



# Inclusive Economic Development Principles for Integrating Central Bank Digital Currencies in BRICS

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Background



Global Economic Slowdown intensified Global Inequalities

Multiple intersecting crises Multinational Trade Promotion measures not having the desired effect

Developmental paralysis

Current financial system is too slow, expensive and exclusionary



How do we ensure Cross-Border Integration and a common system of protocols to facilitate cross border trade?

## How do we centre Inclusion in the design?

#### **Retail vs Wholesale CBDC Model**



# Retail

### Allows Peer-to-Peer Transactions

Currency issued to the public, not banks

Higher volume – lower value

# Wholesale

Transactions between financial Institutions

CB is the central domestic counterparty

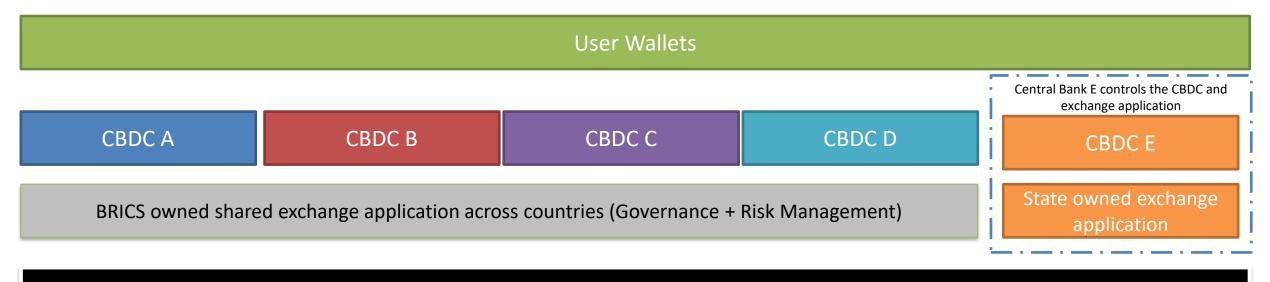
Lower volume – higher value

#### **Implementing the MCBDC Integrated Model**



St	trength	Weakness
Compatible • •	Readees barriers to cross border payments.	<ul> <li>Requires a supranational framework to develop common regulatory regimes. The Single Euro Payment System follows a process of legal harmonisation, which took many years to introduce.</li> </ul>
Interlinked •	Introduces a shared technical interface, supported by contractual agreements allowing cross-border payments. Introduces a shared clearing system with designated settlement accounts, allowing Central Banks to hold a balance of a foreign CBDC in its clearing account.	country connecting to the system, requiring each country to hold a balance of foreign currency in its clearing account.
Integrated •	Based on a single multi-currency platform with several CBDCs onboarded to the model.	• There is an increase in governance and controls inherent to the system.
•	Participants agree to the rules of exchange and the shared underlying technical infrastructure.	Participants will need to relinquish a level of control over the governance arrangements, technical infrastructure and overall system oversight, as these functions are shared by the group.
	Supports efficiency gains when additional currencies are onboarded.	





BRICS Common Bridging Platform (Exchange and Settlement)

- Any country should be able implement their own CBDC application or adopt the common exchange application
- The BRICS Common Bridging Platform is used as a clearing house





# Recommendation 1: Share mCBDC Regulatory and Governance Powers in the Group

- The BRICS mCBDC Governance Model must share responsibilities between the Central Bank and the BRICS Common Platform.
- The model must allow the Central Bank to maintain control and authority over its monetary policy, while the BRICS Common Bridging Platform will act as a clearing centre for cross-border transactions.
- The Bridging Platform will need to manage exchange rate conversion, define communication protocols and set the minimum standards for exchange.





