The BRICS Smart Cities Conference was organised by Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs on 17-19 August 2016 in Jaipur.

Broadly, the meeting was focussed on developing a concept of smart city which not only embodies a clean, organised, safe and inclusive city but also smart citizens. The meeting brought together stakeholders to exchange knowledge about smart cities, identify solutions for transforming existing cities into smart cities, explore topics of mutual interest and promote institutional collaboration.

The two day conference addressed various themes around the concept of smart city: (i) Designing Smart Cities: How they can be Innovative, Inclusive, and Sustainable Urban Centres; (ii) Smart Governance: Public Engagement in Governance; (iii) Smart Cities and BRICS: Sharing Urban Planning Learning Experience; (iv) Smart Cities are Safe Cities: Old and New Safety and Security Concerns; (v) Resource Mobilisation and Capacity Building: Finance and Human Resources; (vi) Technology and Public Services Delivery.

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