



## **The United Nations System marks the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005**

The office of Adolf Ogi, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, is working closely with the **United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP)**, which is providing guidance and support for the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005.

UNFIP will continue its efforts to promote sport related partnerships at the field level and to assist Mr. Ogi in his effort to implement sport programmes for development and peace, as well as to raise the profile of the International Year for Sport and Physical Education.

Below are select activities UN agencies will undertake in 2005 to mark the International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005.

### **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) is the lead UN agency for sport and is focusing its activities on advocacy and awareness-raising to strengthen physical education and sport within education systems globally, in compliance with the International Charter of Physical Education and Sport.

Among its activities for 2005, UNESCO will create a partnership with sport federations to advocate and raise awareness on the challenges of sport and physical education during major international sport events. It will also produce a brochure and develop a website to help advocate and raise awareness on the need to develop sport and physical education.

### **The International Labour Organisation (ILO)**

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) is planning to organize a workshop involving sports organizations (such as the National Olympic Committee), governmental agencies and the United Nations Country Team to streamline the contribution of sport into the National Youth Policies and into other development policies.

ILO will also publish a book on the socio-economic aspect of sport and it will provide technical support to existing networks of universities on curriculum development in relation with sport for development and peace.

### **The World Health Organisation (WHO)**

The World Health Organisation (WHO) will keep promoting physical activity and sport for health and well-being as part of its broad support for health and healthy lifestyles, integrated prevention/control of chronic diseases and attainment of the Millennium Development Goals.

The two recent resolutions of the 57th World Health Assembly on Health Promotion and Healthy Lifestyles and on Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, as well as the Move for Health Day/Initiative offer a valuable policy and strategic framework for WHO and its partners.

#### **The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has developed a strategy on sport for development adopted by the Executive Team. Several UNDP initiatives using sport as a development tool are already ongoing in countries around the world as part of programme activities in four practices: crisis prevention and recovery; democratic governance; HIV/AIDS; and poverty reduction.

The use of sport stars such as Ronaldo, Zidane and Dikembe Mutombo as Goodwill Ambassadors and Emissaries is helping raise awareness of the Millennium Development Goals and existing communication initiatives such as “Africa 2015” and the “Youth Leadership Summits” will further integrate the sports component in connection with International Year of Sport and Physical Education 2005.

#### **The United Nations Volunteers (UNV)**

The United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) is planning to inform Programme Officers and Programme Managers in the field and encourage them to contact the relevant Government Authorities to see in which way UNV can collaborate in the preparations for the IYSPE 2005 and what activities can be undertaken with other partners for the Year.

#### **The United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)**

The United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) considers sport for development and peace as an important and growing aspect of its work. UNICEF will build on the momentum that has grown over the last two years. In nearly 100 of UNICEF’s 158 Country Offices, sports, physical education, recreation and play are now being used as fundamental components of child and youth programming. These programmes are moving beyond communications-oriented activities and sports events, and are now serving as a fundamental part of UNICEF’s programme of cooperation with Governments, building or expanding upon education, health and protection programmes.

Specifically, UNICEF is mainstreaming sports and physical education into several Country Programmes, to be documented and shared in the 2005 IYSPE, for replication worldwide. UNICEF’s primary focus is to develop, with several NGOs, a monitoring and evaluation system for sports that is integrated into the M&E system for the Country Programme. The contribution for the 2005 IYSPE will be to highlight results and begin to show the impact of sport as a development tool.

#### **The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)**

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) together with its 10 cosponsoring agencies, plans to build on the work accomplished so far with sport partners such as the IOC or the International Cricket Council (ICC) to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS and to help fight the stigma associated with the epidemic through major sports events.

The collaboration with the IOC, which will be further developed in 2005 to other regions, has entailed working with 13 National Olympic Committees from sub-Saharan Africa on integrating AIDS and sports programmes. As a result of both the work with cricket and the Olympic movement, UN agencies and key partners at country level have requested that UNAIDS investigates possible partnerships with FIFA - particularly in Africa. UNAIDS hopes to identify opportunities for 2005 and onwards with the soccer community and looks forward to developing further synergies in 2005 as part of the International Year of Sport and Physical Education.

#### **The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will pursue its efforts in strongly linking the practice of outdoor sports with sustainable development and environment protection.

In 2005, UNEP will explore a number of points linked to UNEP's long-term strategy for sport and the environment including the following activities: the use of the UNEP TUNZA International Youth and Children Conferences to promote the IYSPE; the organization of sport related events on World Environment Day - 5 June 2005 dedicated to "Green Cities"; the organization of a Sports Summit for Sustainable Development (SSSD) with GSA in Aichi, Japan in conjunction with the WorldExpo 2005; a special issue of TUNZA magazine (UNEP's flagship outreach magazine for young people) dedicated to the International Year for Sport and Physical Education and the publication of a TUNZA Children's Illustrated Book on sport and the environment dedicated to the International Year for Sport and Physical Education

#### **The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will continue to work together with NGOs implementing sport programmes for refugees. As sport programmes are not considered a "life-saving" contribution to refugees, there is no budget allocated to these programmes and support is given in terms of field facilitation of work, contacts and transport.

In 2005, such sport programmes for refugees should particularly focus on girl education and aim at encouraging more girls to go to school in refugee camps.

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