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Updates on UN sport-related initiatives supporting the MDGs and activities for the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005 (IYSPE 2005)

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IYSPE 2005 to culminate at 2nd Magglingen Conference on Sport and Development – More than 400 participants from 60 countries, including high-ranking decision makers and top athletes, will gather on 4-6 December for the event in the Swiss village of Magglingen, home of the Federal Office of Sport and the Swiss Sport School. Swiss President Samuel Schmid will open the conference, which is hosted by Adolf Ogi, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, and the Swiss Federal Office of Sport. The conference will take stock of achievements in Sport for Development and Peace, exchange experiences, present examples of path-breaking ideas, and issue a Call to Action. The aim is to move development through sport to the next stage, with a focus on practical initiatives, ensuring that the momentum generated during IYSPE 2005, reflected by the UN General Assembly resolution adopted this month, continues and grows. The conference offers a platform for all players – the UN, governments, sports organizations, NGOs, the private sector, media and academia – to forge new commitments and foster new partnerships. Among sports stars participating will be former German tennis ace Boris Becker, four-time UN Olympic gold medalist and Right to Play President Johann Olav Koss, long distance runner Tegla Loroupe of Kenya, and hurdler Nawal El Moutawakel of Morocco. A Marketplace will showcase innovative projects, offering organizations an opportunity to present initiatives to a wider audience to share knowledge and mobilize support. Visit www.magglingen2005.org

World Conference on Sport and Environment promotes ‘green’ sport and peace – The conference in Nairobi on 9-11 November, organized by the International Olympic Committee and UNEP, called on the Olympic movement and sports organizations to promote environmental sustainability and peace in their activities. The Turin Olympic Organizing Committee unveiled a series of measures to cut greenhouse emissions and water use at the Winter Olympics in February in a new Sustainability Report. A cornerstone is the Heritage Climate Turin (HECTOR) project to offset the estimated 100,000 tons of carbon dioxide that the Games will generate through forestry, energy efficiency, and renewable energy schemes in line with the Kyoto Protocol, the climate change treaty. Visit www.olympic.org and www.unep.org

UNEP and Beijing sign Green Games agreement – The pact by UNEP and the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games aims to make the 2008 summer Olympics environmentally friendly. It covers areas ranging from air, water, and noise pollution to transport, landscaping, and the disposal of solid waste. A key element is public awareness campaigns, with the aim of leaving a lasting legacy on the links between mass participation events and a healthy environment. Contact Nick Nutall: nick.nutall@unep.org

IOC and UNAIDS publish Toolkit on HIV/AIDS prevention through sport – Launched for World AIDS Day, 1 December, the 120-page toolkit points out that one third of the 40 million people living with HIV are under 25, and many are involved in sports as spectators or participants. It offers information on prevention, testing and counseling, suggestions for communication and awareness activities, and comprehensive policies for sports organizations. A target group for sport-related prevention is youth ages 10 to 15. Visit http://multimedia.olympic.org/pdf/en_report_1015.pdf

Education is focus of Togo celebration of IYSPE 2005 and UN 60th anniversary – The activities on 21-23 October used sport to highlight needs of at-risk youth and HIV/AIDS prevention. Soccer star Christian Karembeu participated in visits to NGO projects helping children and youth. A march by 500 youth to Lomé municipal stadium for dedication of a pillar for the UN 60th anniversary and IYSPE 2005 was followed by a soccer match between youth attending school and youth from the streets. At the conclusion, the youth attending school presented contributions of \$10,000 for an education program for street

children. President Faure Gnassingbé received a delegation led by UN Resident Representative Fidele Sarassoro and two street children, who presented him with wooden plaque saying: "Give us a little love and protection, a good education and peace, and we will be your champions." Partners from the UN, the Government, and donor countries agreed launch an education project for at risk children in 2006. Contact Fidele Sarassoro: fidele.sarassoro@undp.org

UNICEF and partners use sport to tackle HIV/AIDS in Liberia – UNICEF, in collaboration with the UN Mission in Liberia, the Liberia Football Association, and the Liberia Kickball Federation held HIV/AIDS Awareness and Education Workshops for youth soccer and kickball team officials, players, and referees in Bong county and Montserrado county in early November. "The young athletes are great peer educators, role models who can communicate HIV/AIDS prevention messages to other children," said UNICEF Liberia Representative Angela Kearney. A UNICEF-organized HIV/AIDS Education Cup Tournament in conjunction with World AIDS Day on 1 December will bring together top county teams from around the country. Contact Patrick Slavin: pslavin@unicef.org

Doves Olympic Movement fosters friendship in Cyprus – The Doves Olympic Summer camp was one of 11 camps organized over three months that showed how sport can build strong bonds of friendship, tolerance and bridges between cultures. Support came from the Bi-Communal Development Program in Cyprus funded by UNDP and the US Agency for International Development and implemented by UNOPS. The camp brought together 96 Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot children and 20 instructors. One participant said: "We established strong relationships, we became one big family and we should continue to see each other after the camp...this camp was very strong verification that human beings have no differences and that Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots can live together." The organizers produced a training manual to help organize similar programs. Contact Alexis Lyras: Alexis.Lyras@Uconn.edu and visit www.dovesolympicmovement.com

Bhutan launches first Sports web site – Sports enthusiasts in Bhutan now have access to information on sports events in the country, thanks the kingdom's first sports website. Lyonpo Thinley Gyamtsho, President of the Bhutan Olympic Committee and Minister for Education, launched the site, hosted by the committee with support from UNDP. It includes information on 15 sports, a calendar of events, news, and messages on the MDGs. Visit www.bhutansport.bt

Promoting the MDGs through sport in FYR Macedonia – More than 10,000 people were on the streets of Skopje to celebrate the UN 60th anniversary on UN Day, 24 October. Activities included theatre, music and two main sport events: a street ball "Fair Play" tournament with participants from 20 high schools and a chess tournament for children. The main message was: "Promote MDGs through sport." For the International Day for Eradication of Poverty on 17 October, the UN system in Macedonia organized a week-long MDGs caravan tour that included a bicycle race for elementary school children in the southern town of Resen. Contact Mislim Hasipi: mislim.hasipi@undp.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ronaldo and Zidane to star in Match Against Poverty in Düsseldorf -- Soccer heroes Ronaldo de Lima and Zinedine Zidane are assembling an all-star line-up for the third Match Against Poverty at the LTU arena in Düsseldorf, Germany on 22 December. "The response from the public and the media to the first two games showed us that we should continue mobilizing the world of football in helping to overcome poverty," said the two UNDP Goodwill Ambassadors. Net proceeds from the first two matches benefited anti-poverty projects selected by UNDP in Brazil, Comoros, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Morocco, Namibia, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. The match is supported by FIFA, and Nike and Adidas are contributing equipment. Tickets can be purchased online at www.dticket.de or www.ticket-online.de Contact Aziyadé Poltier-Mutal: aziyade.poltier@undp.org

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