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ALTERNATIVE SUMMIT

'It's all top-down' — activists hammer BRICS on human rights and environment

By [Naledi Sikhakhane](#)

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Activists and scholars say the BRICS bloc is not working-class friendly and will further the status quo instead of providing a viable alternative.

Speakers at civil society's BRICS-from-below dialogues, which preceded a protest march against wars, human rights violations, inequality and climate change, highlighted problematic methods of governance that suppress working-class people.

From India violating human rights in [Kashmir](#) and Russia invading Ukraine, to China funding fossil fuel projects across Africa, the BRICS bloc leaves activists with much to be desired. They suggest that the bloc upholds the current world order instead of creating a new citizen-friendly world order.

A 15th BRICS Summit banner at the Sandton Convention Centre. (Photo: EPA-EFE / Kim Ludbrook)

Makhadzi Tshivuwa is an heir to the land where the [Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone](#) (MMSEZ) is being developed. She says the developers spoke to people who don't own the land and the rightful owners only found out in the media that they would be displaced.

"They are going to destroy our heritage site, our indigenous plants and flora like the baobab and marula trees. They want to remove our graves; in African culture, we do not do that, we do not move resting people. We will not have a say in this [development], while it will destroy our lives," Tshivuwa said.

She was one of many activists at the BRICS-from-below event, which was held at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) on Tuesday.

UJ's Centres for Social Change and for Sociological Research and Practice hosted the event, which asked: "Can the BRICS change the world? Western-dominated, pro-corporate multilateralism is unable to resolve the poly-crisis".

The [BRICS-from-below](#) coordinator, author Trevor Ngwane, said, "BRICS wants leverage. Instead of saying, 'We are capitalists fighting to be bigger capitalists', they want to get strong, they start pretending that if they get strong, life will get better for the working class. We know that there will be a question: Does this mean you favour America?"

"During the Struggle, there was a party that used to say, 'Neither Washington nor Moscow', so we must not be swayed and convinced to choose between these two; we must find our own way as socialists towards socialism.

"The problem with BRICS projects is that it's all top-down. It's something organised by governments.

Police visibility outside the Sandton Convention Centre for the BRICS Summit from 22-23 August 2023. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

"Even when we say we want to protest, they say you can't protest, even tomorrow, they will put us in a small park very far away."

East African Crude Oil Pipeline

Zaki Mamdoo, a coordinator of the [StopEACOP](#) coalition (Stop East African Crude Oil Pipeline), highlighted the struggle of Ugandans who had been displaced by French oil giant Total and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation building a massive crude oil pipeline through communities.

On Wednesday morning, the coalition, in collaboration with civil society organisations, community-based organisations and climate and environmental activists, will protest against the Chinese state and Chinese companies' involvement in numerous extractive and damaging projects across Africa.

Mamdoo said that “despite China’s claims of friendship with Africa, China’s actions often tell a different story — one of the destructive, exploitative and resource-driven endeavours that lay bare the reality of Chinese ‘development’ on the continent.

“The time has come to demand better from this rising global power, urging them to change their approach and prioritise the wellbeing and prosperity of African nations and their citizens, especially frontline communities devastated by the fossil fuel industry.

“This requires that China reassesses its involvement in numerous harmful projects across the continent and adopts a partnership model rooted in the principles of equity, justice, transparency and collective benefit for communities, workers and citizens.”

Speakers at the dialogue included Sunny Morgan, the co-convenor of [Debt for Climate](#), a global climate debt cancellation campaign; Nonhlanhla Radebe, project manager of Gender CC Southern Africa and national coordinator for [PACJA SA](#), (Pan African Climate Justice Alliance); and Salman Khan of the [South African Kashmir Action Group](#).

Radebe has visited affected communities in Uganda, where she says gross human rights violations are taking place to create the crude oil pipeline.

“People are getting only 250 euros for their land; they are being displaced and intimidated because the government has a vested interest in this project. We visited a family of eight that now lives in a single room with no airflow ... and when they raise concerns they are intimidated by local authorities. This is a gross injustice.

“When we bring it back home, we have a problem with the just energy transition [like what’s happening to] communities such as the one living near the [Komati power station](#) in Mpumalanga.

“Let us not be co-opted into other people’s narratives, let’s say what is happening on the ground,” Radebe said.

