



2016 Commonwealth Debate on Sport and Sustainable Development

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The Commonwealth

Sport for Development and Peace is defined as the intentional use of sport, play and physical activity as a tool to contribute to development and peace building, including the Commonwealth goals of democracy and development. Commonwealth member governments have consistently endorsed the potential of Sport for Development and Peace, recognising 'the valuable role of sport in development and peace building in the Commonwealth' (7th Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting, 2014).

Accordingly, the Commonwealth supports member states to strengthen the link between sport, development and peace building, and foster Sport for Development and Peace initiatives, with a focus on youth development. Through policy guidance, capacity building and direct technical assistance, the Commonwealth assists governments and national institutions to maximise the contribution Sport for Development and Peace can make to national development priorities.

In 2013, the United Nations proclaimed April 6 as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. The purpose of the Day is to celebrate the contribution of sports and physical activity to education, human development, healthy lifestyles, and building peaceful and inclusive communities. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, also recognises the growing contribution of sport to the realisation of development and peace.

To mark the Third International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP), the Commonwealth is convening the inaugural Commonwealth Debate on Sport and Sustainable Development. The topic for the debate is:

To maximise the contribution that sport can make to sustainable development, governments should focus investment on 'sport for health'.

The debate is an opportunity to reflect on the potential contribution that sport can make to human and social development, and building peaceful and inclusive societies.

For further information see www.thecommonwealth.org/sport-development-and-peace

Programme

Arrival and registration from 1745

1800 Welcome to South Africa House

HE Mr Obed Mlaba
South African High Commissioner to the United Kingdom

1805 Opening Remarks on Sport and Sustainable Development in the Commonwealth

Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC
Commonwealth Secretary-General

1815 Commonwealth Debate on Sport and Sustainable Development

Topic: "To maximise the contribution that sport can make to sustainable development, governments should focus investment on 'sport for health'"

Arguing *for* the proposition:

Dr Temo Waqanivalu, Dr Oscar Mwaanga, Lucy Fagan

Arguing *against* the proposition:

Professor Myles Wickstead CBE, Dr Bella Bello Bitugu, Francesca 'Frankie' Jones

1915 Response to the Debate

Louise Martin CBE
Chair of the Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sport;
and President, Commonwealth Games Federation

1925 Adjudication and Closing Remarks

Deodat Maharaj
Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General,
Economic and Social Development

MC and moderator – Oliver Dudfield, Head of Sport for Development and Peace, Youth Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

Speaker Profiles

Arguing for the proposition:

Dr Temo Waqanivalu MBBS, MPH, DipFLM, FFPH

**Team Leader, Population Based Prevention Unit,
World Health Organisation**

Dr Waqanivalu is currently the Team Leader of Population-based Prevention Surveillance and the Population-based Prevention Unit at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva. The focus of his work is on providing technical guidance and support to member states on population based prevention in the areas of diet and physical activity. Prior to joining WHO Headquarters in Geneva, he was Coordinator Non-communicable Disease and Health Promotion of the WHO Division of Pacific Technical Support of the Western Pacific region located in Suva, Fiji. Prior to joining the WHO, Dr Waqanivalu has held multiple roles at the Ministry of Health in Fiji.

Dr Oscar Mwaanga PhD, FRSA

**Associate Professor, School of Sport, Health and Social Sciences,
University of Southampton Solent**

Dr Mwaanga is a social entrepreneur, activist and Associate Professor at Southampton Solent University. He has focused his work around sport as a tool for health promotion, including examining movement games to educate about HIV/AIDS, obesity and poverty. He is the founder and CEO of EduMove, a Physically Active Teaching and Learning methodology that promotes teaching of school topics through movement games and activities which subsequently promotes health.

Lucy Fagan

Commonwealth Youth Health Network

Lucy is a member of the Commonwealth Youth Health Network and currently works as a Policy Advisor at the Royal College of Nursing. She is also a member of the Global Health Next Generation Network and serves as European Regional Focal Point for Disaster Risk Reduction at the UN Major Group for Children and Youth. A passionate youth advocate, she is dedicated to embedding youth engagement at all stages of national and international health policy development.

Arguing against the proposition:

Professor Myles Wickstead CBE

Visiting Professor (International Relations), King's College London and the Open University

Professor Wickstead has served as British Ambassador to Ethiopia, Djibouti and the African Union, on the Board of the World Bank and in roles overseeing British Government development programmes in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Since leaving Government service in 2005, Professor Wickstead has been an advisor or board member for multiple institutions and foundations, including Restless Development, International Inspiration, the Tropical Health and Education Trust, the Comic Relief International Grants Committee and the United Kingdom Parliamentary International Development Select Committee. He has written extensively on aid and development. His book '*Aid and Development: A Brief Introduction*' was published by Oxford University Press in June 2015.

