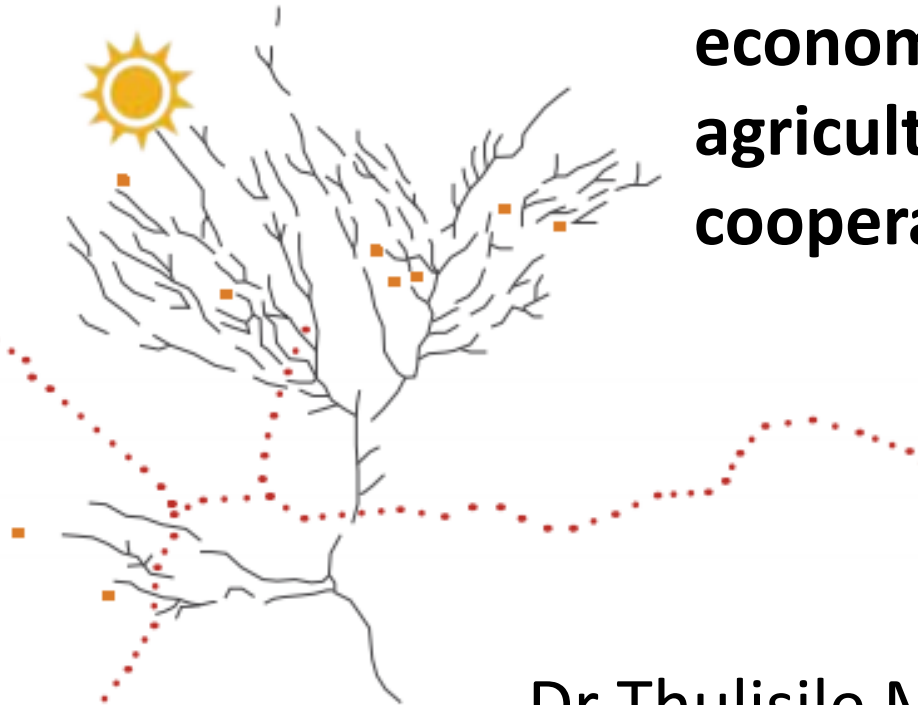


Exploring the political economy of agricultural cooperation in BRICS



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Central argument of this presentation

All the declarations of BRICS with respect to agriculture, food and nutrition security ignore that a startling paradox exists within the BRICS nations –

undernutrition and overnutrition phenomena previously thought to exist between different households now comfortably cohabit in the same household.

Making good various declarations and cooperations of BRICS in the context of agriculture would be realised if the mechanisms for addressing the paradox is foregrounded in various policies and cooperations of BRICS.

To examines the possibilities and limits of various forms of cooperation in agriculture with a view to indicating ways of improving trade, investments and innovations' generation.

A Snapshot of a chronological history of the BRICS declarations on agricultural cooperation



The Expansion
From BRIC to BRICS
The **eThekweni Declaration** was given birth at
The Fifth BRICS Summit, Durban, South Africa
27 March 2013

Fortaleza Declaration
15 July 2014
We are committed to promoting agricultural cooperation and to exchange information regarding strategies for ensuring access to food for the most vulnerable population, reduction of negative impact of climate change on food security and adaptation of agriculture to climate change.

Joint Declaration - 5th Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Agriculture and Agrarian Development
09 October 2015
Section 7: Welcomed the progress made on **the five pillars of intra-BRICS cooperation in the agricultural sphere:**
-Trade and investment promotion
-Development of a general strategy for ensuring access to food for the most vulnerable

