February 2016 and is hosting the 8th BRICS Summit 2016 on October 15-16 at Goa.

The theme of India’s BRICS chairmanship is ‘Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions’.

In the prelude to the final meeting of BRICS, a series of meetings from participating ministries are being held at various places in India following the recommendation of the BRICS Labour & Employment Ministerial Meeting in Ufa, Russia, under Russia’s presidency.

The BRICS Employment Working Group has been constituted to deliberate on common issues and challenges facing the world of work in BRICS nations and to formulate appropriate & coordinated policy reforms.

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