

United Nations Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace¹

The first United Nations Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace was submitted in the report of the Secretary-General on sport for development and peace issued in 2006 (A/61/373), with a validity of three years. The General Assembly, in its resolution 63/135, requested the Secretary-General to present a new action plan, which was included in his report issued in 2010 (A/65/270). Pursuant to the request of the Assembly in resolution 65/4, the updated Action Plan was presented in the report of the Secretary-General issued in 2012 (A/67/282), and its validity was extended in his report issued in 2014 (A/69/330). That last report stated that the Action Plan should be reviewed at the final establishment of the post-2015 development agenda. Further to that and pursuant to the request of the Assembly in resolution 69/6, the updated Action Plan is presented below.

Following the conclusion of the post-2015 development agenda process and the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, this Action Plan intends to serve the sport for development and peace community in its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, placing sport in its role as an important enabler of sustainable development. It combines principles from previous editions of the Action Plan with new elements reflecting key developments in sport and related fields. In line with the reporting cycle on sport for development and peace, the Action Plan is intended to cover two years but to be applicable in the longer term. With a view to providing a global road map relevant to all stakeholders, this updated Action Plan adopts a universal perspective in defining four common lines of action for further joint efforts towards maximizing the contribution of sport to sustainable development and peace. The main purpose is to encourage all parties, including States, the United Nations system, civil society and businesses, to achieve greater implementation using sport as a tool for sustainable development and peace.

Line of Action	Challenge/need	Objective
1. Global framework for sport for development and peace	(a) need for comprehensive stakeholder coordination and contribution towards the global framework for sport for development and peace, as well as towards the achievement of universally agreed development goals through sport, in particular the Sustainable Development Goals	(a) improve cooperation and coordination to create a common vision of the role of sport for development and peace, particularly relating to the 2030 Agenda, and to contribute to the achievement of universally agreed development goals through sport, in particular the Sustainable Development Goals
	(b) need for consistent information and best practice sharing in the field of sport for development and peace	(b) encourage and support communication and information sharing among sport for development and peace stakeholders;
	(c) need for coherent sport for development and peace practice in connection with relevant global frameworks, in particular the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a global partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals	(c) support the alignment of sport for development and peace practice with global frameworks, in particular the 2030 Agenda, identifying and applying mechanisms for alignment and consistency between stakeholders' activities
	(d) need for leaders and role models to encourage, facilitate and advocate joint efforts and action in sport for development and peace.	(d) support and develop leaders and role models who encourage and facilitate action in sport for development and peace.

¹ This update to the United Nations Action Plan on Sports for Development and Peace was presented in the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on "Sport for development and peace: towards sport's enabling of sustainable development and peace", A/71/179, 21 July 2016 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution A/RES/71/160, "Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace."

2. Policy development	(a) need for sport for development and peace strategies to be incorporated into international, national and subnational development plans and policies with enhanced cooperation and coordination among stakeholders	(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
	(b) need for aligning international, national and subnational policy frameworks concerning sport for development and peace, as well as translating them into action, taking into consideration principles and guidelines of good governance	(b) facilitate alignment between relevant policy frameworks as well as coherence between frameworks and implementation
3. Resource mobilization, programming and implementation	(a) need for sustainable investment, resource mobilization and funding streams, alongside creative partnerships, for achieving development and peace objectives through sport	(a) enhance and secure sustainable funding mechanisms and investment and resource allocation to sport for development and peace, including multi-stakeholder arrangements and different sectors at all levels
	(b) negative effects associated with sport contexts, particularly sport events, present challenges to be addressed	(b) identify and tackle negative effects associated with sport contexts from a collaborative approach among parties involved
	(c) need to identify and address key thematic areas in sport for development and peace, as well as cross-cutting issues such as human rights, gender, disability, integrity, transparency and health.	(c) integrate relevant thematic areas and cross-cutting issues in sport for development and peace programmes, including the allocation of dedicated resources.
4. Evidence of impact and follow-up	(a) need for systematic monitoring, evaluation and comprehensive measurement of progress and impact with regard to sport as a tool for sustainable development and peace	a) support the provision and dissemination of research, monitoring and evaluation, and measurement tools with regard to sport as a tool for development and peace
	(b) need for consolidation of the evidence base on the efficacy and impact of sport for development and peace policies and programmes	(b) encourage platforms and networks for the delivery and sharing of evidence on sport for development and peace policies and programmes that encourage academic, empirical and practical research leading to enhanced action and sport's contribution to development and peace
	(c) need for common standards and methods for the evidence base concerning sport for development and peace	(c) support consensus among relevant stakeholders on common standards and methods for the evidence base concerning sport for development and peace

As the recommended lines of action above are intended to align with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, progress towards them should be reviewed from an integrated approach that is also in line with the follow-up and review processes of the 2030 Agenda. Further and more specific action by all actors involved in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and this Action Plan in particular may be advisable in order to further facilitate and ensure the desired outcomes.