5th BRICS+ Digital Competition Forum

Rio de Janeiro, November 26-27th , 2026

DAY 1
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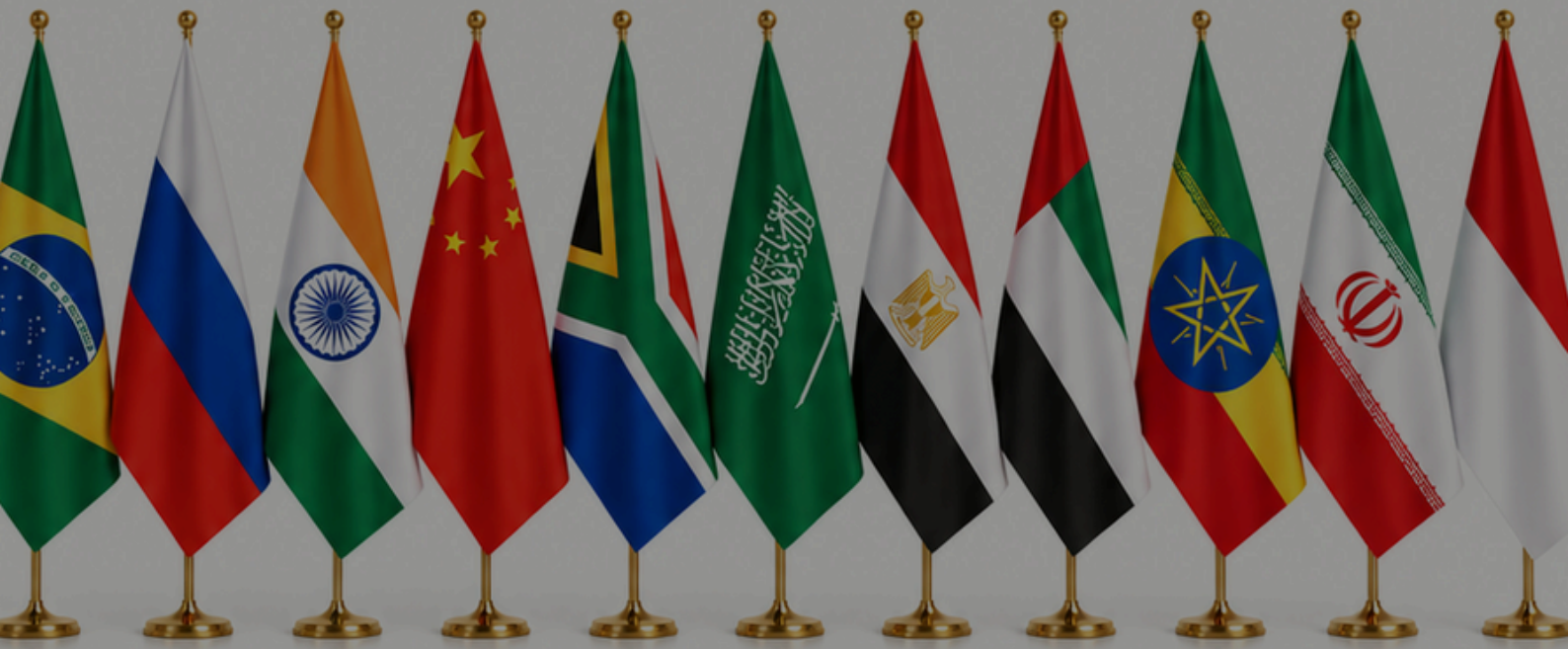

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Day 1
November 26

09:00 - 09:30	Welcome coffee
09:30 - 10:00	Opening Session
10:00 – 11:15	Keynote Session— Competition Policy, Development, and Economic Power in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break

Day 1
November 26

11:30 – 13:00	Roundtable 1 — Artificial Intelligence Substitution
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	Roundtable 2 — Infrastructure Challenges in Digital Ecosystems
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Roundtable 3 — Digital Ecosystems in Food and Agricultural Supply Chains
18:00	Closing remarks

Day 2: DPI Roundtable
November 27

09:00 - 09:20	Welcome coffee
09:20 - 09:30	Introductory remarks
09:30 - 10:00	Keynote Session– Towards Greater Sustainability: The Role of Competition Law and Public Infrastructure in Reaching the SDGs
10:00 - 11:30	Roundtable 4 — Competition in Payment Systems

