





UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ORGANISATIONS USING SPORT¹

1. GENERAL

UN Organisations	Role	Projects	Partners
United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) 	Recognizing the importance of sustaining momentum around the development potential of sport, UNOSDP performs the following duties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy & Guidance • Facilitation & Coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNOSDP Youth Leadership Camps • UEFA'S 2010 Monaco Charity Award • Score the Goals Comic Book • 'Sport for a Better World' Fundraising Gala Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Olympic Committee (IOC) • International Judo Federation (IJF) • Gwangju Universiade 2015 Organising Committee (GUOC) • International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) • UEFA • Sport Accord • United Nations Office for Partnerships and Sport
Department of Public Information (DPI) 	The UN Department of Public Information (DPI) seeks to promote global awareness and enhanced understanding of the work and issues of the United Nations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Score the Goals' Education Comic Book • United Nations Communications Group's Working Group on Sport for Development and Peace • Swim Across the Continents • International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE) 2005 	
United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) 	In Early 2004, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General entrusted UNOP with increased responsibilities on the question of Sport for Development and Peace. This role included providing support to Mr. Adolf Ogi, the former Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace and advocating the International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE) 2005, in collaboration with the UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP). The United Nations Office for Partnerships also actively encourages the use of sport as a tool to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nike Foundation • Right To Play • Nothing but Net's Campaign • Peace and Sport 	
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 	Team UNICEF: Team UNICEF is an attempt to unite UNICEF's sports-related activities and partnerships to drive and enhance change for children. The initiative is built around the idea that sport can change children's lives by helping break down barriers, promote participation, alter attitudes and include the excluded. UNICEF's goal is to amplify its existing sport-related programs and partnerships to improve the lives of children globally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team UNICEF • Paralympians with Polio Project • Montenegro's 'It's About Ability' campaign • UNICEF Azerbaijan and the Children's Paralympic Committee in the Country • Tanni Grey-Thompson blog • Vamos Jogar • UNICEF and the World Cup • Football from the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIFA • Manchester United • Gothia Cup • FC Barcelona • Flamengo • Special Olympics • International Cricket Council • UNIADS

¹ <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/sport/home/unplayers/fundsprogrammesagencies> (last access March 2018)



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) 	<p>The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) focuses on advocacy and partnership-building, using sport to promote development and peace, and the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Score the Goals” Education Comic Book • “Match Against Poverty”: Ronaldo & Friends vs Zidane and Friends • Teams to End Poverty Initiative • UN Millennium Campaign • FIFA World Cup 2010, South Africa • ‘Soccer and Peace’ Network 	
United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU) 	<p>In addition to raising funds and awareness about UN agency charitable activities, UNFCU actively sponsors sport-related programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kilimanjaro Initiative • Play Soccer Non-Profit International • Sekolo Project 	
Global Compact Office 	<p>The United Nations Global Compact is both a policy platform and a practical framework for companies that are committed to sustainability and responsible business practices. As a multi-stakeholder leadership initiative, it seeks to align business operations and strategies with ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption and to catalyze actions in support of broader UN goals. With nearly 5,200 signatories in more than 130 countries, it is the world's largest voluntary corporate responsibility initiative.</p>		




2. EDUCATION



UN Organisations	Role	Projects	Partners
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) 	<p>As the United Nations’ lead agency for Physical Education and Sport (PES), UNESCO provides assistance, guidance and services to governments, NGOs and experts, to consolidate and develop the increasingly diverse issues relating to sport.</p> <p>In recent decades, UNESCO has committed itself to the creation of appropriate mechanisms to achieve its goals of cooperation and development. In line with this commitment UNESCO has established:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Charter on Physical Education and Sport; • The International Convention against Doping in Sport; • The Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport; • Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport; • The Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-governmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) • Sport for Peace and Development • YOUR STORIES -- Can Sport Bring Cultures Together? • Quality Physical Education • International Charter for Physical Education and Sport • Traditional Games and Sport • Women and Sport • Anti-Doping • International Convention against Doping in Sport • Fund for the Elimination of Doping in Sport 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPE); • The International Fund for Developing Physical Education and Sport (FIDEPS) 		
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3. HEALTH

