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The Forum discussed wide range of issues such as reforms of global institutions, harmonisation of internet governance frameworks, peaceful exploration of outer spaces, coordination mechanism on oceans, enhancing intra-BRICS trade, international tax reforms, development financing, sustainable development goals, climate change, security challenges, etc

On the last day of the Forum, the recommendations for the BRICS leaders were handed over to BRICS Sherpa.