Dr Bella Bello Bitugu

Director of Sport, University of Ghana

Dr Bitugu oversees all issues relating to sports at the University of Ghana. He also teaches in the area of sociology of sports and provides expert and consultancy services in the area of development through sports. He has coordinated several sport for development projects across Europe and Africa for over 15 years and served as the Country Manager of Right to Play Ghana.

Francesca 'Frankie' Jones

Commonwealth Games Medalist and winner most inspirational athlete at Glasgow 2014

Francesca 'Frankie' Jones is a retired Welsh rhythmic gymnast who represented Wales at three successive Commonwealth Games. She has won seven Commonwealth Games medals and is a six time British all-around senior champion. At the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games she won the David Dixon Award, awarded to the athlete at the Games who has competed with particular distinction and honour, both in terms of athletic performance and overall contribution to their team. In retirement Frankie has turned her attention to mentoring and coaching aspiring gymnasts.

Commonwealth Secretariat Activities to Mark the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)

In addition to the 2016 Commonwealth Debate on Sport and Sustainable Development, the Commonwealth Secretariat is undertaking the following activities to mark IDSDP:

Expert Roundtable on Evaluating the Contribution of Sport to Sustainable Development

The Commonwealth Secretariat is convening a two-day expert roundtable on 'Evaluating the Contribution of Sport to Sustainable Development'. The roundtable brings together a select group of Sport for Development experts and evaluation specialists from across the Commonwealth to consider monitoring and evaluation of Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) at a national policy level.

SDP Taster Sessions

The SDP Taster Sessions were designed to give Commonwealth Secretariat staff an opportunity to participate in SDP activities, and to experience first-hand the methodology and approach used by leading UK SDP practitioners - Street Step, The Change Foundation and Fight for Peace.

Commonwealth Youth Sport for Development and Peace (CYSDP) Advocacy

CYSDP members in all five Commonwealth regions have trained SDP practitioners in their locality on approaches to advocate for SDP. This will be combined with a social media campaign aiming to engage with young people across the Commonwealth on the topic of SDP and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Commonwealth Secretariat Work on Sport for Development and Peace

Technical Assistance on National SDP Policies and Strategies

The Commonwealth provides technical assistance to member governments to strengthen Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) policy instruments and coordination mechanisms. This work focuses on assisting member countries to develop policies, strategies and action plans to maximise the contribution sport and physical activity can make to national development goals.

Commonwealth Publications on Sport for Development and Peace

Sport for Development and Peace and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Commonwealth Analysis Report



In September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As this new era takes effect, the Commonwealth is analysing the contribution that Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) can make to this global agenda. This report provides key findings from the Commonwealth's analysis and consultation process.

The Commonwealth Guide to Advancing Development through Sport



This Guide has been produced by the Commonwealth Secretariat, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sport (CABOS), to provide support for governments and other key stakeholders seeking to strengthen the contribution of sport to development and peace work.

Strengthening Sport for Development and Peace: National Policies and Strategies



This collection of papers, commissioned by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sport (CABOS), showcases innovative approaches and examples of effective SDP policies and strategies. Written by CABOS members, independent experts and agencies, the papers reflect critical thinking and urgent debates among leading scholars and practitioners of SDP.

Sport for Development and Peace Youth Advocacy Toolkit



The SDP Youth Advocacy Toolkit is a resource created by the Commonwealth Youth Sport for Development and Peace working group (CYSDP) to assist young people to create awareness or influence decision-making processes as advocates of SDP.

These publications are available for free download from commonwealth.assetbank-server.com

About the Commonwealth Youth Programme

The Commonwealth Secretariat's Sport for Development and Peace work is delivered through the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), which has been running for over 40 years.

We engage and empower young people, provide thought leadership in youth development, and support governments, youth work professionals and young leaders to create policy and practice environments that enable young people's social, economic and political potential. We encourage the effective participation of young women and men in development processes, and promote their full engagement at all levels of decision-making, including with Heads of Government. We also showcase and celebrate the achievements of young people in driving democracy and development, to demonstrate their capabilities and inspire further action.

We place special emphasis on supporting young people to design and drive youth-led initiatives, and to have a meaningful voice with decision makers. This includes convening Youth Forums in partnership with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings and Ministerial Meetings, as well as technical assistance and support for national, regional and global youth networks.

These include:

- Commonwealth Youth Sport for Development and Peace working group
 - Commonwealth Youth Council
 - Commonwealth Students Association
 - Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs
 - Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network
 - Commonwealth Correspondents
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