**TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING ON RECENT INITIATIVES ON SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

***International Partnership against Corruption in Sport (***[***IPACS***](http://www.ipacs.sport/)***)***

***Task:*** *Provide a summary of the initiative, including a brief overview, proposed/actual outcomes and an assessment of any lessons learned and the way forward.*

***Timeframe:*** *Please only include initiatives that fall within the reporting timeframe of January 2022 – February 2024*

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| Please provide more details on each initiative including items below: | | |
| Objective(s): | *Please indicate which, if any, of the following fall among the main objectives of the initiative:* | |
| * Ensuring no one is left behind (advancing empowerment, inclusiveness and equality through sport) | * Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity |
| * Leveraging sports events to promote action to combat climate change, advance peace and/or sustainable development | * Conflict prevention/peace building |
| * Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination | * Safely harnessing sport for sustainable development, peace and wellbeing in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, including through the use of technology |
| * Reinforce the 2030 Agenda and eradicate poverty in times of multiple crises, leading to the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions | * Safeguarding sport from corruption and crime |
| * Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace | * Other (please specify) |
| Situation | *What is the challenge or problem that the initiative aims to address?*  IPACS was established in 2017 as a multi-stakeholder initiative with the mission to bring together sports organisations, governments and intergovernmental organisations to strengthen and support efforts to minimise the risks of corruption and promote a culture of good governance in sport. | |
| Implementation mechanisms: | *What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?*  As a partnership, IPACS is based on the principle that each of the partners is committed to implement the initiative within their own remit, expertise and experience and to support their own stakeholders with the implementation of the IPACS recommendations and guiding tools.  *What are the main deliverables/activities involved?*  IPACS has developed a wide range of tools, recommendations and guidelines addressed to sport organisations and governmental authorities. For the period January 2022 – February 2024, these include:   * Guidelines on the Effective Delivery of Infrastructure and Associated Services for the Olympic Games * Effective delivery of Olympic Games and other large sport events: A toolkit * Good practice examples for managing conflicts of interest in sports organisations * Mitigating the risks of corruption in the candidature process of major sport events * IPACS Sport Governance Benchmark & Guidelines – 50 Recommendations * Legal approaches to tackling bribery in sport   All the above-mentioned tools are available via this link: <https://www.ipacs.sport/tools-guidance>  *What is the time frame of implementation?*  During its initial 5 years of existence, IPACS has published the above deliverables on prevention and cross-sector cooperation. This has been established as an ongoing initiative to promote improved governance as a major mitigating factor of corruption, in line with the Olympic Agenda 2020+5. Next steps include the creation of a platform for exchange between governments and sports on ongoing cases; the timeline will depend on the priorities that governments and intergovernmental organisations have set. | |
| Target Audience(s): | *Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?*  Sports organisations at international, regional and national level, governments. | |
| Partners/Funding: | *Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles?*   * Sport Movement, including the IOC, ASOIF, AIOWF, ARISF, IFs, NOCs, Athletes, with the mandate to raise awareness, support the Sport Movement stakeholders and protect itself from risks linked with corruption in sport by taking the adequate measures of prevention and sanctioning. * Governments, including over 50 countries representing all continents, which have the mandate to support the implementation of IPACS tools at the national level to enhance the mitigation of corruption risks in sport and dispose the means (criminal justice, law enforcement) to criminally investigate and prosecute corruption whenever it happens in their territory. The full list of governments is available on the website: <https://www.ipacs.sport/governments-list>. * Intergovernmental organisations, including UNODC, OECD, Council of Europe, European Union, Interpol, which facilitate the cooperation between sports organisations and governments and contribute their expertise on the topic of corruption.   *What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?*  IPACS is not a legal entity therefore it does not receive funding from its partners. It is based on the principle that each of the partners bears their own costs. It also encourages virtual meetings to facilitate inclusiveness and participation by the majority of its partners. The IPACS partners can, on a voluntary basis, provide financial, technical or human resources, as well as in-kind contributions (such as hosting various IPACS meetings), for the benefit of the Partnership. For more information, please see the [IPACS Governance Guidelines](https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Images/Ipacs/PDF/IPACS_Governance_Guidelines_final_-_For_dissemination.pdf). | |
| SDG Alignment: | *To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?*  SDG 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.  *Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.*  2019-2021 G20 Anti-Corruption Action Plan, Swiss Federal Council’s Anti-Corruption Strategy 2021-2024, Declaration by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on sport integrity in September 2023. Please also see the below section for further reference. | |
| Alignment with global frameworks: | *How does this initiative align with/contribute to the objectives of the* [*Kazan Action Plan*](https://en.unesco.org/mineps6/kazan-action-plan)*,* [*WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity*](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272722/9789241514187-eng.pdf) *or other related internationally agreed frameworks on sport and/or physical activity?*  This initiative is fully aligned with the Resolution 8/4 on Safeguarding Sport from Corruption adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its eighth session, held in Abu Dhabi from 16 to 20 December 2019, the reference of IPACS within the UNGA [Resolution “Sport as an enabler of sustainable development” (A/77/L.28)](https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/LTD/N22/710/24/PDF/N2271024.pdf?OpenElement) and the Resolution “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”adopted in December 2023 at the Tenth Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.  The main international legal instruments relevant to the work of IPACS are the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), the OECD Anti Bribery Convention and the GRECO Criminal Law Convention on Corruption. | |
| Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP: | *Which of the four thematic areas of the* [*UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace*](https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2018/06/14.pdf) *is this initiative designed to align?*  N/A  *To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?*  N/A | |
| Outcomes: | *What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?*  The initiative’s outcomes so far have been the significant increase of awareness of stakeholders about the challenges of corruption and its impact on sport, the strengthening and improvement of collaboration between key stakeholders on this issue, the development of a wide range of tools that can help stakeholders understand the benefit of the anti-corruption measures for the sport organisations, the concrete support of IPACS to its stakeholders. | |
| Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation: | *What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?*  The initiative, which has been established since 2017, has dedicated its first five years to the development of pragmatic tools of the highest standards for the mitigation of corruption risks in sport, and since 2023, IPACS started its official work for the promotion, dissemination and implementation of the developed tools. As stated above, each partner will develop mechanisms to evaluate the impact within their own sphere of competence. Therefore, the first outcomes in regard to the impact of their implementation are expected to start being visible in early 2025. The initial mechanisms IPACS will use are based on the numbers of beneficiaries of the support IPACS is providing (through webinars, workshops, etc.).  *What specific monitoring and evaluation tools are involved?*  N/A | |
| Challenges/Lessons learned | *What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?*  Diversity of legal frameworks throughout the countries (e.g. corruption in the private sector is not criminal in all jurisdictions), lack of mechanism allowing for exchange of information between criminal justice and sports organisations when a case is ongoing which delays both the disciplinary procedure by the sport organization and the criminal sanctions by the government, difference in the maturity of sports organisations when it comes to the fight against corruption and resources available for the governance.  *What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?*  Coordinated and collaborative efforts is key to tackling corruption in sport as it allows for the different responsible sectors/stakeholders to combine efforts for more efficient response. A significant amount of knowledge has been produced with little resources, making IPACS an extremely successful investment for those who take part in it. | |