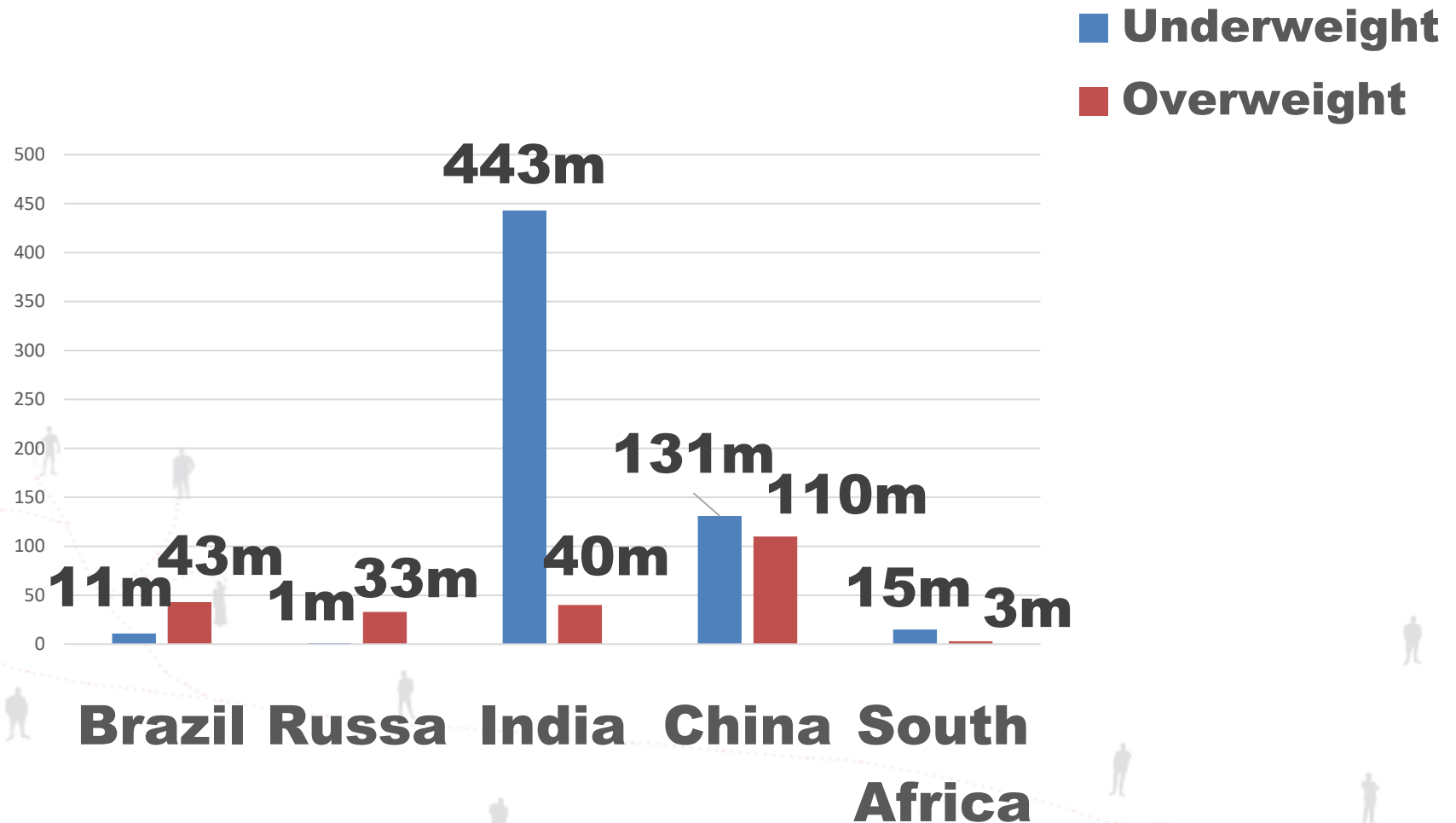
Joint Declaration - 6th Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Agriculture and Agrarian Development
23 September 2016

Joint Declaration - 7th Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Agriculture and Agrarian Development
19 June 2017
Reviewed and approved the Action Plan 2017-2020 for Agricultural Cooperation of BRICS Countries which will steer further cooperation among BRICS members with identified priorities and detailed programs

Joint Declaration - 8th Meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Agriculture and Agrarian Development
22 June 2018
Areas of collaboration include productivity and profitability through strengthening of sustainable agricultural practices, producers support, enhancement of trade balance, leverage on public research...



Prevalence of malnutrition (over and underweight) in BRICS



Five factors of production can enhance cooperation in BRICS on agriculture

1. Cooperation on land issues

2. Cooperation on capital formation

3. Cooperation on labour issues

4. Cooperation on management and distribution

5. Cooperation on distribution, marketing and consumption

