

## A STRATEGIC PLAN OF SPORT AND PEACE

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Article Info	Abstract
<p><b>Received:</b> 17/02/2025  <b>Revised:</b> 23/02/2025  <b>Accepted:</b> 11/03/2025</p> <p><b>Keywords:</b> Sports, peace, strategic plan.</p>	<p>Sports are activities involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment. We can make peace with the help of Sports. i.e. Organising Sports, Competitive Sports, and Recreational activities. We participate in Sports without any discrimination based on religion, Region, Caste, Social Status, economic status, age, or gender. Peace can be developed through building awareness &amp; encouraging dialogue on Sport and Peace, Benchmark reports for Sport and Peace Development Thematic Working groups, and Group Building capacity of National Governments.</p>

### INTRODUCTION:

Sport for Development and Peace National Working Group (SDP NWG) Directives

The SDP NWG will promote and support the adoption of policies and programmes by national governments to equip the potential of sport to contribute to the attainment of development objectives, and peace.

Structure

The SDP NWG consists of the following bodies on Sport for Development and Peace:

1. General: Consists of Members:
  - a. Member State representatives and Observers
  - b. academia,
  - c. civil society,
  - d. private sector,
  - e. sports organizations
  - f. and non-governmental organizations.
2. Executive Board: Consists of the
  - a. Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace,
  - b. Regional Representatives,
  - c. Working Group Representatives
  - d. And Donors
3. Thematic Working Groups: Are based on the thematic divisions contained within the SDP NWG Report "Harnessing the Power of Sport for Development and Peace
4. Secretariat: Hosted by the Sport for Development and Peace.

II. Sport and Peace Thematic Working Group Objectives

The Sport and Peace thematic Working Group will:

1. Promote available resources to identify issues and best practice approaches within the Sport and Peace Thematic Working Group;
2. Provide a stage/forum for governments to benefit from each other's experience and share best practices about Sport and Peace;
3. Support the application of the suggestions about Sport and Peace as captured in the following three strategic areas of priority in:
  - a. 'Sport to promote social inclusion and diversity',
  - b. 'Sport in conflict and post-conflict situations'
  - C. and 'Promote a culture of peace'.
4. Assist momentum concerning government awareness and take-up in Sport and Peace policies and programmes.
5. Identify best practice access within the Sport and Peace Thematic Working Group.

Structure

1. Members/Constituents

Government representatives (preferably with specialisation in 'Sport and Peace') appointed by States to serve the SDP NWG.

The appointed representative will also sit on the SDP NWG Plenary unless the Member State chooses to appoint different representatives for the SDP NWG Thematic Working Groups and Directives.

## 2. Chair and Co-Chairs

(Co-) Chairs: With the understanding of a change in leadership after one year

Chairs and Co-chairs are Member State representatives elected by the SDP NWG Executive Board on a rotating basis for a two-year period.

Rules of Procedures. For the current positions of the Chair and Co-Chair of the 'Sport and Peace' Thematic Working Group, an exception has been made

## 3. Observers

Observers will be invited by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace on behalf of the Member States to share their knowledge and proficiency to the Sport and Peace Thematic Working Group. Members will be able to draw on this competence to further advance their policies and programmes.

Observers will be involved in providing their expertise to ensure that the Strategic Plan of the The Sport and Peace Thematic Working Group has achieved.

Through teleconferences, social media and regular email exchanges, Observers will be able to contribute to the authentic outputs of the Working Group.

Observers must have a exhibit expertise in and commitment to Sport and Peace.

## 4. SDP NWG Secretariat

Hosted within the Office on Sport for Development and Peace, the SDP NWG Secretariat will provide technical support to the Thematic Working Groups, along with the form of the Rules of Procedure to be approved by the Directives.

### Objectives

Building awareness & encouraging dialogue on Sport and Peace.

### Strategy

Outreach and engagement activity to expand the number of governments that are actively engaged in Sport and Peace dialogue.

### Activities

Drafting of Rules of Procedure for SDP IWG Plenary and Thematic Working Groups. Identification and invitation of Members (government representatives) and Observers (experts) for the Sport and Peace Thematic WG.

Identification of the preliminary chair and co-chair of the Sport and Peace Thematic WG prior to election by Plenary.

Develop a Strategic Plan for the Sport and Peace Thematic WG to be adopted at the third SDP NWG Plenary Meeting.

Strategic priorities based on recommendations contained in the SDP NWG Report.

Sport and Peace Thematic WG strategic priorities are as represented to UN inter-governmental meetings, UN Communications Working Group and Task Force on SDP meetings, Group of Friends of SDP, SDP Conferences, etc.

to ensure expert input into the work of the WG and to encourage implementation of the recommendations.

Maintenance and update of the Sport and Peace section on the website of the UN Office on Sport for Development and Peace.

### **Strengthening existing Sport and Peace initiatives of governments.**

Support peer outreach of existing SDP NWG Member States.

Engage and strengthen the UN Group of Friends of SDP.

Engage identified governments and strengthen the cooperation between SDP NWG Member States to ensure a unified approach towards Sport and Peace initiatives.

### **Supporting the integration of Sport and Peace recommendations into national and international development strategies and programmes**

Promote the inclusion of Sport and Peace on the agenda of intergovernmental meetings.

Engage multilateral organisations in Sport and Peace dialogue to promote the implementation of recommendations.

Include Sport and Peace initiatives in government-to-government agreements.

### **Benchmark**

Encourage regular, voluntary reporting Report for Sport and Peace Development Thematic Working Group.

Benchmark Report drafted for WG, identifying key recommendations (both policy and programmatic) against which reporting can be made.

Benchmark Report distributed to all member states and made available online.

**Encourage regular, voluntary reporting. Building the capacity of National Governments Support governments in policy development**

UN Secretary-General Note Verbale sent to Member States in calling for reporting based on the Benchmark report

Knowledge exchange on sport and peace issues through virtual discussions/meetings, communications products.

Building the capacity of National Governments

Support governments in policy implementation

Sensitize athletes, federations and sports organisations on development principles to assist governments in the implementation of recommendations.

Stimulate and encourage research and gather evidence related to Sport and Peace.

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