



UN Inter-Agency Group on Sport for Development and Peace

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Purpose

A mechanism for:

- Strengthened United Nations system-wide coherence in the field of sport for development and peace in the three pillars of the United Nations (peace and security, human rights and development),
- Increased and expanded internal coordination and mutual support among entities of the United Nations system,
- Ongoing collaboration of members within their respective mandates to advance the role of sport as an enabler of development, including through the implementation of the United Nations Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace and other UN instruments that focus specifically on sport, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.¹

Objectives

1. Provide opportunities to IAGSDP members to plan collaboratively, identify key joint priorities and strategic opportunities, and to implement related initiatives based on the entities' work plans, within existing resources;
2. Share good practices and expertise and promote effective cooperation among the entities in programming and activities at country and regional levels;
3. Promote the mainstreaming of sport in the implementation of relevant conventions and internationally agreed development goals and in relevant inter-governmental processes that may not be sport specific.

¹ These include the Kazan Action Plan, the Global Action Plan on Physical Activity, General Assembly resolutions 75/18 and 73/24 on sport as an enabler of sustainable development and 74/170 on integrating sport into youth crime prevention and criminal justice strategies; Children's Rights in Sport Principles (UNICEF); Sport for Generation Equality Principles; Points of Consensus, adopted by the ILO's tripartite constituents at the Global Dialogue Forum on Decent Work in the World of Sport 2020; UNCCC Sports for Climate Action Framework



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Methods of Operation

UN departments, funds, programmes, specialized agencies and entities, as well as regional commissions can join the Group.

Focal points/units or representatives should be confirmed by their departments. Their work should be connected to sport for development and peace. Participation in the IAGSDP as a focal point implies a commitment to participate regularly and to share information in a timely manner to enable and facilitate coordination and cooperation.

The IAGSDP will meet quarterly for substantive meetings, with follow-up meetings as agreed by the membership. These meetings may be virtual or, if costs of travel/DSA can be absorbed by each participating entity, in-person.

The IAGSDP may invite on an ad hoc basis, experts, the private sector, sport federations, and other stakeholders whose work may contribute to the IAGSDP's objectives, as observers and contributors to its discussions. These invited contributors would be able to attend such parts of the inter-agency meetings as decided by the Co-Chairs.

The IAGSDP may choose to form thematic sub-working groups.

Co-Chairs

The work of the IAGSDP will be supported by a rotating Co-Chair that will be a UN entity, selected by the Group's members. This position will rotate through the Group's members on a biennial basis. The co-chair will be responsible for the hosting, convening and facilitation of IAGSDP meetings with support of the UN Secretariat, as needed.

UN DESA will serve as a permanent Co-Chair and, in this capacity, will coordinate administrative functions of the Group and provide support and continuity to the rotating Co-Chair and the Group as required.