Organisations from Meadowlands, Tembisa and Uganda, and family members of miners killed in the Marikana massacre will join a demonstration in Sandton’s Innisfree Park from 10am on Wednesday. **DM**

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Climate activists demand action at BRICS talks

Hundreds protest in Sandton where summit is underway

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Climate activists protest near the BRICS Summit in Sandton, Johannesburg. They are calling for China to stop its planned East African Crude Oil Pipeline. Photos: Chris Gilili

- Climate activists protested in Sandton, Johannesburg on Tuesday where heads of state are attending the BRICS Summit.
- The activists are calling for China to stop its planned East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) to transport oil from Uganda's Lake Albert oil fields to the port of Tanga in Tanzania.

- According to #StopEACOP, the pipeline could displace thousands of families and farmers and contaminate water sources.

Hundreds of activists descended on Innesfree Park in Sandton on Tuesday on the periphery of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China South Africa) summit being held at the Sandton Convention Centre. They are calling for China to stop its planned East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)..

The [East African Crude Oil Pipeline](#) is to transport oil extracted from Uganda's Lake Albert oil fields to the port of Tanga in Tanzania, for sale on the world market. Climate advocacy groups [under the #StopEACOP campaign](#), have condemned the construction of the pipeline.

On Tuesday, protesters chanted slogans and held placards reading: "Protecting the environment is not a crime", "No new fossil fuels in Africa", and "Phansi climate terrorist, Phansi".

Zaki Mamdoo, [350.org](#) coordinator and #StopEACOP campaign member, said the BRICS summit offered activists an opportunity to protest against China's role in financing and facilitating the development of the EACOP.

"The project is surrounded by a lot of controversy, including human rights violations, forced relocations of tens of thousands of families, and environmental destruction. The risks are incredibly dire. The pipeline would cross through Lake Victoria, which is Africa's largest freshwater source. Any spill or leakage would threaten millions of people. The environmental harm would be devastating, and already the world is heating up," said Mamdoo.

He said while the project has promised jobs, these are likely to be low paid and short term. "We are calling on China to withdraw from EACOP, and withdraw from the [Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone](#). We want them to withdraw from their coal projects in Zimbabwe," said Mamdoo.

Earthlife Africa's Makoma Lekalakala said they want to send a strong message to the BRICS countries. "They must know that protecting the environment is not a crime," he said.



Members of the #StopEACOP campaign say the BRICS summit offers activists an opportunity to protest against China's role in financing and developing the pipeline.

"They are planning to uproot more than 100,000 protected trees. What they are doing is a crime. They are disrupting the ecosystem there and are denying people their livelihoods."

"SA has committed itself to transition away from fossil fuels, to a low carbon development. Whatever they discuss, the protection of the environment should be at the forefront," Lekalakala said.

Musina resident Nemakhavhani Tsumbedzo, who travelled to Sandton to join the protest, said he is worried that the Musina-Makhado project will affect their daily lives.

"I am here to support the people from a village called Mulambwana. We also want BRICS to hear our plight too. This project will take massive land, which means our animals will also suffer. They are going to destroy all the trees and [pollute] water streams," said Tsumbedzo.

Other organisations who demonstrated in Sandton on Tuesday included: Abahlali BaseMjondolo, Earthlife Africa, Green Connection, Action in Solidarity, Pepper Bark

Environmental, Climate justice Coalition, Inner City Federation, Xtinction Rebellion, Ndifuna Ukwazi, African Climate Reality Project and the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB).

<https://www.thesouthafrican.com/news/civil-rights-groups-protest-against-brics-summit/#Echobox=1692798877>

Civil rights groups PROTEST against BRICS Summit

Protests against BRICS and world leaders in attendance at the Summit are currently taking place in Johannesburg and Durban.

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Protest group at Innes Park in Sandton. Image:@stopEACOP/BRICSza

With the world's spotlight firmly on South Africa, as various world leaders attend the ongoing BRICS Summit, civil organisations have taken advantage of that by holding protests near the Sandton Convention Centre.

On Tuesday, the Ukrainian Association of South Africa along with the Helen Suzman Foundation and Amnesty International began with the peaceful protests outside the Sandton Convention Centre before law enforcement moved them to Innes Park.

Different civil rights organisations and NGO's joined in on Wednesday as they showed support to Ukraine as well as venting their frustrations as leaders in attendance.

UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR AN END TO WAR

The association has called on the BRICS leaders to uphold human rights by demanding that Russia remove their military forces from Ukrainian territory and an end to the war.

Other demands include:

- Demand Russia to stop bombing of the Ukrainian agricultural infrastructure and ports and stop blocking the trade via the Black Sea
- Call on the Russian authorities to immediately provide information on whereabouts and return all forcefully deported Ukrainian children;
- To denounce the special legislation that allows providing children with Russian citizenship and changing their personal data without consent.