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November 27

11:30 - 13:30	Roundtable 5 —Digital Public Infrastructure & Digital Currencies
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:30	Roundtable 6 - Commodity and Data Trade: Public or Private Digital Infrastructure?
16:30	Closing Remarks

09:00 - 09:30

Opening Session

- **Nicolo Zingales**, Professor of FGV Rio Law School and Director, E-Commerce Hub, FGV Rio Law School
- **Alexey Ivanov,** Director, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre, Professor of Law, HSE University Faculty of Law
- **Camila Pires Alves,** Commissioner, CADE

09:30 - 10:30

Keynote

Competition Policy, Development, and Economic Power in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

- **Tembinkosi Bonakele**

  Ex Commissioner, Competition Commission of South Africa

- **Giuseppe Conte**

  Professor of Private Law, University of Florence, former Prime, Minister of the Italian Republic

- **Dina Waked**

  Professor of Law, Sciences Po

- **Thomas Cheng**

  Professor of Law, University of Hong Kong

11:30 –13:00 **Roundtable 1**

Artificial Intelligence Substitution

Description:

This Roundtable will examine how AI is replacing humans in labor and content creation. It will explore the role that competition policy and complementary regulatory efforts may play in creating a level playing field, ensuring that the significant increase in productivity goes hand in hand with responsible use. It will also discuss the extent to which these instruments can be used to promote the development of local ecosystems- with notable examples in journalism, music, and education.

Moderator: Nicolo Zingales, Professor of Law and Director, E-Commerce Hub, FGV Rio de Janeiro.

Participants:

- Jason Aproskie, Principal Economist, Competition Commission of South Africa
- Igor Drozdov, Vice Chairman, VEB.RF
- Marcus Vinicius Silveira de Sá, Chief of Staff of the General Superintendence
- Vitoria Oliveria, Consultant, Foxglove
- Natalya Myagchenkova, Russian Corporate Counsel Association
- Vitor Ido, Professor, University of São Paulo

14:30–16:00

Roundtable 2

Infrastructure Challenges in Digital Ecosystems

Description:

This roundtable will examine how digital ecosystems and artificial intelligence systems are transforming market structures, relationships of dependency, and the exercise of economic power. Topics include service integration, access to data, network effects, interoperability, control over AI infrastructure, and the growing concentration of computational resources. The discussion will also address the new enforcement and regulatory challenges faced by BRICS competition authorities.

Moderator: Thomas Cheng, Professor of Law, University of Hong Kong

Participants:

- Victor Fernandes, Secretary for Digital Rights, Ministry of Justice
- Patrícia Sampaio, Professor of Law, FGV Rio
- João Bezerra Leite, Fintech Advisor, Former CTO, Itaú
- Mikhail Voronin, Head of Antimonopoly Practice, Yango, Lecturer, HSE University Faculty of Law
- Ekaterina Sukhanova, Head of Antitrust Practice, AVITO
- Paulo Furquim de Azevedo, Full Professor, INSPER
- Carolina Helena Coelho Antunes Fonte, Coordenadora-Geral de Análise Antitruste, CADE

16:30–18:00

Roundtable 3

Digital Ecosystems in Food and Agricultural Supply Chains

Description:

This Roundtable will discuss the emerging digital power in global agrifood value chains and its implications for competition. From upstream to downstream segments of the value chain, digital platforms are transforming the linear structure of agrifood value chains turning them into ecosystem-like structures often governed by the AI systems. Examples include TRACT and Covantis created jointly by the largest agri-commodity traders, John Deere's vast digital ecosystem tied to its machinery, and Bayer's FieldView precision agriculture platform.

