

UN Global Compact Communication on Engagement COE – ICSS (2021-2023)

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement -- From: 27/10/2021 To: 26/10/2023.

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To our stakeholders:

We are pleased to confirm that the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS) reaffirms its support for the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment, and Anticorruption. 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,



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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, the business sector and the sport industry.

The ICSS is committed to sharing ideas and philosophies, identifying new trends and engaging with like-minded organisations and the media to drive innovation in sport safety, security and integrity, as well as safeguarding sport values and exploding its benefits to society. The ICSS work is closely related to 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 out its work in these areas through three main offices:

- ICSS Safety and Security
- ICSS Europe
- 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, the World Health Organization, 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, anti-corruption, 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 in society.

The ICSS provides independent support and training on integrity matters to athletes, officials, and

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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 research undertaken by the ICSS to stress 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 Matter

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 has aimed to:

- Develop skills, instill ethics, and promote social innovation through sport.
- Foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding through sport.
- Facilitate access to sport regardless of socioeconomic condition, race, physical abilities, and gender considerations.
- Protect children from mistreatment 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 continued to actively implement the **Global Programme on Security of Major Sporting Events and Promotion of Sport to Prevent Violent Extremism** jointly with the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNACO) and the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI). As such, during this reporting period, ICSS:
 - Supported the management of a global network of National Focal Points (NFPs) on MSE and Sport for PVE to enhance the exchange of information, best practices, and experiences to improve cooperation between Member States and the exchange of capacities.
 - Supported the organisation of the Regional Youth Forum on PVE through Sport held in Bangkok, Thailand, with the participation of youth leaders from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Member States, athletes, senior experts on youth, education and sports and representatives from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), the Royal Thai Police and UNESCO.
 - Delivered Technical Assistance to the Republic of the Maldives on the security of major sporting events and on the use of sport to promote inter-cultural dialogue, peace and resilience.
 - Organised a National Focal Points (NFPs) Regional Forum for Africa in Dakar, Senegal to overview the Programme's security outputs and national perspectives on sport for preventing violent extremism, providing training and practical group exercise to help participants understand how to identify challenges on major sport events safety and security and prevention of extremism using the values of sport, paving the way for future integrated workshops and training for African countries.
 - In the course of 2022, the programme delivered two important tools for the use of policy and decision-makers from government, sport and civil society, including a Guide on the Use of Sport to Prevent Violent Extremism and a Handbook titled "Preventing Violent Extremism through Major Sporting Events A Handbook for Organizers".
 - Online Youth Consultation on Preventing Violent Extremism through Sport which provided an opportunity for youth leaders, between the ages of 15 and 29, from 38 countries and five continents, to provide inputs and suggestions on ways to develop a global communications campaign to address extremism through sport, as well as on ways to improve the integration of youth in decision-making processes, both in implementing programme deliverables to maximize efficacy and in ensuring their long-term success.
 - Contributed to the development of the "Sport for PVE Global Awareness Campaign": "More than a Game". The Campaign was launched in March 2022.
 - Co-organized the intergenerational Dialogue on the Role of Youth in Preventing Violent Extremism through Sport. The event built on the power of sport to promote increased youth participation in

- national and regional strategies to prevent violent extremism and reaffirmed the role of youth in fostering sustainable peace and development in the MENA region.
 - Co-organized the Global Youth Forum on Preventing Violent Extremism Through Sport. The event provided an opportunity for the young participants to interact with a wide variety of relevant stakeholders, including government representatives from the UNAOC Group of Friends (129 Member States). The Forum’s main recommendations urged UN Member States to support initiatives aimed at integrating young people in national policies and PVE engagements, resulting in a consolidated youth-led policy recommendation report on sport and PVE.
 - Co-organized the Regional Youth Forum on Preventing Violent Extremism through Sport in the ASEAN Region. The Forum brought together youth leaders from ASEAN Member States, athletes, senior experts on youth, education and sports and representatives from civil society organizations (CSOs), the Royal Thai Police and UNESCO.
 - On the 22nd of November 2023, the ICSS joined the youth forum “The Role of Young People in the 13th African Games” hosted in collaboration with the African Union Sports Council (AUSC). The event built on the power of major sporting events to promote increased youth participation in national and regional PVE strategies and assert the value of the youth in fostering sustainable peace and development in Africa.
 - To commemorate the International Day of Peace, the ICSS co-hosted an online discussion on “Peace Beyond the Pitch: Prevention of Violent Extremism through Sports”. The discussion emphasized the new actions and good practices around three topics, namely “Addressing Sport-for-PVE Initiatives and Programmes;” “How Sport-for-PVE Approaches are Necessary and Successful;” and “The Potential of Sport-for-PVE Mainstreaming in Policies and Practices.”
 - Co-hosted a discussion on the “Role of Youth in PVE through Sport” during CT Week: The event took place on the margins of the Third Counter-Terrorism Week (CT Week) to discuss the role of youth in preventing violent extremism (PVE) through sport.
- ✓ 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, in particular:
- Developed the Q22 Stadia Security Handbook: The purpose of the handbook is to provide essential information and a quick reference guide while on deployment at the stadiums.
 - Developed the Non-competition Venues Security Handbook: The purpose of the handbook is to provide essential information and a quick reference guide while on deployment at the non-competition venues.
 - Designed and developed a non-competition venue (i.e.: Team Base Camp Training Sites and Hotels) Security Handbook for safety and security personnel at the FIFA World Cup 2022™.
 - Designed and delivered an onboarding programme for Q22 Venue Safety and Security Managers (VSSM) and Deputy Venue Safety and Security Managers (DVSSM) deployed at the eight (8) FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ stadiums.
 - Provided a Venue Safety and Security Managers (VSSM) Training Programme: to Venue Safety and Security Coordinators (VSSC) and Chief Guards Onboarding Programme
 - Designed and delivered an onboarding programme for Q22 Venue Safety and Security Coordinators (VSSC) and Private Security Chief Guards deployed at the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2023.