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World Health Organization (WHO) 	<p>Since 1984, the World Health Organization (WHO) has engaged with the sporting world to promote healthy lifestyle, the benefits of regular physical activity and to fight tobacco use. Recognising the important links between sport, physical activity and health, the 2008 Action Plan on Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and the 2004 Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health (DPAS) have been developed and endorsed by the World Health Assembly. Both documents emphasize the importance to start the practice of adapted physical activity early in childhood.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO Forum and Technical Meeting on Population-based Prevention Strategies for Childhood Obesity (Geneva, December 2009) • Physical Activity and Sports component of the implementation of DPAS and the Action Plan on Prevention and Control of NCD (focal point in WHO: Dr. Tim Armstrong, email: armstrongt@who.int) • Collaboration with the International Olympic Committee (focal point in WHO: Dr. Tim Armstrong, email: armstrongt@who.int) • Playing for Health: A Project to Promote the Health of Pre-adolescent Males through Football (focal point in WHO: Mr Paulus Bloem, email: bloemp@who.int) • Mass gathering as opportunities for promotion of Health and Physical Activity - Intersectoral work and Health Legacy of mass gathering events such as the Olympic Games (focal point in WHO: Dr Gauden Galea, email: galeag@who.int) • Luís Figo and the World Tuberculosis Cup • Review of Sport-for-Health approaches in Africa, WHO Tropical Diseases Research (focal point Dr Jane Kengeya Kayondo, Coordinator, Strategic Alliances) • The 7th Global Conference on Health Promotion, Nairobi, Kenya, 26-30 October 2009. 	
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) 	<p>Sportsmen and women are recognized as role models and the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) is creating partnerships with individuals and organizations to build on this – to raise awareness on AIDS issues and to help inform people about how to protect themselves against HIV infection. Sport is an exceptional platform to create greater public awareness in order to help</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Score the Goals" Comic Book • "Be Smart Protect Yourself" Competition • Sport and HIV Prevention • THINK WISE and International Cricket Council World Cup • Unite for Children, Unite Against AIDS • Partnership with the International Olympic Committee 	

		countries meet their targets for universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010.		
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) 		UNFPA supports Ministries of Youth, Sports and Education to provide information and services for the promotion of purpose-driven life-skills and responsible sexual behaviour through schools and National Sports Commissions.	The use of sport as a vehicle for responsible sexual behaviour and HIV prevention at sports events, including football matches and athletics, has yielded positive results in Ghana, Nigeria, Niger, Benin, Ethiopia and Botswana.	The partnerships strengthened capacities of Ministries of Youth, sports associations and youth NGOs to provide Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Behavior Change Communication (BCC) materials, counseling and other reproductive health services. As the convening agency of UNAIDS co-sponsors' Interagency Task Team (IATT) for Young People and HIV/AIDS, UNFPA is fostering a partnership to fight HIV/AIDS among young people with the African Football Confederation (CAF) to implement the African Youth Charter and regional and global instruments. UNFPA, in collaboration with Pathfinder International and PATH, implemented in the past years the Africa Youth Alliance Programme in several countries including Tanzania, Botswana, Uganda and Ghana. This programme aimed to address youth issues using a comprehensive approach with sport as a powerful entry point in key strategies being implemented. Similar initiatives were implemented in other countries, including Nigeria, as part of adolescent sexual and reproductive health projects.
Stop TB Partnership 		The Stop TB Partnership consists of more than 900 countries, donors, national and international organizations, government and non-governmental organizations, academics and patient groups, working together to reduce the toll of tuberculosis worldwide and ultimately achieve a world free of tuberculosis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Score the Goals" Education Comic Book • Stop TB Ambassador Luis Figo • UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Stop Tuberculosis 	Professional Football Against Hunger Partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Association of the European Professional Football Leagues (EPFL) • The Confédération Africaine de Football (CAF) • The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) • The Confederación Sudamericana de Fútbol (CONMEBOL) • The Football Federation of the State of Sao Paulo (FPF) • Asociación Nacional de Fútbol Profesional de Chile (ANFP) • Fédération Française de Football (FFF) • Fundación Atlético de Madrid
Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) 		FAO gives great importance to sport as a vehicle for development and peace and to advocate for the fight against hunger and the achievement of the MDGs with the involvement of the civil society. It considers sport as a key tool for mobilizing the political will, action and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Professional Football against Hunger' Campaign • Run for Food • 'Score Goals' Educational Comic Book 	




		resources to keep this pledge towards the world's underprivileged people.		
UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)		The UN Office on Drugs and Crime uses sport for drug abuse prevention and for raising awareness about the importance of a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experimental E-Lecture on "Sport, violence and crime prevention" • Global Sport for Youth • International Day against Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA National Basketball Association
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)		A globally recognized UNECE activity concerns road safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Improving Road Traffic Safety in South-Eastern Europe (2009) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Basketball Federation (FIBA)
World Food Programme (WFP)		WFP uses sport Ambassadors with their high profile status to put the spotlight on the plight of hunger and what WFP is doing to alleviate it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Fill the Cup' Campaign • Cricket Against Hunger 	

4. SOCIAL ORDER

UN Organisations	Role	Projects	Partners
United Nations Peacekeeping		Increasingly, UN peacekeepers are using sport in the framework of their activities.	
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)		The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has long been using the power of sport and education in its programmes to foster development of refugee children and youth and to ensure tolerance and understanding between communities. In coordination with sports-oriented partners such as Nike, FC Barcelona, the UN Foundation, the International Olympic Committee, Right to Play, and the International Volleyball, Badminton and Basketball Federations, UNHCR continues to expand its sports programmes in refugee camps, mostly in Africa, Asia, South America and Eastern Europe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Partnerships • FC Barcelona/MES • UN Foundation • International Volleyball Federation • International Olympic Committee • Nike Foundation • Nike Inc • Right to Play • Grassroot Soccer
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)		The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) provides assistance and protection to Palestinian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the occupied Palestinian territory, pending a just and lasting solution to their plight. It does so by offering to a population of some 4.7 million refugees a range of human development and humanitarian services in primary and vocational education, primary health care, social safety-net,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNRWA Summer Games in Gaza Strip • World Record Kite Flying • Equality in Action • Children and Youth Assistance Project (West Bank) • UNWRA Sibling Training Centre • 2009 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth




	community support, infrastructure and camp improvement, microfinance and emergency response, including in situations of armed conflict. UNRWA's role also encompasses advocacy and actions to address the human rights and protection needs of Palestinian refugees.		
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5. ENVIRONMENT

