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

***Sports for Nature***

***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
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| * Leveraging sports events to promote action to combat climate change, advance peace and/or sustainable development
 | * Conflict prevention/peace building
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| * 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
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| * 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
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| * Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace
 | * Harnessing the power of sports to contribute to global efforts to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 by engaging with the sports community
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| **Situation** | *What is the challenge or problem that the initiative aims to address?**The initiative aims to halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity and the damage to the natural world on which we all depend to sustain our health and well-being, as well as provide clean air, fresh water and food. By protecting and restoring nature, sports organisations can play a vital role in the outdoor and indoor environments where they play and through their enormous influence with the wider public.* |
| **Implementation mechanisms:** | *What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?**Sports for Nature is a joint initiative of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), International Olympic Committee (IOC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Sails of Change. It aims to deliver transformative action for nature across sports, by 2030 and beyond, enabling sports to champion nature and contribute to its protection and restoration. It provides a game plan for sports — at all levels — to accelerate and inspire others to take action for nature.**The Sports for Nature initiative comprises a Framework, launched on 16 December 2022. Today, there are 52 signatories that have committed to take action for nature under the Framework's four principles, and report on their progress annually.* *What are the main deliverables/activities involved?** *The programme has 4 asks for sports organizations: First, to take action to protect nature and avoid damage, second to restore and regenerate nature (in alignment with UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration), third to reduce risks to the environment and inspire positive action, and finally, to use sports’ vast reach with the general public to advocate for nature, sports will be asked to report on progress each year. Commitments around these 4 principles will be taken by signatories, reported on annually and monitored by founding partners.*
* *Quarterly webinars are taking place with the signatories since April 2023 to support sports in their journey, and 3 working groups co-lead by signatories have been conducted around Conservation and Restoration, Procurement and Education and Advocacy to conduct a needs assessment and define next steps for signatories to move from theory to action.*
* *Resources and research developed for sports organisations to support their actions for nature – e.g. 10-step guidance for rugby and technical guidance for mountain sports.*
* *Advocacy opportunities through events – e.g. Event to come in Kenya, involving French and Kenyan governments around the role of sports for sustainable development and exposure around Paris 2024.*

*What is the time frame of implementation?**The first four years will determine what happens next with the initiative.* |
| **Target Audience(s):** | *Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?**The aim of the initiative is to work with sports organizations, such as the National Olympic committees, a variety of sports federations, unions and clubs from different parts of the sport pyramid as signatories, who then use their channels to reach out to their audience of clubs, athletes and fans.*  |
| **Partners/Funding:** | *Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles?**Sports for Nature is a joint initiative of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), International Olympic Committee (IOC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Sails of Change.**UNEP (i) participates as a core partner in development and implementation of the Sports for Nature framework, (ii) co-leads in the strategic communications and outreach efforts, (iii) produce informative reports and other relevant communications and advocacy materials e.g building a use case with rugby for other sports to follow (iv) identify opportunities for partnership within the UN system works (v) work on specific ecosystems such as mountain and water sports (vi) develop stakeholder engagement through governments and education partners.**IUCN (i) coordinates the initiative and facilitates the signatory process with CBD, as well as technical advice, communications and outreach (ii) leads the consultation with sports organisations (iii) provides effective reporting and monitoring process (iv) ensure appropriate human and financial resources.**The IOC (i) contributes to development and implementation of the Framework (ii) became first signatory of the Framework (iii) supports olympic movement and host cities in implementing the Framework (iv) promotes the framework within Olympic movement and beyond.* *CBD (i) co-launched the Framework intended to contribute to the Post-2020 GBF (ii) serve as a depository for written pledges (iii) collaborate with partners to ensure alignment (iv) participate in selected high level events.**Sails of Change (i) provides technical advice and financial support (ii) co-organises events to promote implementation of the initiative (iii) identifies potential signatories (iv) shares knowledge on sport sector.* *What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?**Through Sails of Change, funded IUCN. Further funding is currently being sought.* |
| **SDG Alignment:** | *To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?**SDG 12, 13, 14, 15**Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.**Contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its 2030 Agenda.**Advance the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.**Accelerate climate mitigation and adaptation efforts by protecting and restoring nature.* |
| **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?**Contributes to the objectives of these plans by contributing to II) Maximizing the Contributions of Sport to Sustainable Development and Peace in the Kazan Plan**WHO Global Action Plan: Contribution to Objective 1 Create Active Societies, value of linking sports and nature for further environmental sustainability.*  |
| **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?**To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?**The Sports for Nature contributes to all line of actions described in the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace* |
| **Outcomes:** | *What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?**Sports to implement and report on the 4 principles of the framework**The programme has 4 asks for sports organizations: First, to take action to protect nature and avoid damage, second to restore and regenerate nature (in alignment with UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration), third to reduce risks to the environment and inspire positive action, and finally, to use sports’ vast reach with the general public to advocate for nature, sports will be asked to report on progress each year.* *Actual outcomes – 52 signatories on board who have reported on their nature journey – 1 year initiative so outcome of actions yet to be verified but in the first year, it is expected that sports will become familiar with the expectations and build out their own guidance.*  |
| **Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:** | *What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?**Report / Committee to check report – IUCN lead and UNEP to review**What specific monitoring and evaluation tools are involved?**Report / Committee to check report – IUCN lead and UNEP to review* |
| **Challenges/Lessons learned** | *What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?*1. *To ensure that this meets the needs and capacity of sport, which on this agenda is emerging;*
2. *To ensure that focus is given to ecosystems that can deliver the strongest results for ecosystems;*
3. *To secure the additional funding to scale this up further.*

*What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?**This is a young initiative that is taking shape, but the main lessons are pointed out in the section above.*  |