- Delivered the Sporting Event Safety and Security Course: to 19 Q22 Venue Safety and Security Managers (VSSM) deployed at the competition and non-competition venues.
 - Designed and delivered a stadium security operations familiarisation programme for Private Security CCTV Operators.
- ✓ Together with the Confederation of African Football (CAF) and CIFAL from UNITAR, ICSS established the “Sport Safety and Security Training and Advanced Education Programme” for the benefit of CAF members and other football stakeholders in Africa. The overall goal of this programme is to enhance, develop, and strengthen the professional knowledge, skills, instincts, abilities, processes and resources of safety and security practitioners throughout Africa. In 2023, ICSS started operations to support Total Energies CAF Africa Cup of Nations in Cote d’Ivoire.
 - ✓ Assisted the World Health Organization (WHO) in the preparation of relevant events, exercises, and concepts by gathering knowledge and providing analytical support on the Health Security Interface (HSI) in the context of MSEs. ICSS support was provided particularly in the preparation of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ and considers inter alia ways to improve public health preparedness capabilities, such as those that arise from CBRNE threats and other deliberate events.
 - ✓ Co-implemented several Collaborative Partnership projects co-funded by the Erasmus+ Sport program of the EU, mainly:
 - Led the **‘Building Innovative Tools for The Exchange of Information and Awareness Raising against Match-Fixing in Sport (BITEFIX)’** which allows a group of stakeholders from different backgrounds to work together in the establishment of networks and in the development of tools and materials to counter match-fixing and betting fraud while identifying and putting in value initiatives, projects and strategies.
 - **A New Step Towards Digital Transformation Through Sports Science (DIGI-SPORTING)** which adapts and transfers the knowledge developed in the field of digital transformation to the sport sector, particularly for the benefit of sport academies and clubs.
 - **“Crossing the Boundaries through Sport (CrosSport):** aimed at establishing collaborative mechanisms and peer-to-peer platforms to empower sport organizations at all levels, while connecting them with integration-focused social development organizations both in sending countries (i.e. Italy and Greece) and reception countries (i.e. Portugal and Spain), to provide youth refugees and host communities with concrete opportunities for inclusion and integration through sport.
 - The **“Community Football Drivers for Social Inclusion in Deprived Districts”** project (SIDFOOT) made use of football and sport in general as a vehicle to promote social inclusion and a healthier life for children and young people living in disadvantaged neighbourhoods in the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Denmark, Spain, Austria, and Romania.
 - **Employability and Entrepreneurship Through Sport in the Mediterranean Basin: The “Skills by Sport4Med”** contributes to social transformation through sport in the Mediterranean basin, by focusing on sport as a vehicle for promoting work capacities, employment, and entrepreneurship, in line with EU policies in the frame of sport, integration, immigration, development, security and international cooperation.

