The BRICS High Level Meeting on Traditional Medicinal Knowledge was held on 16 December 2016 in New Delhi at the Ministerial level.

The meeting was organised to discuss the way forward for bilateral and multilateral cooperation on protection of genetic resources/traditional knowledge/traditional cultural expressions at international forums, mutual recognition of pharmacopeia, practice and practitioners and import/export of traditional/alternative medicine.

The Ministers adopted the BRICS Action Plan on Traditional/Alternative Systems of Medicine for collaboration among the BRICS countries in the following: (i) exploring the possibility of approximating the regulations of Traditional Medicine; (ii) establishing the mechanism to evolve consensus for protection of Genetic Resources/traditional knowledge/ traditional cultural expressions at the international forums; (iii) encouraging conservation and sustainable development of medicinal plants; (iv) encourage regular visits, awareness building, joint projects, project driven scientific research, promotion of value chain and identifying the trade barriers; and (v) to promote collaboration in education and research in Traditional Medicine.