

India Brazil South Africa  
IBSA

**Local Governance Forum**  
**LGF**

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# South South Cooperation

- India, Brazil, South Africa are vibrant Democracies
- Success of these democracies have a bearing on large parts of the world
- Knowledge is power and sharing knowledge is progress
- Institutions in the 3 countries work for Local Government Institutions

- There is a vacuum in knowledge sharing, dynamics of the working of Local Government Institutions
- IBSA – LGF will be a big step to fill that vacuum

- The IBSA – LGF was launched in New Delhi India at a ceremony on 19 January 2008
- Mayors, Local Government elected members, authorities, practitioners, Local government researchers, activists, L.G Associations, civil society organisations/representatives from the 3 countries were present

- Context: The felt need for the formation of a multilateral forum to institutionalise cooperation, collaboration among the cities, municipalities, rural local governments and civil society for
- Mutual cooperation and collaboration in various fields of local governance

# Goals and objectives

To prepare necessary ground for:

- Exchange of ideas and experiences
- Exposure to innovations, experiments, new methodologies, research
- Learning from each other, for the evolution of ideal of local democracy suited to unique situations, to the genius of the 3 countries, LGs and people

- To provide platform for all those who are committed to and are working for the promotion and strengthening of local governance
- To work towards making governance at the local level democratic, participative, transparent, just and humane
- To develop multilaterism in the grassroots practices of democracy

- To encourage federal values in the constitutional, administrative and fiscal spheres for effective management of local governments
- To promote international solidarity and cooperation in support of decentralised governance

# Activities, Programmes

- Build alliances, partnerships and networks with cities, municipalities, panchayats, academic centres, research institutions and civil society organisations engaged in practice, study, research and advocacy in the field of grass roots democracy
- Institutionalise linkages between research and advocacy organisations working in the area of local governance in the 3 countries

- Encourage active participation of underprivileged sections, marginalised groups, women in LG
- Undertake joint studies, actions, programmes to spread the idea of local, participative democracy
- Share best practices, research findings and innovations in LG

- Hold meetings, conferences, discussions on all aspects of decentralisation
- Organise exposure visits for elected representatives, functionaries research scholars, activists, media persons
- Publicise actions, programmes, events research findings etc through media, publications, create portals websites produce films, videos documentaries etc.

- Establish an international university of local governance in one of the countries with country chapters in the other two
- Conduct comparative studies, election watches, devise tools for creative interventions