- **“Network for the Exchange of Good Practices on the Integration of Youngsters at Risk of Radicalisation Radicalization through Sport”** dubbed as Radical (Ex)Change. The project served as a framework to discuss ways in which sport can be used to tackle violent extremism and address its root causes. The project produced a "Handbook on preventing radicalization of youth at risk, through sport"; and provided capacity-building activities to the stakeholders involved, including through the establishment of a European network of organizations engaged in the prevention, through sports, of marginalization and radicalization.
 - The **“Sport Transparency Index”** conceived to identify and quantify best practices and enable all stakeholders to improve through the provision of clear and implementable policies, education, and training to raise standards. The project aims to create the means to independently evaluate and benchmark sports stakeholders, including clubs, leagues, national associations, and international governing bodies, to their transparency using universally applicable criteria.
- ✓ Through its Save the Dream initiatives several projects on Sport for Development and Peace were developed and implemented, aimed at youth empowerment programmes in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.
- **“Empowering Youth and Saving the Dreams of Somali Children through Sport”** In cooperation with Qatar Charity (QC) and the Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD). The project envisages the implementation of initiatives in Somalia specifically in Garowe City, Puntland, using sport values to foster peace, and reconciliation, prevent and counter violent extremism, promote the education and empowerment of youth, women, and girls, as well as the inclusion of persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups while fostering social cohesion and dialogue. The project implemented Train the Trainers (TTT) activities on Sport for Development and Peace (SDP); Sport Clinics and Tournaments in IDP Camps and Communities; Sport Clinics and Tournaments in Schools; and an Advanced SDP Capacity Building Programme.
 - **Providing Safe Access to Sport to Children in Libya** – An in-depth study about the Libyan youth, and the potential role of sport in the country to facilitate skills development, re-integration, and social cohesion for youth and children. The study showcased both obstacles and opportunities to proceed with the rehabilitation of sport facilities within several public schools and the implementation of a Capacity Building Programme across the educational system to promote reconciliation and peace, while developing skills, competencies and creating long-lasting opportunities.
 - Under the strategic guidance of the Vatican Pontifical Council for Culture and the support of the Solow Art and Architecture Foundation, and jointly with Sport at the Service of Humanity launched the **Global Digital Community (GDC)**, a joint programme to serve as a global technology platform, to support the practice of inclusive sport and promotion of its educational and societal values in faith-based communities. GDC was established to support and empower local faith communities to use sport as a tool for the education of youth, social inclusion, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. Empowering Youth Volunteers Through Sport.
 - The House of Sport Volunteers: This ground-breaking initiative provides a platform that aims to support sport volunteerism and the promotion of its educational and societal values across communities, by connecting and supporting volunteers in sporting events of any size and sport-based projects, providing a global database of Sport Volunteers’ profiles, volunteering

opportunities, and a unique offer of training, educational programmes, certification of skills and competencies. Shaped across three years of research and testing implemented thanks to the support of the European Union, The House is aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other United Nations frameworks like UNESCO Fit for Life.

- ✓ Organized the eSports Tournament under the banner of Sportsmanship, which was held In October 2022, in the Doha Festival City, to connect youth in Qatar and promote societal values through eSports. A youth conversation preceded the tournament to raise awareness of the values of sport at large, and the role that eSports can play to connect youth, regardless of ability or where they are.
- ✓ ICSS participated in several international conferences on topics relevant for the UN Global Compact Ten Principles:
 - 3rd International Congress of Sports and Physical Culture “Diplomacy and Sports Cooperation for Peace and Development” organized by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) jointly with the Mexican Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SRE) at the Tlatelolco University Cultural Center on October 25 – 27, 2023.
 - SIGA Sport Integrity Week 2023: the ICSS joined the fourth annual Sport Integrity Week by stimulating an expert debate on “Good Governance in Sport: From the Region to the World”.
 - 4th Conference on “Justice and Solid Institutions in Sports” in Buenos Aires: within the framework of the 1st Conference Series “Sport for development within the framework of the 2030 Agenda”.
 - Joined the official launch of the UNESCO Chair for Governance & Social Responsibility in Sport: The Chair will work to promote strong governance principles among organisations that use sport as an enabler for sustainable development while strengthening relations between the two institutions.
 - ICSS CEO Massimiliano Montanari took part in a panel on “Legacy of the 22FWC and the Arab region” organized within the framework of the fourth World Association for Sport Management (WASM) Conference,
- ✓ 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, 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,
 - the European Parliament’s Intergroup on Sport, and
 - has been an Official partner of European Week of Sport (EwoS) since its inception
- ✓ ICSS signed different cooperation agreements:
 - ICSS signed a Cooperation Agreement with EMCA at its “Multisport & the Municipality International Conference” and 10th anniversary celebrations.
 - Signed with ACTA of Qatar an agreement to cooperate in the field of sports, with particular focus on matters of integrity, governance, safety and transparency.



- ICSS' Save the Dream initiative and Generation Amazing Foundation sign MoU to promote the humanitarian legacy of the 2022 World Cup
- ICSS' Save the Dream Initiative and World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) signed an agreement during the 3rd International World Ethnosport Forum held in Antalya, Turkey, to empower youth from urban and rural communities through traditional sports and games.
- ICSS' Save the Dream initiative and Sport at the Service of Humanity, signed a Memorandum of Understanding in December 2021, formalizing their cooperation in the development of the Global Digital Community, with the support of the Vatican Pontifical Council for Culture.

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