

Public Dialogue Forum
Global South Cooperation and Alternatives
Schedule

21st & 22nd August 2026

Integrated Social Initiatives/ Indian Social Institute (ISI), Lodhi Colony, New Delhi- 110003

DAY 1: 21 August 2026		
Time	Session	
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Registration and Tea	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Welcome and Context Setting	
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	BRICS@20 A People-Centred BRICS	
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	LUNCH	
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Parallel Workshops	Climate Change and Energy Cooperation
		Technology, Citizenship & Democratic Rights ¹
		Alternate Financial Architectures
		Gender and “Women-led Development”
		AI, Data Economy & the Global South
DAY 2: 22 August 2026		
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Parallel Workshops	Agriculture and Food Sovereignty
		Trade
		Natural Resource Extractivism
		Inequality
		Labour & Social Security
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	LUNCH	
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions from all Sessions	
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Cultural Programme	
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks	

¹ This workshop will be for 120 minutes from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Plenary: BRICS@20 & A People-Centric BRICS

21 August 2026

Main Hall, Third Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- 20 Years of BRICS:
Anuradha Chenoy
- Transparency, Accountability and Democratic Rights:
Anjali Bhardwaj
- The State of Labour:
Shaktiman Ghosh
- Resources & Rights for the Marginalised:
Beena Pallical
- People's Struggle and Movement:
Prafulla Samantara
- Towards an Equitable Global South Cooperation:
Ritu Dewan

Cultural Programme

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Main Hall, Third Floor, ISI

Part 1: In Solidarity With Palestine (3: 00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Organisers: Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA) & Progressive Writers' Association (PWA)

- Moderator: Vineet Tiwari, IPTA
- Artists: Asad Zaidi | Adnan Kafeel Darwesh | Anupam Singh | Arjumand Ara | Pankaj Nigam | Kashif | Vineet Tiwari | Purushottam Bhatt

Part 2:

- Shankar Ji & Team
- Anureet Watta

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Day 1 Parallel Workshops (21st August 2026)

Workshop 1: Alternative Financial Architecture

Title: Unshackling the Global South: Envisioning an Alternative Financial Architecture

- Day 1: 21st August 2026
- Time: 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Room: 40S 310, Third Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi
- Co-organisers: FOCUS on the Global South | Joshi Adhikari Institute for Social Studies | CFA
- Speakers: Anirban Bhattacharya(CFA) | Ashwin Parthasarathy(APMDD) | Jaya Mehta (JAISS) | Rohan Mathews(FOCUS) | Vineet Tiwari(JAISS)

Workshop 2: AI, Data Economy & the Global South

Title: The Political Economy of A.I., Technology & The Global South

- Day 1: 21st August 2026
- Time: 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Room: 40S 410, Fourth Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi
- Co-organisers: Green Vishakha | Free Software Network | Coalition for Regulation of A.I. | FoE India | Pagdandi Collective | CFA
- Speakers: Anjali Deshpande (Researcher) | Bappa Sinha (Free Software Network) | Sripad Roy Koganti (Green Visakha)
- Discussant: Apurva P. (Human Rights Researcher) | Ishika Saxena (Ashokha University)

Workshop 3: Climate Change and Energy Cooperation

Title: South-South Cooperation and Collective Actions to Address Climate Change and Achieve a Just Energy Transition

- Day 1: 21st August 2026
- Time: 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Room: 40S 304, Third Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, Delhi
- Co-organisers: MAUSAM | NAPM | FoE India | CFA
- Moderator: Soumya Dutta (MAUSAM | NAPM | FoE)
- Speakers: Ashim Roy (Trade Unionist) | Harjeet Singh (Satat Sampada Climate Foundation) | Radhika Chatterjee (Third World Network) | | Simran Grover (CEEP)

Workshop 4: Technology, Citizenship & Democratic Rights

Title: Technology, Citizenship & Democratic Rights

- Day 1: 21st August 2026
- Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Room: 40S 308, Third Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi
- Co-organisers: Satark Nagrik Sangathan | SAFAR | CFA
- Moderator: Carina (SAFAR)
- Speakers: Amrita Johri (SNS) | Maansi (Voter Adhikar Manch) | Prakash (KKU) | Prakriti (Researcher) | Rakshita Swamy (SAFAR) | Sabir (SABAR)

Workshop 5: Gender & "Women-led Development"

- Day 1: 21st August 2026
- Time: 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Room: 40S 407, Fourth Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi
- Co-organisers: AIDWA | NFIW
- Speakers: Annie Raja (NFIW) | | Beena Pallical (NCDHR) | Dipa Sinha (RTFC) | Maimoona Mollah (AIDWA)
- Moderator: Anjana H. Kumar (Researcher)

Day 2: Parallel Workshops (22nd August 2026)

Workshop 1: Agriculture & Food Sovereignty

- Day 1: 22nd August 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Room: 40S 304, Third Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi
- Co-organisers: FOCUS on the Global South | Pagdandi Collective
- Moderator: Angshuman Sarma (FOCUS)
- Speakers: Dinesh Abrol (Academic/ Activist) | Nidheesh Villat (AIKS) | Shalini Bhutani (Policy Analyst)

Workshop 2: Widening Inequality: Closing the Gap

Title: Workshop On Widening Inequality: Closing the Gap

- Day 2: 22nd August 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Room: 40S 410, Fourth Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi
- Co-organisers: MKSS | CFA
- Speakers: Avinash Kumar (Wada Na Todo) | Anirban Bhattacharya (CFA) | Nikhil Dey (MKSS) | Rahul Menon (Economist) | Richa Chintan (JSA) | Soumya Dutta (MAUSAM) |

Workshop 3: Labour & Social Security

Title: Challenges for Labour in an Uncertain World

- Day 2: 22nd August 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Room: 70S 313, Third Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, Delhi
- Co-organisers: MKSS | NAPM
- Speakers: Akash Bhattacharya (AICCTU) | Arun Kumar (Economist) | Rakhi Sehgal (Labour Activist/ Researcher) | Rakshita Swamy (SAFAR) | Shreya Ghosh (SGU)
- Moderator: Usman Jawed

Workshop 4: Natural Resource Extractivism

Title: The Other Side of Resource Extraction: People, Land, Ecosystems and Livelihoods

- Day 2: 22nd August 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Room: 40S 310, Third Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, Delhi
- Co-organisers: NACEJ | NAPM | FoE India | Green Vishaka | Lok Shakti Abhiyan
- Moderator: Krithika Dinesh (NACEJ)
- Speakers: Aditya Krishna (CPIML) | Avli (Manthan) | Prafulla Samantara (Environmental Activist) |

Gurpreet (Researcher) | Ritwik Dutta (LIFE) | Roma Malik (AIUFWP) | Roshan Horo (Birsa) | Srishti Agnihotri (Lawyer) | | Sripath Roy Koganti (Green Visakha)

Workshop 5: Trade

Title: Challenging Power Asymmetry, Seeking Alternatives: Trade in the Global South

- Day 2: 22nd August 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Room: 40S 308, Third Floor, ISI, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi
- Co-organisers: FOCUS on the Global South, Forum for Trade Justice
- Moderator: Benny Kuruvilla (Independent Researcher)
- Speakers: Abhijit Das (Former Head, Centre for WTO Studies) | Parminder Singh (Independent Tech Policy Analyst)
- Discussant: Amiti Sen (Hindu Business Line)

For Volunteer support on 21 & 22 August, the support persons will reach out to coordinators & facilitators