



## BRICS and Climate Change: Egypt and the United Arab Emirates

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# PRESENTERS



**Dr Soma Sarkar** - is an Assistant Professor at the School of Global Affairs, Dr B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi. With a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Delhi, her expertise spans regional planning, disaster management, urban health, climate change studies and advanced geospatial technologies. Dr. Sarkar has published several research articles in prestigious international journals such as *Environmental Modelling and Software*, *Geocarto International*, *Natural Hazards*, *Malaria Journal*, *Journal of Earth System Science*, with several of her publications being widely cited. In addition to her research, Dr. Sarkar is an active participant in the academic community, having delivered numerous invited lectures, resource person for geospatial tech workshop, and presented her research at various national and international conferences.



**Dr Clayton Vhumbunu** - is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Studies and Governance at the University of Free State (UFS), Bloemfontein; South Africa. He holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) in South Africa. Clayton specializes in research on International Relations, Regional Integration, Peace and Security, and China-Africa Relations. Clayton also has Associate affiliations with the Pan-African University Institute for Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences (PAUGHSS) in Yaoundé (Cameroon) and the Pan African University Institute for Water and Energy Sciences (PAUWES) in Tlemcen (Algeria) - which are both institutions of the Pan African University (PAU) of the African Union (AU). He has also been a Research Fellow at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in the Regional Integration Division in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and has been an Asia Global Institute (AGI) Fellow at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) in Victoria City, Hong Kong. Clayton has recently co-published a Book (by Springer Publishers) in 2024, titled "Engagement of Africa in Conflict Dynamics and Peace Architectures".

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