

TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING ON RECENT INITIATIVES ON SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Green Games Programme – Games of the Small States of Europe – Montenegro 2019

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

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| Please provide more details on the initiative below: | | |
| Objective(s): | <i>Please indicate which, if any, of the following fell among the main objectives of the initiative:</i> | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that no one is left behind | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventing and fighting corruption in sport |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conflict prevention/peace building | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy development for mainstreaming and integrating sport for development and peace in development programmes and policies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource mobilization, programming and implementation |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research, monitoring and evaluation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other (please specify) |
| Implementation mechanisms: | <p><i>What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?</i></p> <p>On 1 May 2018, the Montenegrin National Olympic Committee (MOC) launched its Green Games Programme. The programme was implemented for the first time when the country hosted the Games of the Small States of Europe (GSSE) from 27 May to 1 June 2019.</p> <p>Green Games Programme was based on four pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental standards for sporting events Sustainability education Promotion of the Green Games initiative through a communication campaign before and during the GSSE Concrete sustainability actions to be implemented during the GSSE <p>Having first signed a memorandum of cooperation, the MOC, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in Podgorica and the Montenegrin Ministry of Sustainable Development & Tourism then set up a close partnership to create environmental standards for sporting events that included detailed sustainability guidance and instructions for organizers. The collaboration also produced educational material that was used to show the public how they could select transport and accommodation according to sustainability criteria, and also provided information on waste management and alternative energy in the context of the GSSE.</p> <p><i>What are the main deliverables/activities involved?</i></p> | |

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| | <p><i>During the GSSE, 23 sustainability workshops were held, educating 453 volunteers at the GSSE and the nine National Federations (NFs) that organized the sport competitions on good environmental practices. A total of 1,455 athletes and visitors visited a Green Games stand at the GSSE and took part in a quiz to test their environmental knowledge. With the help of the UNDP, 2,500 bottles made of biodegradable materials were provided for the event in order to reduce plastic waste.</i></p> <p><i>What is the time frame of implementation?</i></p> <p>April – June 2019</p> |
| Target Audience(s): | <p><i>Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?</i></p> <p>Target audience of the programme are athletes, National Olympic Committees, volunteers, general public.</p> |
| Partners/Funding: | <p><i>Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles in development and/or implementation?</i></p> <p>The Montenegrin Olympic Committee, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in Podgorica and the Montenegrin Ministry of Sustainable Development & Tourism set up a close partnership to create environmental standards for sporting events that included detailed sustainability guidance and instructions for organisers. In partnership with Volunteers 2019 - non-governmental organisation, series of training workshops were organized for volunteers and National Federations.</p> <p><i>What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?</i></p> <p>UNDP CO Montenegro, through the project Towards Carbon Neutral Tourism, Montenegrin Olympic Committee through the Olympic Solidarity.</p> |
| SDG Alignment: | <p><i>To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?</i></p> <p>SDG 13 Climate Action, Target 13.3: Build knowledge and capacity to meet climate change, Indicator 13.3.1 Education on climate change</p> |
| Alignment with global frameworks: | <p><i>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?</i></p> <p>The initiative contributes specific policy area: II Maximizing the Contributions of Sport to Sustainable Development and Peace II.1 Improve health and well-being of all, at all ages II.2 Make cities and settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable II.7 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns and take urgent actions to combat climate change and its impacts.</p> |
| Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP: | <p><i>Which of the four thematic areas of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace is this initiative designed to align?</i></p> |

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| | <p>3. Resource mobilization, programming and implementation.</p> <p><i>To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?</i></p> <p>(I) Encourage multi-stakeholder programme development and implementation at all levels (iii) Strengthen partnerships at the policy level across the intergovernmental and non-governmental development sectors, sport federations and other civil society stakeholders</p> |
| Outcomes: | <p><i>What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?</i></p> <p>By collaborating with national governing bodies, a National Olympic Committee can help to create environmental standards for national green sporting events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing a sustainability project in the context of a large sporting event is an efficient way to send messages to a wide audience. • By defining sustainability guidelines, a National Olympic Committee can inspire and encourage others. |
| Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation: | <p><i>What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?</i></p> <p>Having acknowledged the importance of sustainability, the Montenegrin NOC gave great visibility to the Green Games project before and during the GSSE 2019, and successfully achieved the project’s objectives. Volunteers and NFs were educated as planned, and the environmental impact of the GSSE has been mitigated. Future organisers of future sporting events will be able to adopt the environmental standards created by the programme.</p> <p>A team of representatives of the MOC, UNDP, Volunteer 19 was established to monitor and to report the implementation of specific activity, in particular the one determined in the MoU signed between UNDP, MOC and Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism.</p> <p><i>What are the specific monitoring and evaluation tools involved?</i></p> <p>Check lists and reports on the number of engaged and trained volunteers, athletes and estimated reduced waste quantities during the sports events. Press clipping.</p> |
| Challenges/Lessons learned | <p><i>What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?</i></p> <p>No major challenges have been identified in program implementation. The remaining activity is dissemination of the Guidelines for organization of sports events to national sports associations and International Olympic Committee.</p> <p><i>What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?</i></p> <p>It is very important to ensure that the Guidelines for organizing green sports events is disseminated nationally an, regionally and globally.</p> |

*Please in replying use the definition of sport of the Kazan Action Plan of 2017 : “ [...] Noting that, for present purposes and unless specified otherwise, the term “sport” is used as a generic term, comprising sport for all, physical play, recreation, dance, organized, casual, competitive, traditional and indigenous sports and games in their diverse forms;2.Highlighting that sport for all, including traditional sport and games, is a fundamental field of intervention for governments to achieve the full potential of physical activity for personal and social development; 3.Recognizingthat the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda / Sustainable Development Goals form the overarching policy consensus on development priorities, goals and targets that guide international and national policy design, implementation and monitoring;4.Stressing that the preamble of the 2030 Agenda acknowledges sport as an important enabler of sustainable development and peace; [...]“