PROTEST AGAINST CHINESE FOSSIL FUEL EXPLORATION

NGO Stop East African Crude Oil Pipeline (StopEACOP) have directed their demands to the Chinese delegate and Chinese investors to stop their exploration of fossil fuels in East Africa.

The \$5 billion pipeline is led by French energy and petroleum company TotalEnergies, the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), and the Uganda and Tanzania National Oil Companies.

StopEACOP says, "Africa has abundant renewable potential to meet its energy needs in cleaner, cheaper ways that uplift the vulnerable – this is the direction we want China to take rather than funding projects that only serve to siphon capital away from health, education and climate adaptation.

MODI MUST GO!

Other protesters includes those those sympathetic to the on going war in Kashmir have called for the removal and arrest of [India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#). They demand Modi be arrested for war crimes.

The Kashmir region has been a contested territory between Pakistan and India since Britain exited the sub-continental country in 1947.

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BRICS SUMMIT

Protesters at the BRICS Summit struggle to keep Ukraine war in the spotlight

The Ukrainian Association of South Africa takes part in a protest during the BRICS Summit at Innisfree Park in Sandton on 23 August 2023. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

By [Naledi Sikhakhane](#)

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Summit organisers made sure that protesters came nowhere near the event's venue, restricting them to a dog park almost 4km from the Sandton Convention Centre.

More than 500 protesters representing scores of organisations from Africa, Asia and Europe gathered at Innisfree Park in Sandton on Wednesday to voice their concerns about human rights abuses and demand change from the countries participating in the 15th BRICS Summit.

Civil society organisations, community-based organisations, climate and environmental activists protest at Innisfree Park in Sandton on 23 August 2023 during the BRICS summit. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

“We just want our voices to be heard. Some of the organisations here can’t protest in their home countries because they could get killed,” said Trevor Ngwane of the United Front, an umbrella body of community and labour groups.

Other organisations at the protest included the [Ukrainian Association of South Africa](#), Abahlali BaseMjondolo and Coastal Fishers Against Total Energies. Some groups were also there to highlight human rights violations taking place in Bangladesh and Kashmir.

Bangladeshis protest during the BRICS Summit at Innisfree Park in Sandton on 23 August 2023. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

People from Biafra in Nigeria call for support from BRICS countries during a protest at Innisfree Park in Sandton to further their right to self-determination. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

The Ukrainian Association of South Africa's Lesya Karpenko called on BRICS had to denounce Russia's war in Ukraine.

"They cannot be neutral. We are here to deliver a message to BRICS leaders to stop the war. It is not possible to promote human rights, peace and stability without condemning the war crimes, military aggression and rhetoric threatening nuclear war," Karpenko said.

Addressing the summit via video link on Wednesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin defended his war on Ukraine.

The Justice for Marikana campaign takes part in a protest during the BRICS Summit at Innisfree Park in Sandton on 23 August 2023. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

Ngwane criticised the decision to keep the protesters far from the venue.

"Our right to protest has been violated. Instead of protesting where the summit is happening, they have kept us at Innisfree Park – this is a dog park.

Civil society organisations, community-based organisations, climate and environmental activists protest at Innisfree Park in Sandton on 23 August 2023. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

"They say they support the right to protest, that we are a democracy, but then they shove protesters away. Some people here might support the idea of BRICS, but they want to highlight issues they are struggling with," said Ngwane.

"We feel for the mothers and fathers in Ukraine... we feel for the mothers and fathers in Kashmir, with what (Indian prime minister) Narendra Modi is doing to them back home. The summit can't be seen as an opportunity just to take photos while they are killing people back home," said Ngwane.

Civil society organisations, community-based organisations, climate and environmental activists protest at Innisfree Park in Sandton on 23 August 2023. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

Some of their demands include environmental justice for all, sustainable renewable energy policies and for BRICS to take responsibility for mitigating climate change.

Edwin Nefutswane from the Thembelihle Crisis Committee in Lenasia, Johannesburg, said: “We are still commemorating the fallen miners of Marikana... Today is the 15th summit of BRICS and we should assess what progress has come from these summits.

“Yes, some people are happy there is BRICS, but maybe they should look at issues like Russia possibly building nuclear weapons here. Let’s go back and conscientise our people on these things... we are a result of the decisions capitalists take in these summits,” he said.

“The youth might not be into politics, but politics is the reason we have Stage 6 load shedding... political decisions are the reason we are bribed with R350 grants. Enough is enough.” **DM**

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2023-08-23-activists-angry-after-brics-summit-protest-moved-to-venue-far-from-gathering-of-leaders/>

Activists angry after BRICS Summit protest moved to venue far from gathering of leaders

By [Gaby Ndongu](#)

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Law enforcement agencies gave permission for a protest against the BRICS Summit — but at a venue nearly 4km from the gathering.