### **Inclusive CBDC Design Principles**



#### **Increase Payment Interoperability and Foster Financial Inclusion**

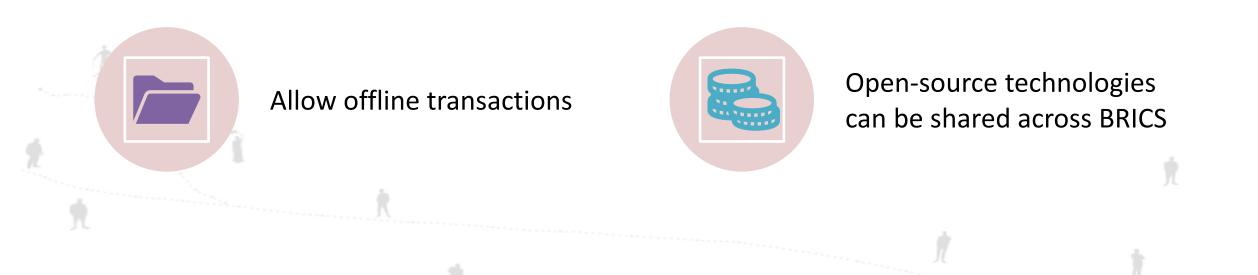




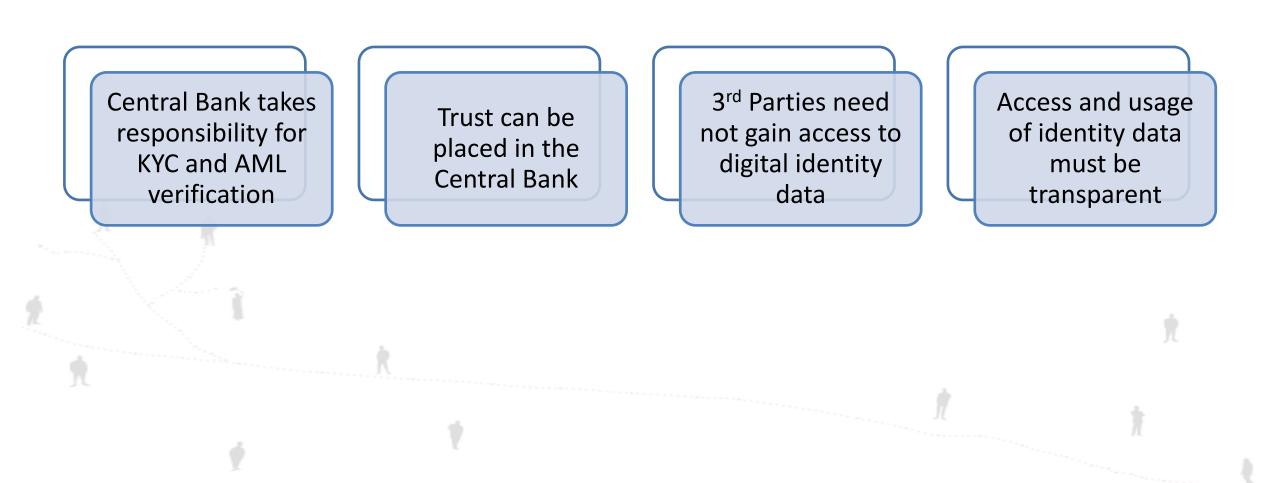
Promote access to payment and financial services.



Enable public and nonbank financial services, where private incentives are limited







#### **Promoting Carbon Neutrality**





Central Banks should support a Net-Zero Financial System



Only source power from Renewable Energies for currency exchange and verification



Early adoption of Renewable Energies will forefront the sustainable development agenda

#### **Catalyse Digital Economy Innovations**





CBDCs can be a launchpad for future innovations that accelerate global economic growth

The currency could disrupt and disintermediate several industries



BRICS Central Banks must consider the social implications of new technologies and innovations





# Recommendation 2: Support Inclusive Economic Development Principles for CBDC Integration

- Centralise Financial Inclusion and Reduce Transaction Fees
- Promote Payment Platform interoperability and data privacy
- Promote Carbon Neutrality
- Use the mCBDC platform as a launchpad for future innovations
- Minimise Retail Banking Intermediaries where possible
- Promote Financial Sector Competition





## Thank you

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