

UN Global Compact Communication on Engagement COE – ICSS (2019-2021)

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:

We are 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,



Massimiliano Montanari
ICSS 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 Safety and Security](#)
- [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:

- A joint project launch with the UN Office of Counter- Terrorism (UNOCT), the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNACO) and the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) of the Global Programme on Security of Major Sporting Events and Promotion of Sport to Prevent Violent Extremism at the UN headquarters in New York, and organisation of the first International Expert Group Meeting envisaged by the programme, with a focus on the security of major sporting events and related good governance.
- The ICSS experts and specialists continued support towards the security planning and preparations for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ with a strong emphasis on human rights protection, labour standards and good governance.
- Cooperation with World Health Organization (WHO) through awareness campaign and establishment of international expert group which led to the development of COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines, designed taking into account human rights consideration and environmental issues.
- The Global Programme gathers International Expert Group to explore 'The Impact of COVID-19 on the Security of Major Sporting Events'.
- High-Level Event of the Global Programme on Security of Major Sporting Events, and Promotion of Sport and its Values as a Tool to Prevent Violent Extremism at the UN General Assembly, with strong emphasis on sport as a human right.
- ICSS and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) sign a Memorandum of Understanding to develop internationally certified training to promote integrity and good governance across sport.

- The ICSS and International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) sign cooperation agreement to tackle corruption in sport through advanced education.
- Partnership Agreement with Confederation of African Football (CAF) to safeguard football in Africa and promote human rights protection.
- ICSS and the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation (AGCFF) start cooperation to protect sport in the Gulf Region as a way to foster reconciliation and peace.
- ICSS supports competition oversight for Hero Caribbean Premier League to safeguard the integrity of the T20 cricket league for the 2020 competition.
- ICSS gathers global sport safeguarding community at its flagship event, Securing Sport 2020 Virtual Edition.
- The organisation has been 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,
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 - 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.
- 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 in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.