



Nigeria as 9th BRICS Partner Country

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Brazil, holding the **BRICS** presidency in 2025, announced Nigeria's admission as a "partner country" of the BRICS bloc.

- **Nigeria** becomes the **9th BRICS partner country**, joining **Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Uganda, and Uzbekistan**.
 - In BRICS, a "partner country" refers to nations or organizations **invited to attend summits ministerial meetings**, or participate in other **joint ventures**, but **without membership status** or formal decision-making power.
- Nigeria has the world's **6th largest population and Africa's largest**, in addition to being the **4th largest economy in Africa**.
 - Nigeria is located on the **Western coast of Africa**, often called the "**Giant of Africa**."
- **About BRICS:** BRICS was formed by **Brazil, Russia, India and China** in **2009**, with **South Africa** added in **2010** as a counterweight to **G7 countries**.
 - In **2023**, the BRICS added **Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia and the UAE**, while **Saudi Arabia** has been **invited** to join.
 - **Indonesia** has officially joined the **BRICS group** as the **10th member**, effective from **January 2025**.
 - **Turkey, Azerbaijan and Malaysia** have **formally applied** to become BRICS members.

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