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

***Sport for One Humanity initiative***

***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*

The universality of sport and its unifying power have been recognized as powerful tools to promote peace, tolerance, and understanding. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015, explicitly stressed the ‘growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace.

Civil society organizations have for a long time recognized the potential of sport in peace and development by adopting the use of sport in fulfilling their objectives. They are necessary and central partners in advocacy, program development, and delivery of sports-based initiatives at the community level whose impact trickles down to the national and global level. Therefore, it is important that the efforts of civil society organizations (CSOs) are supported to maintain and expand their contribution to peace and development as well as other Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through sport.

In this context, UNAOC provides technical expertise to the ‘Sport for One Humanity’ initiative established by Turkish Airlines, whose objective is to select and support innovative sports-based projects implemented by civil society organizations that promote a culture of peace, mutual understanding and cooperation among diverse communities and cultures around the world. The initiative gives priority to projects using and promoting sport as a tool for strengthening diversity and inclusiveness, education and empowerment of youth, empowerment of women and girls, inclusion of persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups and fostering peaceful and inclusive societies.

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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
 | * Other (please specify)
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| **Situation** | *What is the challenge or problem that the initiative aims to address?*The Sport for One Humanity initiative addresses the need for intercultural dialogue and diversity in developing solutions to global challenges by supporting innovative sports-based interventions that foster a culture of peace, mutual understanding, and cooperation. The initiative recognizes the power of sport as a tool for fostering peaceful and inclusive societies and supports innovative sports-based projects implemented by Civil Society Organizations. |
| **Implementation mechanisms:** | *What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative? What are the main deliverables/activities involved?***-Call for applications:** The call for applications was launched in March 2022 to invite civil society organizations (CSOs) implementing projects relevant to the sport for development and peace agenda.**-Selection Process:** Reviewing and evaluating applications from CSOs worldwide with the support of an international jury.**-Announcement of Selected Projects:** Conducting a Recognition Ceremony during the 9th UNAOC Global Forum in November 2022 to announce the ten selected grassroots organizations, that raised their visibility as well as awareness about the initiative, and brought together influencers in sport, business, and civil society. **-Capacity Development Program:** Implementing a comprehensive capacity development program for the selected recipients during December 2022 and April 2023, which included: Providing training through online and face-to-face workshops facilitated by experts, covering key areas in project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, communications and advocacy, resource mobilization, partnerships, and fundraising; Featuring guest speakers and experts in the field and facilitating visits to important stakeholders during the face to face workshop; Offering customized mentoring sessions to support organizations in their development.*What is the time frame of implementation?*The project implementation spanned a duration of 15 months, commencing in March 2022 and concluding in May 2023. |
| **Target Audience(s):** | *Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?*The main target group is civil society organizations (CSOs) active in the field of sport for development and peace (including the beneficiaries of their programs at the local level).  |
| **Partners/Funding:** | *Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles?*Sport for One Humanity initiative" is a Turkish Airlines initiative with support provided by UNAOC through the provision of technical expertise on the theme of the initiative.*What are the main sources of funding for the initiative?***/**Sport for One Humanity initiative is funded by Turkish Airlines.  |
| **SDG Alignment:** | *To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?*The focus of the initiative is on SDG 16: Peaceful and Inclusive Societies. The initiative also contributes to SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 5: Gender Equality, and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities. *Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.* |
| **Alignment with global frameworks:** | *How does this initiative align with/contribute to the objectives of the* *Kazan Action Plan**,* *WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity**, or other related internationally agreed frameworks on sport and/or physical activity?*The initiative contributes to the main policy area II: “Maximizing the Contributions of Sport to Sustainable Development and Peace” of the MINEPS Sport Policy Follow-up Framework under the Kazan Action Plan and specifically to the policy area II.4: “Build peaceful, inclusive, and equitable societies”. |
| **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* *is this initiative designed to align? To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?*The initiative is aligned with thematic area 3) Resource mobilization, programming, and implementation, which states that resource mobilization for sport must incorporate transfer of knowledge and capacity-building for effective program design and for securing long-term partnerships. The initiative contributes to the action area 3.i. Encourage multi-stakeholder programme development and implementation at all levels. The initiative is also aligned with the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/73/24, which acknowledges that sport is an important enabler of sustainable development and recognizes the growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals, and communities. |
| **Outcomes:** | *What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?* The expected outcomes of the initiative are:* Raise awareness of the power of sport as a tool to foster peaceful and inclusive societies.
* Support selected CSOs active in the field of sport for development and peace through capacity-building training and mentoring.
* Identify best practices/lessons learned on how sport can contribute to building bridges between individuals and across communities and foster peaceful and inclusive societies.
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| **Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:** | *What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes, and impact of the initiative? What specific monitoring and evaluation tools are involved?*Intermediate narrative reports on the activities and progress made during implementation. A final evaluation report will be prepared following the conclusion of the initiative. |
| **Challenges/Lessons learned** | *What have been/were the main challenges to implementation? What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?*Capacity Building Training Programme Schedule: The program's schedule, comprising weekly virtual sessions and a concentrated in-person agenda, proved demanding for some participants. This intensity was necessary to cover essential topics within the allocated timeframe. Future iterations can balance schedule intensity with participant well-being. While a less compact schedule might impact coverage, exploring alternatives, such as a longer program period, could be beneficial. Future editions could seek ways to maintain program effectiveness by potentially adjusting the pace to ensure sustained participant engagement and well-being. |