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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM



The debates held during the **Peace and Sport International Forum 2010** highlighted the growing importance to strike a balance between discussions of **high-level decision makers** and issues faced by **local actors** operating on the ground, to cover the whole range of areas in which sport can play an effective role to foster peace.

Therefore, the format of the **2011 edition** has been designed to meet these expectations by **focusing on training local operators, increasing high-level exchanges between political decision-makers** and opinion-leaders and **encouraging interaction among delegates**. To achieve these objectives, three approaches are proposed:

- **Workshops:** Stakeholders in the field can express their specific problems concerning the proposed themes and will benefit from learning practical methodologies through the intervention of experts.

The realization of this objective will be achieved through 3 main phases of the workshop;

- (i) problems posed by participants,
- (ii) solutions devised by experts, and then
- (iii) presented to the workshop for their approval and means of implementation.

- **Plenary sessions:** Panelists' exchange of experiences and possible conflicting points of view with the audience will contribute to defining innovative and novel approaches in which sport can prove a useful tool to support peace-building processes and social cohesion.

The format of the plenary session encourages interactive discussions and enables synergies to emerge between the various institutions represented. This allows us to identify modes of cooperation between participants in order to increase the involvement of new stakeholders, optimize coordination and reinforce efficiency of actions in progress.

- **Networking:** This session gives participants the opportunity to benefit from the unique diversity of stakeholders present at the International Forum by initiating meetings according to predetermined criteria.

The Peace and Sport International Forum 2011 includes a full session uniquely dedicated to networking and face-to-face meetings to encourage direct contact between all delegates with various profiles and backgrounds to increase cooperation and knowledge transfer.



WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

<i>13.30 – 15.00</i>	<i>15.00 – 15.30</i>	<i>15.30 – 17.00</i>
<i>Workshop Module 1</i>	<i>Coffee Break/ Networking</i>	<i>Workshop Module 2</i>

Workshop A: Sport as an effective tool in overcoming trauma following natural disasters

Over the past decade it has been observed that many different actions have taken place in the field using sport in response to natural disasters. As a result, practitioners who work in post-disaster intervention have gained an extensive amount of experience and knowledge in using sport to re-establish a sense of order within affected communities. Therefore, this workshop provides the opportunity to discuss what has been learnt from previous interventions in order to bring to light best practices so that the field of peace through sport can act with greater efficiency in the future.

Workshop B: How can collaboration between various sports organizations become a reality in the field?

The relationship between International Federations, National Federations, Non-governmental Organizations and Partner Organizations can be very complex at times with regard to initiating a country-wide or regional-based peace and development project. Therefore this workshop aims to share the experience of various organizations in building collaboration and partnership between the different levels of sports governing bodies in order to effectively implement a project promoting peace education.

Workshop C: How can disability sport contribute to the peace-building process?

Sport is widely considered as a unique tool for the inclusion of people within their communities; this is especially the case for persons with disabilities as they can become more integrated within society through their participation in sport. However, if this vision is to be realized, disability must be mainstreamed into various policies including those relating to transport, accessibility to facilities and cost of participation in sport. Furthermore, actors operating in the field must be supported to build the capacities of people with disabilities so they can take ownership of local disability sport initiatives.



THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER

9.00 – 10.30	10.30 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.30	12.30 – 14.00	14.00 – 15.30	15.30 – 17.00
<i>Plenary Session 1</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>Plenary Session 2</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Networking Session</i>	<i>Plenary Session 3</i>

Plenary Session 1: To what extent do governments rely on sport as a tool for diplomacy?

An effective political and diplomatic tool at the service of states, sport has become indispensable for countries wishing to articulate a foreign policy of "soft power". The efforts employed by some countries to host major international competitions are part of a diplomatic influence which leads to the service of the state. Beyond the trade opportunities and tourism revenue is the very image of the country abroad, which is determined by its ability to host major sporting events worldwide. Sport is a tool for outreach, and therein a strategic factor. This session will examine recent successful and ineffective examples of how countries have used sport as a strategic tool of "soft power" in order to draw lessons to be learnt for the future.

Plenary Session 2: How far does Champions' involvement in peace-promotion through sport extend?

The involvement of sports champions in peace through sport is wide-ranging and they can provide plenty of expertise and knowledge in using sport as a tool for peace building. If we are to optimize and highlight the participation of Champions in the promotion of peace through sport then we must realize the extent to which they can dedicate their time and efforts. This session will enable high-level athletes to express their needs and desires regarding the scope of activities in which they can become involved such as: using their celebrity to convince political decision-makers, engaging sponsors and partners involved in their particular sport, or mobilizing fans and fellow athletes.

Plenary Session 3: How can sport play a role in reducing the negative consequences of a growing urban population?

There is a growing worldwide trend of population migration of people from the rural to urban environments. This causes breakdown in social cohesion and numerous negative consequences such as crime, violence, isolation, inactivity and pollution. This session will seek to provide solutions to this pressing issue with a focus on: What role can sports play in reducing the negative side effects of urbanization and how can we activate the corporate world to support the delivery of sports projects in modern urban environments?



FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER		
9.00 – 10.30	10.30 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.30
<i>Plenary Session 4</i>	<i>Coffee Break/ Networking</i>	<i>Plenary Session 5</i>

Plenary Session 4: How can we motivate the media to advocate the case for peace through sport?

The domain of peace through sport has gained considerable credibility in recent decades, thanks to a combination of an increased desire of sports governing bodies to make a significant contribution to society and the growing awareness about the power of sport emerging among leading political figures. However, the mass media display little interest in the cause of sport as a tool for peace. This session will bring together leading media figures from different backgrounds who will discuss how those involved in the promotion of peace through sport can engage the media in their projects and convince them to endorse their cause.

Plenary Session 5: Preparing the future for Youth and the Youth for the future

The importance of youth empowerment so that they can become leaders of the future is a global reality; however in some circumstances this vision is unrealistic as there are no opportunities for youth due to the present instability of certain countries. In these circumstances, why not utilize sport as an initial step to test the leadership skills of youth and allow them to grow into future leaders by creating an environment that both challenges and rewards the youth? Therefore, this session will seek to provide clear guidelines on using sport to empower youth in unstable environments.

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We welcome your suggestions and comments concerning the program. Please send them to Rossa O'Donnell, Program Coordinator: forumprogram@peace-sport.org.

We look forward to welcoming you to Monaco from 26 – 28 October!