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United Nations Environment Programme(UNEP) 	<p>With sport being intimately connected to nature and a healthy environment necessary for healthy sport, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) aims to ensure that the impact on the environment of sports facilities, events, activities and the manufacture of sporting goods is minimized. Energy and water consumption, air pollution, emissions of greenhouse gases and ozone-depleting substances, waste management and impacts on biological diversity are all issues for the sporting world to address. UNEP uses the popularity of sports to promote environmental awareness and respect for the environment among the public, especially young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP, Sport and the Environment • Partnership with the International Olympic Committee • Play for the Planet • UNEP and PUMA: "Play for Life" Campaign • Nature and Sports Camps • UNEP Sports and Peace Initiative, Kenya • Ecoflag • 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa • UNEP and the Indian Premier League • Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games • Commonwealth Games 2010, Delhi , India • 2010 Singapore Youth Olympic Games • World Expo 2010, Shanghai, China • Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games • World Conference on Sport and the Environment • The Global Forum for Sport and Environment (G-ForSE) • Sports Summit for the Environment 2005 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Association of Athletics Federations • Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) • The Global Sports Alliance
International Organization for Migration(IOM) 	<p>The International Organization for Migration (IOM) works with governments, international organizations, NGOs, the media and other partners from around the world to encourage the use of sport to promote safe migration, raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and the risks of trafficking, foster conflict resolution and peace building, and assist displaced populations in post-disaster relief and reconstruction efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Play it Safe' Nation – Wide Sporting Tournament in Zimbabwe • Sports Carnival in Sir Lanka • Involvements of Albanian TV and Sports Stars in the struggle against HIV/AIDS • Issue of Trafficking around the 2006 Football World Cup in Germany • 'E Golombiao' – The Game of Peace for Colombia 	
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) 	<p>The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), through its municipal youth development programmes, has been working with sport and recreation organizations in slum areas to empower young people and help inform them about the challenges facing them as well</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Victoria Youth-led Urban Planning Initiative • One Stop Youth Resource Centres • Mekong Region Water and Sanitation Initiative • Safer Cities Programme • Sports Enhancing Safe Neighbourhoods 	

	as offering alternative life skills geared towards conquering life in informal settlements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kilimanjaro Climb 	
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6. VOCATION TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT & ENTERPRISE

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Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) 	<p>The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), through its UN Programme on Youth and the Division for Social Policy and Development integrates sport to promote healthy, active lifestyles for youth. Until the end of 2010, DESA was also host of the Division for the Advancement of Women (now merged into UN Women) and, as such, has contributed to the advancement of gender equality and women's empowerment through sport.</p>		
International Labour Organisation (ILO) 	<p>The International Labour Organization (ILO) works with other UN agencies, governments and sports organisations through partnerships to use sport as an opportunity to promote social and economic development, youth skills and better working conditions for women and men.</p> <p>The leisure time of workers and their families are the main reasons for ILO's involvement in the sport sector. In 1922, the Organisation conducted a number of consultations on the above subject area and in 1924, the International Labour Conference (ILC) adopted a resolution following consultations with the IOC President Pierre de Coubertin and a number of experts in local sports institutions. The objective was to reduce the number of working hours to a maximum of eight per day and to reorient the time of the workers to social activities which would include recreation and physical education.</p> <p>As history goes full circle, it is worth noticing that the ILO is called upon today to help in developing services for recreational activities of workers. In doing so, not only national programmes in favour of the workers are preserved, but real opportunities are created for centres to be upgraded with new services, possibly creating new job categories with training to be developed for coaches, tourist guides, managers etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Sport Programme • Common Framework for Sport and Development • Decent Work Agenda 	
World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) 	<p>UNWTO recognizes that sport and tourism have a major socio-economic impact, appreciated in most civilian societies and increasingly recognized by governments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNWTO International Summit on Tourism, Sport and Mega Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

<p>UN Volunteers (UNV)</p> 	<p>The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide.</p>	<p>UNV volunteers are involved in multiple activities in developing countries to promote peace and development through sports. UNV also engages in projects with partner organizations to promote sport for development and peace. Examples include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Smiling Beijing: Green Olympics' • South Pacific Games • Sports camp in Sri Lanka • Project to donate football field to East Timorese Foundation • Football day in Sarajevo-Ilidža 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
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