Moderator: Dina Waked, Professor, Sciences Po, School of Law

Participants:

- Lilian Marques, Chief Economist, CADE
- Mahmoud Dodangeh, Vice Chairman, Iranian Competition Council
- Alexey Ivanov, Director, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre, Professor of Law, HSE University Faculty of Law
- Ebru Gökçe-Dessemond, Economic Affairs Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch
- Omar Wahban, Head, Market Intelligence Unit, Egyptian Competition Authority
- Tembinkosi Bonakele, Ex-Commissioner, Competition Commission of South Africa

Day 2: DPI Roundtable

9:20 – 9:30

Introductory remarks

- **Luca Belli**

Professor of FGV Rio Law School and Director of CTS-FGV, FGV Rio Law School

- **Carina Quirino**

Undersecretary for Regulation and Business Environment, Municipality of Rio de Janeiro

Keynote speaker

9:30 – 10:00

Towards Greater Sustainability: The Role of Competition Law and Public Infrastructure in Reaching the SDGs

- **Jeffrey D. Sachs**

  Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University

10:00 -11:30

Roundtable 4

Competition in Payment Systems

Description:

This Roundtable will address the transformation of payment markets, with particular attention to the roles played by banks, fintech companies, payment platforms, and financial infrastructure providers. Additionally, it will compare the regulatory and competition policy experiences of different BRICS jurisdictions to leverage state-issued digital money alongside commercial bank deposits, stablecoins, and private payment rails. Attendees will gain insights into optimizing interoperability, fostering payment innovation, and navigating monetary sovereignty in an increasingly digital, competitive cross-border environment.

Moderator: Camila Pires Alves, Commissioner, CADE

Participants:

- Andrés Calderón, President, Competition Law Chamber, Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propredad Intelectual
- Bruno Renzetti, Chief of Staff, CADE
- Anna Alekseeva, Professor and Department Chair, Private Law Research Centre under the President of the Russian Federation
- Marina Haddad Tovolli, Manager, LCA Consultores
- Caio Mario da Silva, Professor of Law and Director of Hub on Competition and Public Interest, FGV São Paulo
- Bruna Cataldo, Manager, RGZ Consultancy

11:30 – 13:30

Roundtable 5

Digital Public Infrastructure & Digital Currencies

Description:

This Roundtable will examine how payment DPI (DPI4P) can promote financial inclusion, competition and innovation while addressing risks of market concentration and exclusion. It will present and validate the findings of a four-month study that examines DPI4P in India and Brazil, with a focus on consumer protection, financial inclusion, interoperability and digital sovereignty. The session will also gather stakeholder feedback to strengthen the research methodology and identify additional case studies and partners for the project's possible expansion. Discussion will cover the roles of banks, fintechs, payment platforms and public infrastructure providers; vertical integration; barriers to entry; and access to financial data and infrastructure. The Roundtable will also analyze how Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) reshape global financial architecture and private-sector dynamics. Attendees will gain insights into cross-border interoperability, payment innovation, and navigating monetary sovereignty in an increasingly competitive crossborder environment.

Moderator: Hannah Draper, DPI for Payments Lead, Center of Technology and Society (CTS-FGV), FGV Rio Law School

Participants:

- Luca Belli, Professor of Law and Director of CTS-FGV, FGV Rio Law School
- Ayden Férdeline, Lead, Public Policy and Governmental Affairs, Interledger Foundation
- Mila Samdub, CyberBRICS fellow, CTS-FGV, FGV Rio
- Sizwe Snail, Professor at Nelson Mandela University and former Board member of InfoReg SA
- Vanessa Almeida, Digital Innovation manager BNDES (online)
- Guilherme Centenaro Hellwig, Attorney, Brazilian Central Bank

14:30 – 16:30

Roundtable 6

Commodity and Data Trade: Public or Private Digital Infrastructure?

Description:

This Roundtable will analyze the tensions and synergies between state-led digital public infrastructure and proprietary private networks in physical and data supply chains. It will examine data governance, trade facilitation, and technological dependencies to evaluate whether open-access public framework models or customized private platforms offer greater security, scalability, and resilience. Attendees will gain critical perspectives on balancing national digital sovereignty, interoperability, and commercial innovation in global data and commodity markets.

Moderator: Alexey Ivanov, BRICS Competition Law and Policy Centre, Professor of Law HSE Law School

Participants:

- André Vellozo, CEO, Drumwave
- Nicolo Zingales, Professor of Law and Director, E-Commerce Hub, FGV Rio Law School
- Mohammed El-Beltagy, CEO, Optomatica
- Alexey Koshel, Vice Rector & Professor of Law, HSE University
- Vitor Jardim, Chief of Staff, CADE
- Ettore Maria Lombardi, Professor of Law, University of Florence
- Silvia Fagá, Founding Director, ECOA
- Yasodara Cordova, Researcher, CTS-FGV
- Arthur Sadami, Researcher, CTS-FGV

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