

REPORT ON RECENT INITIATIVES ON SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Implementation of Trinidad and Tobago's National Policy on Sports 2017 to 2020

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

The Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (MSYA) is implementing its National Policy on Sports (NPS) 2017 to 2027.

The NPS was developed in consultation with key stakeholders and seeks to establish *“clear pathways towards holistic sport development and sporting achievement, which lead to the evolution and growth of our nation and its citizens”*.

The NPS which is guided by Trinidad and Tobago's National Development Strategy 2016 – 2030 (V2030) is aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and shares the vision to create a blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet.

Through the implementation of its Sports Policy Framework, the MSYA has contributed to an increase in the number of persons participating in sporting activities, the development of elite athletes and the profiling of Trinidad and Tobago as a destination for sports.

While the Policy provides a framework to address sports development in Trinidad and Tobago, the creation and adoption of tools to guide implementation are critical to its success.

Please provide more details on the initiative below:	
Objective(s):	<p><u>Please indicate which, if any, of the following fell among the main objectives of the initiative:</u></p> <p>The NPS is closely aligned to the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies. 2. Policy development for mainstreaming and integrating sport for development and peace in development programmes and policies.
Implementation mechanisms:	<p><u>What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?</u></p> <p>The following tools will be developed to guide the implementation of the NPS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An Action Plan outlining the short, medium and long-term interventions. 2. A Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. 3. Monthly Progress Reports. <p><u>What are the main deliverables/activities involved?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The implementation of legislative, institutional and administrative reforms. 2. The provisions of sporting infrastructure to facilitate the development of High Performance Sport. 3. The creation of a sporting culture. 4. The establishment of a sporting industry for economic diversification. 5. Research and development to inform decision-making. <p>Some specific activities that are congruent with the NPS include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The creation and maintenance of Sporting Infrastructure such as swimming pools, indoor sporting arenas, stadia and sporting centers. 2. The implementation of programmes and projects such as a swimming programme to teach citizens of different ages to swim; the facilitation of sporting activities that promote women and girls in sport; other rewards and incentives. 3. The hosting of international competitions held at various sporting facilities. 4. Assistance provided to National Governing Bodies (NGBs)/National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) to aid in the development of athletes and the implementation of community based programmes. 5. Capacity Building of NGB Executives and Coaches.

	<p>6. The execution of the Elite Athlete Assistance Programme (EAAP) and the provision of support to athletes at the Elite Development and Performance Unit.</p> <p><u>What is the time frame of implementation?</u> The main deliverables and activities outlined within the Sports Policy are expected to be achieved over a 10 year period.</p>
Target Audience(s):	<p><u>Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?</u> The primary beneficiaries are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elite Athletes 2. At-risk youths 3. Women and girls 4. Communities and Schools 5. All citizens of Trinidad and Tobago
Partners/Funding:	<p><u>Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles in development and/or implementation?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs – This Ministry has oversight for the implementation of the Sports Policy. 2. SporTT – This agency assists in the management of large sporting facilities as well as provides support to specific National Governing Bodies and National Athletes. 3. Sport National Governing Bodies – The Ministry partners with National Governing Bodies through the provision of subventions for the implementation of relevant programmes and projects. 4. UDeCOTT – This agency manages major infrastructure projects for Sports. 5. Trinidad and Tobago Olympic Committee – this is an independent non-profit organization which receives subventions from the MSYA for nationals to participate at international events. <p><u>What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) 2. Recurrent Expenditure (RE)

<p>SDG Alignment:</p>	<p><u>To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goal 3 – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. 2. Goal 5 – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. <p><u>Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned?</u></p> <p>Trinidad and Tobago National Development Strategy (NDS) - Vision 2030; Theme 1: Putting People First: Nurturing Our Greatest Asset.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 2 - Social Service Delivery will be improved to better serve the needs of vulnerable groups. • Goal 5 - The People of Trinidad and Tobago will be empowered to lead healthy lifestyles.
<p>Alignment with global frameworks:</p>	<p><u>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?</u></p> <p>The NPS Framework which focuses on “Development of Sports” and “Sports for Development” is aligned to the WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity, Strategic Objective 3 – Create Active People.</p>
<p>Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP:</p>	<p><u>Which of the four thematic areas of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace is this initiative designed to align?</u></p> <p>Thematic Area 2: Policy development</p> <p><u>To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?</u></p> <p>(a) support the systematic integration and mainstreaming of sport for development and peace into the development sector and into international, national and subnational development plans and policies</p> <p>(b) facilitate alignment between relevant policy frameworks as well as coherence between frameworks and implementation</p>

<p>Outcomes:</p>	<p><u>What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?</u> As a result of the implementation of the MSYA sports framework, the following outcomes are anticipated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased collaboration and coordination in Sports. 2. Increased participation in Sports by persons of different ages. 3. Increased community involvement in Sports. 4. Reduction in obesity and lifestyle diseases. 5. Greater community development and harmonization. 6. More women and girls participating in sports resulting in greater gender equality. 7. Improvement in national athlete athletic performance at local and international events. 8. Sports tourism sector developed.
<p>Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:</p>	<p><u>What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?</u> Key stakeholders are responsible for developing, executing and monitoring action plans. Monthly progress reports are to be submitted to the Monitoring and Evaluation Department at the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs. The Monitoring and Evaluation Department will be responsible for developing a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework which will be used to guide Ministerial reporting and the conducting of evaluations.</p> <p><u>What are the specific monitoring and evaluation tools involved?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action Plans 2. Monitoring Reports 3. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework 4. Evaluation Reports
<p>Challenges/Lessons learned</p>	<p><u>What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There has been a delay in the development of Action Plans. 2. Funding constraints have affected programme implementation. <p><u>What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?</u> During the planning stages, It is important to define timelines for the development of key implementation documents.</p>