

UN Global Compact Communication on Engagement COE – ICSS (2017-2019)

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement -- From: 26/10/2017 To: 26/10/2019

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To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,



Mohammed Hanzab
ICSS Chairman/Group CEO

Part II. Description of Actions

ICSS is a team of international experts from law enforcement, international policy, anti-corruption, government and sport sectors. The ICSS offers a range of safety, security, integrity, transparency and anti-corruption services to governments, international organisations, business sector and the sport industry.

The ICSS is committed to share ideas and philosophies, identify new trends and engage with like-minded organisations and the media to drive innovation in sport safety, security and integrity, as well as safeguarding sport values and exploring its benefits to society. The ICSS work is closely related and supports the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

The ICSS carries its work in these areas through three main offices:

- [ICSS Security Consultancy](#)
- [ICSS INSIGHT](#)
- [Sport Integrity Unit](#)

During the past two years and through these offices or entities, the ICSS has continuously supported the UN Compact Global and its Ten principles.

Particularly, the ICSS has worked on projects with organisations around the world including: UNODC, UNESCO, UNAOC, UNOCT, UNICRI, UNICEF, OECD, Council of Europe, European Union, Organization of American States, Commonwealth Sports Ministers, Community of Portuguese Language Countries, University Paris 1 – Pantheon-Sorbonne, Harvard Kennedy School, as well as many other NGOs and governments to provide thought leadership and influence policy and legislation in sport, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), integrity, anticorruption, and human rights.

The ICSS has:

- created a strong network of international partnerships across different sectors (sport, government, law enforcement and academia);
- initiated world-class research initiatives that also support the UN global compact principles, and
- created powerful public platforms to encourage collective action, exchange of ideas, drive thought leadership and identify solutions to combat sport safety, security and integrity issues.



The ICSS is constantly seeking to drive collective action, share new thinking and bring together experts from around the world to generate spaces where stakeholders can come together to create a positive change into society.

The ICSS provides independent support and training on integrity matters to athletes, officials and organisations across the sport industry. At the same time, it provides expertise in support of investigating allegations of misconduct and integrity violations across a range of areas adversely affecting sport.

The ICSS is a founding member of SIGA, the world's largest independent coalition in the field of sport's governance and integrity. SIGA brings together sport, governments, global business (including global sponsors, rights holders and the financial services industry), international organisations and civil society (including leading NGOs and academia), from every region in the world, around a common cause of fostering greater integrity throughout sport.

A key component to support the United Nations Global Compact and its ten principles are the projects and researches undertaken by the ICSS with the aim of stressing the vital role sport plays in the social and economic development of a country and the world in general.

ICSS has worked during this reporting period to assist governments, international bodies, sport organisations, civil society and the business sector in the development of advanced policies, through a multisectoral approach, to safeguard sport.

It has acted as a global hub for ideas and solutions to help policy and decision-makers understand and proactively address threats to sport, while recognizing and unlocking the full potential of sport to foster socio-economic development.

The organisation pays particular attention to sport security-related policies, sport integrity, the protection of children in the context of sport, including but not limited to young athletes, and crime prevention in sport at large.

It has focused, *inter alia*, on the following areas of action:

- Multisectoral and international cooperation
- Policy advisory and capacity building
- Youth Matters



In line with the UN Global Compact Ten Principles, it has implemented and promoted initiatives to empower youth through safe access to sport and its educational and social values.

Through its Youth-related initiatives it is has aimed to:

- Develop skills, instill ethics and promote social innovation through sport.
- Foster inter-cultural dialogue and mutual understanding through sport.
- Facilitate access to sport regardless socio-economic condition, race, physical abilities and gender considerations.
- Protect children from mistreatments happening in sport.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

As mentioned, most of the ICSS projects and activities continued to be related to the UNGC's Principles. As previously reported, there are many issues of common interest with the UNGC's mandate and its ten principles.

The main activities and/or procedures carried out by the ICSS that support and promote the UNGC and its Ten Principles are listed below:

- The ICSS experts and specialists have assessed and contributed to the securing preparations of some of the largest venues and sporting events in the world, including but not limited to the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.
- ICSS has set up a confidential **SPORT INTEGRITY HOTLINE** for athletes, officials and the public to be able to report allegations of misconduct or abuse in sport.
- It has partnered with international entities such as the Institute for Australia India Engagement (IAIE), Canadian Centre of Excellence for Anti-Corruption (CCEAC) and Crime Stoppers International to enhance international best practices, experience and integrated solutions to ensure national, regional and international methodologies are utilised to effectively combat corruption in sport.
- While promoting policy reform in sport through an independent and scientific approach, ICSS is a formal member of several mechanisms within the United Nations, the European Union and the Council of Europe. ICSS has driven in-depth research in support of drafting and advancement of important international instruments, such as:
 - the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions
 - the Declaration of Berlin adopted by the 6th World Conference of Sport Ministers
- The organisation is an active member of:
 - the Council of Europe Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)'s Consultative Committee, the European Union's Expert Group on Sport Integrity (XG Integrity),
 - the Europol Platform for Experts, the UNESCO's Working Group on Action 3 (Sport Integrity) of the Kazan Action Plan (KAP), led by the Council of Europe,
 - the UNESCO's Working Group on Action 3 of the KAP led by SIGA,
 - the European Parliament's Intergroup on Sport, and
 - has been an Official partner of European Week of Sport (EwoS) since its inception.

- In the domain of sport integrity, the ICSS has incubated and co-founded in 2018 the Sport Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA), jointly with sports bodies, governments, anti-corruption NGOs, inter-governmental organisations, and commercial partners. SIGA is a worldwide, independent and neutral coalition aimed at promoting the highest standards of fair play in the administration of sport, particularly in the areas of good governance, financial integrity and sports betting integrity.
- ICSS has embraced a multi-sector and cooperative approach in the field of sport security-related policy, primarily through the organisation of ICSS flagship conference Securing Sport as a platform for policy-shaping and the advancement of innovation in major sporting event security. Securing Sport was hosted in the past at prominent venues such as the Council of Foreign Relations in New York and Lancaster House in London.
- ICSS has promoted regional and inter-regional cooperation for the protection of major sporting events in the Middle-East in collaboration with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Institute (UNICRI) and in the Americas, jointly with the Organization of American States (OAS), as well as supporting the exchange of cooperation models on sport policies between different linguistic blocks through the creation of the Interregional Sports Policy Summit (IRSPS).
- It has operated under important international frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals and UNESCO Kazan Action Plan, and promotes activities, particularly within youth, to facilitate the implementation of these instruments at the grass-roots level.
- Youth empowerment programmes are an integral part of its strategy. Below you can find some of the activities carried during the last two years in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.
 - Promoting Social Inclusion from the 2018 World Cup
 - Raising Awareness on the Role of Business in CSR
 - International Sport Volunteerism Project
 - Workshops on the Kazan Action Plan
 - “Empowering Youth with Special Needs
 - “Sport for Peace and Development” Initiative for the Benefit of Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Darfur, Sudan
 - Empowering Young Athletes through Learning Mobility in the Mediterranean Basin
 - Online Platform to Promote Safe and Fair Sport
 - Imagine Peace Youth Camp