ICT AND INNOVATION CHALLENGES IN THE BRICS

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ICT adoption rates vary significantly across BRICS. There are also differences in the National Innovation Systems that get reflected in the S&T indicators of the five nations. For accelerating growth, one of the expectations was that ICT adoption would facilitate development and diffusion of technologies. The other impetus for growth was to come from innovations emanating from University Industry (Enterprise) Linkages (UILs). Both these processes have not moved at a pace that was expected but some of the BRICS nations have done better than others. In this context, the presentation would focus on the following for the BRICS nations:

- Recent trends in the S&T Indicators
- Nature and extent of ICT adoption
- Models of linkages university enterprise linkages
- Emerging policy challenges to facilitate ICT adoption and create vibrancy in UILs