Lesya Karpenko, the Gauteng representative of the [Ukrainian Association of South Africa](#) (Uaza), was informed on Tuesday that their protest against the BRICS Summit could go ahead at Innisfree Park in Johannesburg, which, she said, defeated the purpose as the park was [about 4km](#) from where the summit was being held.

“We were put here, at the park ... not to spoil the picture that Russia is welcome here [in South Africa],” Karpenko said, standing near law enforcement officers from the SAPS and the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department who were observing the protest.

People gathered at Innisfree Park in Sandton on 22 August 2023 protest against the BRICS Summit at the Sandton Convention Centre.(Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

People gathered at Innisfree Park. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

“In the morning, there were more police than protesters,” she remarked.

Amnesty International Africa and the All United Amhara Association in South Africa also joined the protest, voicing concerns about human rights violations by BRICS countries.

Uaza called for the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine. “Currently, Russia is bombing our grain stores and so grain is just being destroyed and nobody is getting it,” Karpenko said.

“We also call for our children to be returned. There are thousands of illegally misplaced children who are detained in Russia, and we want them to be back as soon as possible.

“Leaders of countries [should] demand the immediate release of prisoners of war and political prisoners so that they can get the necessary attention and medical treatment ... because they are illegally detained.”

A protestor at Innisfree Park at a protest against the BRICS Summit at the Sandton Convention Centre. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

Sibusiso Khasa, a campaigner for Amnesty International South Africa, said civil society was deeply concerned at the Russian crackdown on human rights activists, including anti-war activists.

Khasa said that as a member of the UN Human Rights Council, South Africa was expected to play a key role among BRICS member states in promoting and protecting human rights. This had not recently been evident, as demonstrated by South Africa’s lack of condemnation of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, an action that goes against the [UN Charter](#).

Police visibility outside the Sandton Convention Centre ahead of the BRICS summit on 22 August 2023. (Photo: Felix Dlangamandla)

The charter “codifies the major principles of international relations, from sovereign equality of States to the prohibition of the use of force in international relations”.

Khasa said BRICS’ promotion and protection of human rights had regressed. This was evident with the maltreatment of Muslim communities in parts of India and China. Freedom of association, assembly and expression were also consistently violated in India and China, where human rights activists faced intimidation, detention and harassment by state authorities.

Yilmsahewa Tate Kebede, an organiser at the All United Amhara Association in South Africa, said BRICS had to stop giving the current Ethiopian government aid while it was killing and

displacing persons who belong to the Amhara ethno-linguistic group, [one of the two largest in Ethiopia](#). DM

<https://southlandssun.co.za/198832/environmental-alliance-hosts-protest-march-ahead-of-brics-summit/>

Environmental alliance hosts protest march ahead of BRICS summit

SDCEA hopes that the march will highlight the need to develop Melmoth and Eshowe.

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A 'BREAK the BRICS day of action' protest march ahead of the BRICS summit will be hosted by the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) today, August 23.

The march will begin from Speakers Corner (45 Bram Fischer Road) to the office of the Consulate General of India (1 Kingsmead Boulevard Road) from 09:00 to 12:00.

BRICS is an acronym for the powerful grouping of the world's leading emerging market economies, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

The BRICS mechanism aims to promote peace, security, development and cooperation. It also aims at contributing significantly to the development of humanity and establishing a more equitable and fair world.

SDCEA's oil, gas and livelihoods project officer, Janeira Reddy said, "We want to raise awareness about the Ukraine war, the Jindal mine, and highlight the need to develop Melmoth and Eshowe.

"BRICS governments often use radical rhetoric alluding to anti-imperialism, and in this year's summit, they will undoubtedly impress upon the rest of Africa that their corporations offer better investments in infrastructure, mining, energy, and agriculture than traditional northern multinationals.

“The prospect that South Africa ‘presents a gateway for investment on the continent’ could leave Africa overwhelmed by BRICS corporations and is indicative that the trajectory of the 21st century scramble for Africa has already begun.

“Africa’s resource curse will attract billions of dollars worth of BRICS infrastructure developments. The people of Melmoth and Eshowe are fighting against Jindal Mine wanting to relocating thousands of homes and graves for iron mining. The impact of the United Phosphorus Limited on affected residents that exploded in July 2021, continues to be felt in both poor black neighbourhoods and middle-class suburbs.

“Africa’s survival is largely at the mercy of climate change. Climate change is driven by increased greenhouse gas emissions, which is fueled by South Africa and other BRICS countries that continue to rely on and supply their northern counterparts with dirty, non-renewable sources of energy, or the products created from dirty energy.

