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India's Engagements in Africa at the Multilateral Level

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ABSTRACT One of the noticeable trends in the post cold war era is the adoption of an independent an active foreign policy approach by the regional global powers. Multilateralism has gained increasing prominence in international relations today. This paper examines the importance of two multilateral groups namely India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA)and Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) also India's growing cooperation with African countries at the multilateral level. All the member states in these groups have the distinguishable features of being in the middle power category in international relations. To enhance its relationship with Africa in mutually beneficial basis, both these forums are equally important for India. Both these groups have distinct working agendas even though all the members of IBSA are also members of BRICS.

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