

Recommendations arising from the International Congress on Sport for Peace and Development

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The international congress on Sport for Peace and Development recommends that:

1. UNESCO should take a lead role in co-ordinating governmental work and cooperation in sports and physical education at the international level. Taking into account the need for sports to be seen as a significant socio-economic sector contributing to national development, and to peace within and among nations.
2. UNESCO and the relevant regional organizations should facilitate regular regional meetings of sports ministers.
3. International agency collaboration (international governing bodies of sport, regional/national organizations etc) should be strengthened.
4. UNESCO continue and finalize the development of quality indicators as noted in the presented papers and continues the process of quality physical education (indicators and benchmarks).
5. UNESCO cooperate with other agencies on the role of sports and physical education in the field of health such as prevention of, and combat against, the high incidence and prevalence of chronic non-communicable diseases.
6. Collaboration between ministries of sport and education should be encouraged.
7. UNESCO should increase intersectoral co-operation eg. Education, social and human sciences.
8. Greater collaboration between CARICOM and UNESCO in the field of competitive sports, physical education, recreation and active living should be encouraged.
9. UNESCO and Member States should work towards creating a focus on the link between sports and culture, emphasizing the importance of traditional sport and games, and national identity.
10. UNESCO is requested to evaluate the outcome of sport-related conferences and to monitor the implementation of recommendations that arise from these meetings.
11. UNESCO to facilitate a meeting with donors and relevant agencies to explore the development of a fund for peace and development.
12. UNESCO undertakes to develop and make available a collection of research resources and best practises related to physical education in sports, recreation and active living.
13. National Governments should give priority to sport as a tool for development and peace, taking into account the economic, social, cultural, educational, political and environmental dimensions.

14. The sports portfolio in government should be accorded high standing in keeping with its potential to contribute to national development and peace.
15. The National Governments should give priority to the provision of resources for the establishment of sport facilities, including at the community level, to bridge social barriers and foster national development and peace.