“Inequality, lack of adequate infrastructure, increased levels of violence, state repression, and the exploitation of resources to the detriment of people’s livelihoods and their ability to live in a healthy relationship with their environments, are all symptoms of development not oriented towards people, but rather government and corporate profit,” Reddy added.

The BRICS summit is set to be held from August 22 to 24, in Johannesburg.

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/look-pro-and-anti-brics-marchers-flex-muscles-in-front-of-indian-consulate-in-durban-f7e63efa-ba73-4676-af97-ee64a446502e>

Pro and anti-BRICS marchers flex muscles in front of Indian Consulate in Durban

That was after they were told that they couldn't move past the Standard Bank regional head office gates, as no one was available to take their memorandum into the heavily fortified Indian Consulate.



The anti-BRICS protesters which were blocked by the police in front of Standard Bank. Picture: Sihle Mavuso/IOL Politics

Among the marchers were exiled Indian nationals who were pro-Kashmir independence and accused the Indian government of genocide and suppression in the territory India has been fighting over with Pakistan since 1947.

They called for Narendra Modi, the Indian Prime Minister who is attending the BRICS Summit, to be arrested, as they claim that the alleged genocide and suppression are happening under his watch.

“We are here to protest, we are here to reject the presence, and we are here to say that the presence of Prime Minister Modi is not welcomed in the land of human rights champions like Nelson Mandela, Sol Plaatje, Ahmed Kathrada, and Oliver Tambo.

“This land is a champion of human rights,” said Saliman Khan, founder and chairman of the South Africa-Kashmir Action Group.

In the same group were protesters carrying pro-Ukrainian banners and flags. Some of the messages on the banners included a demand for Russia to return Ukrainian children taken during the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

The war started in February 2022, and Ukraine is being supported with arms and finances by most Western countries that are members of Nato.

Also taking flak during the anti-BRICS march was Jindal, an Indian mining company that is attempting to mine iron ore in Melmoth in northern KwaZulu-Natal.

The protesters were chanting slogans saying “Voetsek Jindal Voetsek, Go away Jindal, Go away” and were told they were not welcomed in the area as their presence would wreak havoc.



Jindal Mining told to stop iron ore project in Melmoth. Picture: Sihle Mavuso/IOL Politics

Jindal previously told IOL that it has followed all protocols required for it to start the mine and has a clear plan to resettle the families to be moved.

There were also banners about the silencing of journalists and the use of fossil fuels in Africa.

After the anti-BRICS protesters were blocked from proceeding further, a pro-BRICS group emerged from the grounds in front of the consulate, chanting, “We want BRICS.”

Among them was a popular KwaZulu-Natal philanthropist and adopted Zulu Prince, Ishwar Ramlutchman, who is also known as Prince Mabheka Zulu.

Ramlutchman, who is the founder of the Sivananda World Peace Foundation, said BRICS is a much-needed global formation.

“The initiative of BRICS, especially the partnership between our government and various other countries, is so important because I have personally seen the good friendship that was fostered between His Majesty King Goodwill KaBhekuzulu and Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, sending implements and tractors to Nongoma six years ago.



Some of the pro-India protesters in Durban. Picture: Sihle Mavuso/IOL Politics

“In these partnerships like BRICS, rural communities benefit a lot, and we people on the ground are touched by this,” he said.

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Condemnatory protest demonstrations ‘greet’ Modi at BRICS summit

Protesters held banners inscribed with slogans like ‘Free Kashmir’, and ‘Modi the Butcher of Gujarat’

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A large number of human rights activists of South Asia and media men participated the protest:
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The protest demonstrations condemning the unabated oppression of Kashmiri people and persecution of minorities by the Hindutva forces were held in South African cities as Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived to attend the BRICS summit.

The protesters held banners inscribed with slogans like “Free Kashmir”, “Release Yasin Malik” and “Modi the Butcher of Gujarat”.



A protest demonstration was held on Wednesday near the BRICS Summit venue in Johannesburg. A large number of human rights activists of South Asia and media men participated in the event.

They held anti-Modi placards and Kashmir flags and raised slogans berating Modi's fascism.



On Tuesday, another protest rally was held in Johannesburg to protest against Modi. The participants carried Kashmir flags and anti-Modi placards. The event was covered by the international media outlets as well.

The human rights activists also held a protest demonstration near the Indian Consulate in Durban which was attended by a large number of activists.



They held placards with slogans “India Implement UN Resolutions on Kashmir”, “India stop killing of minorities”, “From Kashmir to Palestine, Occupation is Crime” and “Modi the killer of humanity”.